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Value of the month: Responsibility

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Message from Mrs Francis

Well, Sports Week has been fantastic, despite the adverse weather that we have had to contend with. Over the course of the week, the children have enjoyed participating in the obstacle course to raise money for future sports equipment and events. They did brilliantly and we have been blown away, once again, by our school community's incredible generosity. I am thrilled to share with you that, through working together, you have raised an astonishing £2,700. Mrs Corbett is so excited to know that we can buy desperately needed new equipment – because we love being so active, a lot of our equipment wears out very quickly, so this money will be an amazing boost. Thank you!!!

To the children's delight, Matti Hemmings returned to do a sensational BMX stunt display in addition to running BMX trick workshops for our Key Stage 2 children; it was incredible how quickly they picked up the new skills he taught them. Not only was Matti brilliant to watch, he is a genuinely lovely person and was great with the children. A big thank you to him for joining us for a whole day this year and for being so flexible, dodging showery weather and just going with the flow. We were able to use last year's sports week fund-raising to pay for his visit, so thank you for making it possible.

The week started well with the active travel breakfast, provided by Yaz (a great friend to our school) which lots of the children enjoyed. Yaz stayed on through the day carrying our maintenance and checks on the bikes that children brought to school. A big thank you to her and her team for their wonderful contribution to sports week.

Bikes continued to be a bit of a theme this week with Puffins doing their balance bike training which they did brilliantly with, and children getting the chance to ride the static smoothie bike to make delicious healthy drinks.

We are very lucky to have Miss B as a resident martial arts expert (and Parent Governor), who has also provided martial arts workshops for the children. As ever, the children loved taking part in her workshops and a big thank you to Miss B for giving up her time to support our Sports Week. Also, a big thank you to her for the photos you see below that she took on Sports Day.

Finally, I want to reflect on Sports Day. I think we had more family support than ever before, so a heart felt thank you from me and the team – it is so wonderful to see you there cheering on the children, **who were AMAZING**!!! The sportsmanship and values that were on display in every event I visited was extraordinary; we should all be very proud of the children of College Road. Of course, I must thank you all for bearing with us and the inclement weather that eventually ended our day. Your patience and support were much appreciated. The children have all had the chance to complete their final event in school over the last 2 days, so I can now announce that the winners of Sports Day with 322 points were…YELLOW TEAM! Congratulations to them and to all the children for taking part so enthusiastically.

I do hope that your children have enjoyed Sports Week. There is still much to enjoy over the rest of Term 6, which I look forward to sharing with you as we go. In the meantime, have a lovely weekend. Best wishes, Mrs Francis

New Caterer for September

Following the news that CATERed will be ceasing trading from the end of this term, we have been working with a small group of the other Local Authority Maintained Schools to appoint a new catering provider. As a group of schools, we had some very high expectations of a new provider around, for example, the quality of the food, locally sourced produce and provision for children with allergies, to name just a few requirements.

I am pleased to tell you that we have found a new Devon-based catering company called Educatering. They share the same values and ethos as our school and they either grow or source nearly 60% of their products within the South West, which is incredible. Best of all, the food is delicious and we are able to develop our own bespoke menu for College Road. We will provide more information about school meals in September later this term.

Swimming

Every year, our older pupils attend the Life Centre for swimming lessons as part of their PE curriculum. Our Year 5 class and some of Year 6 have been walking up to the pool, come rain and shine, for the last 2 weeks (with another week to go). They thoroughly enjoy the experience and it is always impressive to see the progress the children make over the weeks. Well done to all the children for their determination and a big thank you to the school team for facilitating these important lessons that provide a skill for life. However, a huge thank you must be given to Mr and Mrs Baldry-Lee for accompanying the children nearly every day, whatever the weather – we couldn't have done it without them!

Quad Kids

Year 3 and 4 athletics team did a fantastic job at Brickfields last week. We had some exceptional examples of determination and children shone in all the events. A big well done to the whole team!

Important Dates for your Diary

2nd - 19th June – Year 5/6 swimming every day
22nd June – Whole Class Photos
24th & 25th June – Transition sessions with new teachers
26th June – PTA Summer Fair (after school)
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 05.06.26

Kittiwakes – 91.52 %
Guillemots – 96.43%
Shearwaters – 99.14%
Little Egrets – 87.5 %
Oystercatchers- 86.16%
Sandpipers – 90.09%

Week Ending 12.06.26

Kittiwakes – 98.93 %
Guillemots – 97.86%
Shearwaters – 96.55%
Little Egrets – 94.81%
Oystercatchers- 94.29%
Sandpipers – 86.21%

Star Books
W/C 01.06.26



Puffins –
Y1- Ezra
Y2 - Isabella C
Y3 - Sami
Y4 – Emilia
Y5 -
Y6 - Hughey

W/C 08.06.26

Puffins –
1 – Addison
2 – Joshua
3 – Aubrey
4 - Paulos
5 – Sarina
6 – Evelyn T

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 05.06.26

Puffins – Nora & Lily
Kittiwakes – Chloe & Owen
Guillemots – Alana & Ralph
Shearwaters – Khaleesi & Violet
Little Egrets – Olivia & Oliver B
Oystercatchers – Jackson & Anita
Sandpipers – Lexi & Mia

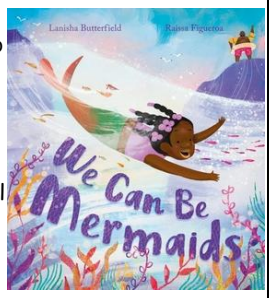
Week Ending 12.06.26

Puffins – Elodie & Tommy
Kittiwakes – Darbey & Rishi
Guillemots – Tommy N & Joshua
Shearwaters – Aubrey & Layla
Little Egrets – Bowen & Mia
Oystercatchers - Sebastian & Amelia
Sandpipers – Layla & Adam

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.

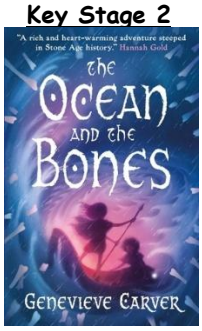
Book Club
Key Stage 1



Five-year-old Silver absolutely loves swimming and anything to do with the ocean. Whether she's in the pool or at the beach, Silver always feels most herself in the water and her dream is to become a mermaid. But on a family trip to the local lido, Silver discovers that her dad can't swim. The only thing she adores more than swimming is her dad, and she would rather give up her magical dreams than swim away without him.
The next morning, Silver makes a sad decision; she gets rid of her swimsuits and goggles and vows never to swim again. She tries not to think about swimming, but it's no use; she misses it so much. Dad is just as glum, but he has a surprise for Silver that will help her see that she doesn't need to change herself or her dreams for anyone.

Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/0eikogg6

Book Club
Key Stage 2



Meg knows the Spirits can be angry if the sacred rituals are not followed. And right now, they are really, really angry.
Although it's summer and the crops should be flourishing, terrible storms have caused disastrous flooding which threatens to devastate her community.
When the latest storm clears, Meg finds a strange girl washed up on the seashore. Is she a water sprite as some villagers believe? Where did she come from? And is she the key to restoring equilibrium to a fragile way of life? Set in Stone Age Britain, Meg's story is rich in spirituality, myth and superstition as people try to make sense of a world they can't fully understand.

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Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

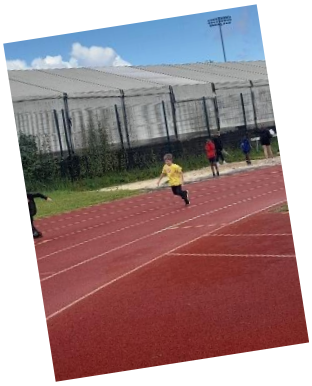
Week Ending 05.06.26

Puffins – Lennon
Kittiwakes – Jacoby
Guillemots – Reggie
Shearwaters – Ezra
Little Egrets – Reggie
Oystercatchers – Ala
Sandpipers – Eve

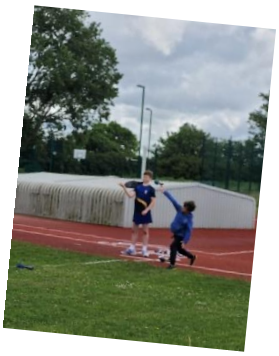
Week Ending 12.06.26

Puffins – River-James
Kittiwakes – Chloe
Guillemots – Phoebe
Shearwaters - Loki
Little Egrets – Mia
Oystercatchers – Sebastian
Sandpipers – Peleki

Some children from year 3 and 4 took part in an athletics event at Brickfields.





Sports Week!











Sports week continued.....






















Sports Day!





















