College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Responsibility

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Message from Mrs Francis

After another week of challenging weather (heat instead of rain this time) it's good to reflect on what has been going on. Well done to all the children and staff, who continued with learning, despite the heat.

This week, we made a good start on transition sessions in the children's new classes, when they took part in some 'getting to know you' activities and had the chance to ask questions about their year ahead.

Last week a group of Year 4 children attended a fantastic tennis coaching session at the Life Centre. Luckily, the other 5 schools didn't turn up, so our pupils got a personal coaching session from the two coaches. What an opportunity for them, and apparently, they made huge progress across the 2-hour session. Well done to the children involved.

This week, Rachel May from the Devon and Somerset Fire Service spent time with both Year 2 and Year 5, as well as doing an assembly for some of the other classes. She was teaching the children about fire safety and prevention, which is very important. Do ask them what they learnt, as the children were brilliant!

Years 5 and 6 have been busy rehearsing for their show, which they will perform on 10th July. I have seen snippets of very dramatic activity in the hall and lots of great singing, so I am sure it will be fantastic.

Earlier this week, Year 6 were visited by 2 senior gentlemen, who both attended College Road Primary in the past. Brian we have met before and he is a very generous benefactor of the school, once again donating money to spend on our library after his visit. This time, he brought Frederick with him – a gentleman well into his 90s – who attended College Road during World War II. He talked to the children about what he could remember of his days here and was fascinated to see how the building itself has changed over time. A big thank you to both gentlemen for venturing out on a sweltering hot day to share your memories with us.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate the children and staff for their determination this week in the extreme heat. Well done for continuing with learning and adapting to different situations. Wishing you all a slightly cooler, more comfortable weekend! Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

Welcome to two new staff

This week, we conducted interviews for two Teaching Assistant positions for September. Sadly, Mrs Bale will be leaving us after 5 years at College Road. She has been a wonderful member of our team and we will miss her greatly.

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Measom and Miss Gill to the College Road family in September. I am sure that everyone will make them feel like they belong in no time.

Prize-Giving

Every year we hold Prize-Giving in the hall to celebrate a wide range of achievements for our pupils. These range from sports to academics to use of their values and lots more besides. If your child is due to receive an award, your child's teacher will normally tip you off ahead of the event so you can make arrangements to attend, if you'd like to. However, prize-giving is open to everyone and we plan to sing a song or two as part of the event.

Prize-Giving will be at 10 am on Tuesday 21st July.

Values Wows and Other Celebrations

Every week, we choose two children from each class as our Values Ambassadors, who have been trying hard with their values all week. They receive a certificate and wear a lanyard for the next week, but, excitingly for me at least, they have lunch with me at the Golden Table on Friday and have an extra dessert.

You can join in too with celebrating your child's values at home by completing a Values Wow and sending it in for your child's teacher to share with the class and then display on the Values Board.

We have seen a real drop off in 'Values Wows' coming into school but I'm sure your children continue to try to be the best person they can be at home. Attached to this email is a Values Wow sheet for you to print at home and next week, we will send home a paper copy. It would be great to see a flurry of wows before the end of term. 😊

PTA Events

Thank you in advance if you attended the Summer Fair today – I am writing this before we set up, but I'm sure it will be great. Later this term will be the PTA end-of-year discos on Tuesday 21st July. Thank you so much to all of you for supporting these events which help raise much-needed money. Our PTA membership is dwindling, especially as parents of Y6 children leave, so we really need some more help with organising all the events. If you think you could spare some time, we would really appreciate it. Please talk to Mrs Blom in the office if you are interested in joining this friendly group.

Important Dates for your Diary

29th June – Puffins' eye tests
30th June – Year 1 trip to the beach – parents welcome
1st & 2nd July - Y6 universal transition days
1st & 2nd July – Transition sessions with new teachers
9th July – Year 5 Mission Mammoth at The Box
16th July – Puffins Graduation
21st July – Prize Giving & PTA Discos
21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Afternoon Tea with their parents
22nd July – Year 6 to Wild About Woods

Class Attendance
Week Ending 19.06.26

Kittiwakes – 94.64 %
Guillemots – 97.14 %
Shearwaters –97.62 %
Little Egrets – 93.7%
Oystercatchers- 93.57%
Sandpipers – 87.93%

Week Ending 26.06.26

Kittiwakes – %
Guillemots –%
Shearwaters – %
Little Egrets – %
Oystercatchers- %
Sandpipers – %

Star Books

W/C 15.06.26



Puffins – Amelie
Y1- Anaiya
Y2 - Tsega
Y3 - Dexter
Y4 – Grayson
Y5 -
Y6 - Jude

W/C 22.06.26

Puffins – Novella
1 – Addison
2 – Rigby
3 – Aubrey
4 - Ryan
5 – Jackson
6 – Annabelle

Values Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors! Each week, 2 children per class are chosen because of the great values they have displayed all week.

Week Ending 19.06.26

Puffins – Ewan & Mabel
Kittiwakes – Cobie & Anaiya
Guillemots – Violet & Mabel
Shearwaters – Lily & Billie
Little Egrets – Rory & Ruis
Oystercatchers – Travis & Anita
Sandpipers – Pippa & Violet

Week Ending 26.06.26

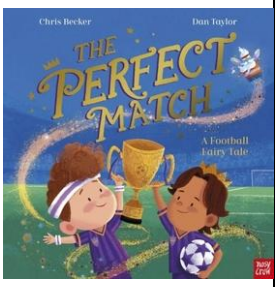
Puffins – Delilah & Ivy
Kittiwakes – Johan & Audrey
Guillemots – Freddie & Theo
Shearwaters – Leo A & Violet
Little Egrets – Bonnie H & Eli
Oystercatchers – Florence & Kian
Sandpipers – Logan & Evie

SEN and Family Matters

The Family Hub at Morice Town is a wonderful source of advice and support for all families. Here are links to their website https://www.larkfamilyhubs.co.uk/ You can self-refer for support or we can help you complete a referral. Also, if you would like advice about anything to do with SEN, there is a new phoneline you can call: 01752 307049, or you can contact PIAS https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/ who can provide advice.

Book Club
Key Stage 1

Every night, Jack asks his dad for his favourite bedtime story: the story of Leo, who loved football more than anything in the world. Unfortunately, Leo is never allowed to play football with his brothers, who make him do all the housework instead.
Yet, one night, Leo's magical Hairy Squadfather appears in a blaze of stars and transports Leo to Prince Ollie's football game at the stadium, ready to play on the pitch! When Leo scores the winning goal, the crowd goes mad – but Leo loses his silver boot. Luckily, Prince Ollie finds Leo, and invites him to play on his team, with the final twist being that the whole story is about how Jack's two dads met.



Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/0aYUx2jm

Book Club
Key Stage 2

Sparrow's brother Ainsley has always been a powerful fire mage. So powerful, he burnt her when they were young. But Sparrow's never had much fire in her. When she starts at magic school, she's determined to live up to her brother's reputation and develop her fire magic abilities. But when powerful students fall ill with a strange affliction that drains their magic, Sparrow and her new friends realise it will take more than magic to solve the mystery and help save the pupils.

Centring friendship and decency, rather than power, this debut novel feels both fresh and familiar. Readers will enjoy the magical school, and the diverse cast of characters - including a talking raven - and some may recognise the sibling dynamic of one feeling in the shadow of another.



You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/05pBV5HB

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 19.06.26

Puffins – Ivy-Rae
Kittiwakes – Georgia
Guillemots – Alana
Shearwaters – Olive
Little Egrets – Emilia
Oystercatchers – Sarina
Sandpipers – Jessica

Week Ending 26.06.26

Puffins – Ewan
Kittiwakes – William
Guillemots – Tommy M
Shearwaters - Taran
Little Egrets – Bonnie H
Oystercatchers – Kian
Sandpipers – Evie

Recently at College Road

Some year 4 children enjoyed a tennis festival at The Life Centre.











Year 1 have been keeping cool during the hot weather!







Puffins have been busy enjoying lots of learning through play!








Year 2 enjoyed a presentation about fire prevention.







The hot weather was not so bad after all!!

