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Value of the month: Hope

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Message from Mrs Francis

Term 5 has concluded with the most wonderful week of creativity and fun. Ocean Arts Week has been filled with music, dance and all sorts of different art from painting to ceramics to photography. Children have had a range of samba and percussion workshops, lessons from different professional artists including watercolour, comic strip design and pottery, 360° filming with Real Ideas, ocean stories with Plymouth Children's Book Group, dance with Bex and workshops with our old favourites, Plymouth Morris Dancers, pop-up concerts with a Samba drummer and a whole school concert with our friends Kip and Elfyn. This amazing range of 'Arts' was all made possible through your very generous support of the Arts Ambassadors' fund-raising events. Without your help, we could not have provided such a fantastic week of creativity. Having a focus on the Arts each year shines a light on how art, in all its forms, can support positive wellbeing and a sense of personal achievement, as well has showing children that a future career in The Arts is possible. So, a heart-felt thank you from all of us for your support of this week – we really appreciate it! We hope that you enjoyed the Ocean Celebration on the playground this morning. It is always a joy to get everyone together to share in the children's learning in school.

Over the last three weeks, we have also had a range of trips and visits going on. Year 2 had a brilliant visit to Devonport Park to consolidate their geography learning about maps and our local area – their knowledge and skills really shone! Year 3 had a lovely visit to the grounds of KGP where they took part in plant scavenger hunts, learnt more about maps and did observational drawings of plants. A lovely time was had by all. We love getting the children outdoors, as you can see from these two educational trips.

Year 4 had a fantastic opportunity to visit Stoke Damerel Community College to do a workshop about pop art, which built on the learning they have been doing this term. They loved learning about another artist from the Pop-Art movement and trying out some new skills to imitate his style. Thank you to Stoke Damerel Art Department, who have hosted our school 3 times this year. Another great partnership for our school.

Have a lovely Half Term holiday! Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

Mural on the Nest

Hopefully many of you will have had the chance to see (in person) the stunning mural on the back of the Nest. Photos don't really do it justice, as Mrs Lees, our Chair of Governors remarked when she saw it last week. If you collect your child from the other side of the school, do take a moment to pop across the playground to take a look. Well done to our pupil artists, who designed the birds and thanks again to Nic George for bringing their ideas to life!



Year 6 SATs

Congratulations to all the Year 6 pupils for their amazing effort last week when they took their national tests in English and Maths. They had such a mature attitude, displaying a calm, dedicated approach every day. We are very proud of all their hard work and look forward to celebrating their last term of Primary School over the coming 8 weeks. 😊

A big thank you to Mrs Rolfe and the Year 6 team for helping to prepare the class so thoroughly. Thank you to our Governors (Mrs Lees, Miss B and Miss Measom) for spending time in school during test week, observing the administration of the test and encouraging the children along the way.

Sports Week – 8th June

Our next big celebration is Sports Week. The children can wear their PE kit to school all week and will be taking part in a range of fun activities, including a sponsored obstacle course. Sports Day is on Wednesday 10th June.

Important Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2nd June – First day of Term 6
2nd – 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Checks
2nd – 19th June – Year 5/6 swimming every day
8th June – Active Travel Breakfast and Dr Bike!
8th – 12th June – Year 1 Phonics Checks
8th – 12th June – Sports Week
10th June – Sports Day
22nd June – Whole Class Photos
26th June – PTA Summer Fair (after school)
29th June – Puffins' eye tests
1st & 2nd July - Y6 universal transition days
16th July – Puffins Graduation
21st July – Prize Giving & PTA Disco
21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Afternoon Tea with their parents

Class Attendance

Week Ending 08.05.26
Kittiwakes – %
Guillemots – 95.54%
Shearwaters – 98.71%
Little Egrets – 98.61%
Oystercatchers- 84.38%
Sandpipers – 87.07%

Week Ending 15.05.26
Kittiwakes – 97.14%
Guillemots –92.14%
Shearwaters –97.93%
Little Egrets –98.57%
Oystercatchers-93.57%
Sandpipers –90.34%

Week Ending 22.05.26
Kittiwakes – 93.68%
Guillemots – 97.09%
Shearwaters -97.25 %
Little Egrets – 97.25%
Oystercatchers – 93.4%
Sandpipers – 88.34%

Star Books



W/C 04.05.26
Puffins – Ruby
Y1- William
Y2 – Indi
Y3 - Aubrey
Y4 – Emilia
Y5 - Jackson
Y6 - Aoife

W/C 11.05.26
Puffins –
1 – Isla
2 – Tsega
3 – Raffy
4 – Rory
5 – Kaleb
6 –

W/C 18.05.26
Puffins –
1 – Rishi
2 – Theo
3 - Darcie
4 - Paulos
5 -
6 - Evelyn

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 08.05.26
Puffins -Jaxon & Violet
Kittiwakes – Billy & Reggie
Guillemots – Joshua & Mabel
Shearwaters – Luis & Sofia
Little Egrets – Madina & Ryan
Oystercatchers – Ned & Jackson
Sandpipers – Annabelle & Evelyn T

Week Ending 15.05.26
Puffins – Nora & Ivy-Rae
Kittiwakes – Anaiya & Owen
Guillemots – Isabella C & Lilly
Shearwaters – Olive & Evan
Little Egrets – Rosie & Eryn
Oystercatchers – Jasper & Wren
Sandpipers - Layla-Rose & Ava

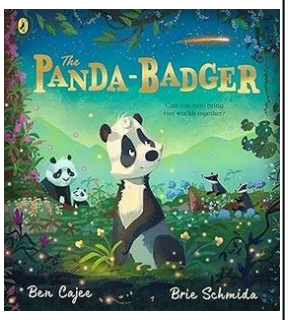
Week Ending 22.05.26
Puffins – River & Myah
Kittiwakes – Johan & Maisie
Guillemots – Tsega & Indi
Shearwaters – Taran & Idris
Little Egrets – Bonnie H & Cornelia
Oystercatchers - Sienna & Ala
Sandpipers – Thomas & Lexi

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

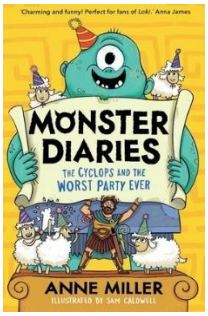
Pablo lives in a beautiful world of forests, lakes and mountains, along with pandas and badgers. The pandas speak *Pandu*, and the badgers speak Badgeroon; the pandas eat bamboo, and the badgers eat nuts and berries. Yet, Pablo is a Panda-Badger; different from both communities, he can belong with both pandas and badgers, and yet feel separate from them both. One day, the animals see a mysterious golden glow coming from a nearby island. When Pablo investigates, he finds a beautiful golden box that he brings back to show everyone. When they open it, a beautiful song emerges, prompting the pandas and badgers to dance together.



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

Book Club Key Stage 2

Polyphemus the cyclops lives a nice life on an island with his sheep and a few other cyclopes... until the day Odysseus and his crew arrive. Polyphemus is delighted – perhaps they will be the perfect party guests? He's been longing to play pass the cheese and to have a cheese and spoon race. But oops, the humans smell a bit too delicious and Polyphemus eats one. And that makes them mad. Poor Polyphemus just wants to protect his sheep and be the best host. Can he and the humans ever see eye to eye?



You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/09rqrunR

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 08.05.26
Puffins – Tommy
Kittiwakes – Audrey
Guillemots –Isabella W
Shearwaters – Hunter
Little Egrets – Toby
Oystercatchers – Ruben
Sandpipers – Tiaya

Week Ending 15.05.26
Puffins – David
Kittiwakes – River
Guillemots – Tilly
Shearwaters - Junior
Little Egrets – Gracie
Oystercatchers – Max
Sandpipers – Ula

Week Ending 15.05.26
Puffins – Elodie
Kittiwakes – Reggie
Guillemots – Freddie
Shearwaters -Lily
Little Egrets – William
Oystercatchers – Sebastian
Sandpipers –Violet

Year 4 enjoyed an art trip to Stoke Damerel











In Art Year 2 have been making hippos out of clay








Year 1 have been experimenting with building, this term they are learning about building and growing!










Year 3 went on a trip to Keyham Green Places








Arts Week celebration!

















