

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



Congratulations to Class 6 for achieving our target of 96%.

The class with the best weekly attendance enjoys the use of the ball court at lunchtime on Friday.

Rec	88
1	94
2	95
3	87
4	92
5	92
6	96
Total	92



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Our Shared Values Determination



We are determined to improve our whole school attendance and punctuality and can only do this with your support.

As a parent or carer, you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school regularly and on time. You must call the school when your child is absent and provide the reason for this.

We understand that children become ill from time to time but there is an expectation that attendance should not fall below 96%.

If your child fails to attend regularly and the absences are classed as unauthorised (those for which the school cannot or has not given permission) the following action will be taken.

If children are receiving unauthorised absences, you may receive a written warning from the local authority who monitor our attendance. Should there be no improvement following this, a penalty notice may be issued.

We know that our parents / carers always work closely with us so please make an extra effort to ensure that children arrive to school at 8.55 am every day.



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

News from our Eco Committee

Our Eco Committee gave us a very informative presentation during assembly this week, to update us on our progress towards achieving Green Flag Status.



The Eco-Committee would very much like to achieve this award, but in order to be successful, we need the help of every single person in the school. There are 7 steps that we have to take to achieve the Green Flag Award.

Step 3 is to decide which 3 topic areas we most want to tackle and to agree an action plan. The new Eco-Committee have decided to continue to take action on Waste. The old Eco-Committee had already started work in this area, putting in a new recycling system and designing compost and recycling posters.

The second area the new Eco-Committee have decided to take action on is Energy.

The Eco-Committee decided it would be a good idea if everyone in school be involved in this decision. The voting took place after the assembly and water has been chosen for our third area.



Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

As our story this week in nursery was Goldilocks and The Three Bears, we made porridge in different flavours. Once we had tasted them we recorded on our survey which we liked the best. The most popular flavour was apple and blackberry! Our story next week is The Three Little pigs and our rhyme is Old MacDonald. Here is the link to the BBC teach website where you can find all our favourite rhymes and songs.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-five-little-ducks-went-swimming-one-day/z43xwty>

In Reception this week we have been reading and retelling the traditional tale of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have enjoyed building bridges and retelling it in lots of different ways.



Class 1 made cauliflower mac and cheese this week. They were shown how to cut the cauliflower with care into small pieces. They also made a cheese sauce carefully adding the milk a little bit at a time and being careful to remember to keep stirring so it does not get lumpy. In English the children have been enjoying knowing more about penguins, polar bears and seals and writing about them.



This week in Class 2, we have been learning how to create and debug simple programs. We have been doing this with our bee-bots by coding it to move and knock over a tower of cubes that was positioned in different places each time.

Class 3 went on a school trip to the Natural History Museum. We studied the volcanoes, earthquakes, different rocks and lots of fossils, including the one that Mary Anning discovered... we couldn't believe how big it was. We also enjoyed the dinosaur section, where we saw lots of dinosaur fossils, eggs and replicas.



Class 4 have been learning more about solids, liquids and gases. We carried out an experiment to determine what would happen when we heated different sized chocolate buttons, and timed our experiment to see which button would melt first. We had varying degrees of success, but all agreed this experiment was very yummy.

Class 5 have had a very tasty week! Last Friday, they learnt how to make the Greek dish, spanakopita - a filo pastry swirl of spinach and feta cheese, and on Tuesday, they impressed everyone with their carrot and coconut soup, which was complimented by a side dish of flat bread.

In computing, class 6 have been using a 3D modelling tool to design 3D buildings. We explored the writing tool and using our knowledge of perspective, we were able to design our dream homes. We inserted the correct materials to make the drawings as realistic as possible.

Dates for Diaries.

Mon 30 th Jan	C3&4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Class 1 & 2 Multisports
Tue 31 st Jan	C1&2 PE 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Gardening Club
Wed 1 st Feb	C5&6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Science Club 3.30 – 4.30 Girls Football
Thu 2 nd Feb	Swimming C4 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 Y6 Eco Club 3.30–4.30 5 & 6 Boys Football
Fri 3 rd Feb	Swimming C3 Mayor's cup & Hurlingham Park
Mon 6 th Feb	C3&4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Class 1 & 2 Multisports
Tue 7 th Feb	C1&2 PE 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Gardening Club
Wed 8 th Feb	C5&6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Science Club 3.30 – 4.30 Girls Football
Thu 9 th Feb	Swimming C4 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 Y6 Eco Club 3.30–4.30 5 & 6 Boys Football
Fri 10 th Feb	Swimming C3 Mayors Cup @ Hurlingham Park Break for Half Term Holiday

**Nursery, Reception
and Class 2 will be
closed on Wednesday
1st February.**

**Nursery will be closed
on Monday 20th
February for staff
training.**