College Road Chronicle

Value of the month: Acceptance

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Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, the big news has been Year 3 and 4's brilliant production of Jack and the Beanstalk, which was really fantastic. The children were full of energy and sang their hearts out to all the catchy songs. The props and set were all created with the children, so it really was a production by the children. Well done to all the pupils who took part on stage, and to those who worked busily in the background – you are all awesome. A huge thank you to all the staff involved, who worked incredibly hard to produce such an excellent show. Those of you who attended one of the performances – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you for supporting your children.





Well done to everyone who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel. It was great to see so many of you making active travel choices – let's see if you can keep it up over the summer term… 😊

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 indoor rowing team who competed against loads of other schools yesterday. They represented the school with good humour and respect and worked their socks off.

Welcome to Mr Lidstone, our new caretaker, who has successfully completed his first solo week. We had a grand send-off to Mr MacLeod last week and over the weekend, he phoned me to reiterate how loved and appreciated he felt following all the kind words, cards and gifts that he received. We wish him luck in his new sailing adventures!

Have a brilliant Easter holiday – we will see you back in school on Tuesday 21st April.

Best wishes, Mrs Francis 😊

Sponsored Silence for Arts Week

Last Thursday, we had such an overwhelming response to the sponsored silence. Children from across the school took part and, despite it being a tough challenge, many children found it a really enjoyable, rewarding experience. It was lovely to see children supporting each other, even if they weren't being sponsored, and whole classes taking part. There are some lovely photos later on in the newsletter. I still cannot quite believe the total raised, which continues to creep up. It now stands at an incredible £1,637.65! What an achievement! We really appreciate your support and would like to thank you and your wider families for sponsoring the children, and helping to support our forthcoming Ocean-themed Arts Week, which begins on 18th May. So far, we have booked: story-telling, samba drumming, workshops in illustration, water-colour, clay, 360° filming, dance and percussion. There is lots to look forward to!

Marvellous Mural

This week, the Arts Ambassadors, along with some additional Y5/6 pupils, have been working with Nic George, one of our regular visiting artists, to design a mural for the blank panels on the back of The Nest. He will return next term, to help the children paint the mural, which features all our class birds.

St Luke's Lighthouse

Today, St Luke's collected the completed Lighthouse that the children designed. The Arts Ambassadors selected all their favourite ideas and planned how to amalgamate them onto the actual lighthouse, and then the children helped to paint the designs on to it. As part of a special lighthouse trail, it will be on display in The Box from mid-July, so perhaps you could plan to go and locate it in the summer holidays!



Important Dates for your Diary

21st April – First day of Term 5
29th April – Year 5 trip to The Box
30th April – Puffins trip to Poole Farm
4th May – Bank Holiday
11th May – Year 6 SATs Week (National tests for Y6)
18th – 22nd May – Ocean Arts Week
22nd May – Last day of Term 5
2nd June – First day of Term 6
2nd – 12th June – Year 4 Multiplication Checks
2nd – 19th June – Year 5 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
1st & 2nd July - Y6 universal transition days

Class Attendance

Week Ending 27.03.26

Kittiwakes – 93.35%
Guillemots – 97.42 %
Shearwaters – 97.08 %
Little Egrets – 95.71 %
Oystercatchers- 93.44%
Sandpipers – 88.45%

Week Ending 02.04.26

Kittiwakes – 91.07 %
Guillemots – 95.09 %
Shearwaters –96.55 %
Little Egrets – 96.3%
Oystercatchers-93.1%
Sandpipers –85.78%

Star Books

W/C 23.03.26

Puffins –
Y1 – Isolde
Y2 – Theo
Y3 – Rory
Y4 – Paulos
Y5 – Iris
Y6 – Selin



W/C 30.03.26

Puffins – Violet
Y1- Isla
Y2 – Tommy N
Y3 - Aubrey
Y4 – Grayson
Y5 - Wren
Y6 - Mannox

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 27.03.26

Puffins - River & Elodie
Kittiwakes – Jacoby & Isla
Guillemots – Phoebe & Phoebe
Shearwaters – Ivy & Billie
Little Egrets – Reggie & Ruis
Oystercatchers – Maddison & Theo
Sandpipers – Jude & Leia

Week Ending 02.04.26

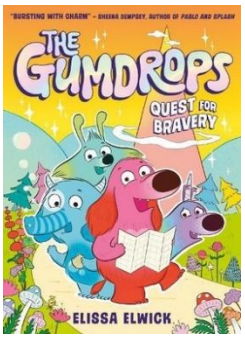
Puffins – Lennon & Jagger
Kittiwakes – Billy & Georgia
Guillemots – Rosalie & Iris
Shearwaters – Leo s & Idris
Little Egrets – Oliver M & Rory
Oystercatchers - Oscar & Imogen
Sandpipers – Thomas & Violet

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

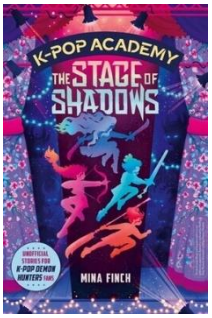
The Gumdrops – Hope, Bubbles, Sparky and Rainbow – are the guardians of magical Yummy Gummy Land. They receive a letter from seven-year-old Daisy, who has moved to a new town and needs an imaginary friend to help her settle in, so they create a recipe to make her ideal companion: a heap of kindness, a dash of silliness, a pinch of patience and a sprinkle of bravery. The narrator of the story encourages lots of engagement and interaction: readers are invited to think of passwords, say silly words to feed the hungry Word Slurpers and shake the Gumdrops dry after they fall into the Story Swamp. Bursting with colourful illustrations, delightful characters and oodles of humour, this quirky comic-book tale is a superb celebration of imagination, creativity, fun and friendship.



Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/05Pp2X8I

Book Club Key Stage 2

Twelve-year-old Hana Kim is delighted when she wins a scholarship to South Korea's most prestigious performing arts school, K-Pop Academy. She cannot wait to take the first steps into her new life as a pop star. However, when she arrives, Hana learns that she has actually been recruited for her martial arts skills. Principal Lee explains that the Academy has been infiltrated by Eoduksini, shadow demons from the underworld, who feed on doubt, envy and fear, and she needs Hana's help to destroy them. Hana asks some of her new friends to train alongside her as soldiers, as they are strong enough to fight in secret, while sensitive enough to care for the vulnerable. To successfully defeat the Eoduksini and save the school, Hana and her warrior crew must find unity, working in perfect harmony to fight the fears inside them, while helping others to overcome theirs.



You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/08ZPdRwIh

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 27.03.26

Puffins – Marnie
Kittiwakes – River
Guillemots – Lilly
Shearwaters – Sami
Little Egrets – Reggie
Oystercatchers – Sienna
Sandpipers – Jenson

Week Ending 02.04.26

Puffins – Rileigh
Kittiwakes – Isolde
Guillemots – Tsega
Shearwaters – Billie
Little Egrets – Rosie & Uju
Oystercatchers – Maddison
Sandpipers – Hughey

Sponsored silence to raise money for Arts Week!











Year 5 and 6 Indoor rowing at The Life Centre






Year 3 and 4 play of Jack and the Beanstalk

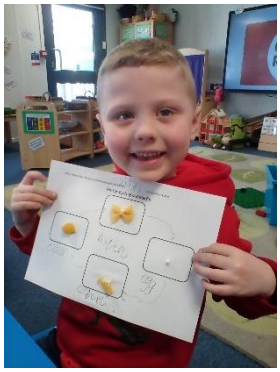






Puffins have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog. They have used pasta shapes and printing to show the different stages.









Well done to this term's headteacher's award winners!



St Luke's Lighthouse









