

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



Each week, the class with the best attendance and punctuality receive a cup. Our target is 98%
Congratulations to this week's winners, C1 and C4.

Rec	84
1	96
2	92
3	91
4	99
5	85
6	95
Total	92



Remember you need to arrive by 8.55 am.
Free breakfast available from 8.40 for children in Reception – Year 6.

Our Children's Vision

Our school is a place where...
we are learning to be even better learners...

where we are encouraged to ask questions and find out answers...

where we keep on discovering and learning amazing things...

where we feel safe and we have fun...
it is where we are happy...

and where there is always someone on hand to help us sort problems out.

Mr Jobson met with our newly elected school council members this week. Children prepared written or oral applications giving reasons as to why they should be elected to represent their class.

In attendance were the following children:

Year 6 Jake & Yassir

Year 5 Mustafa & Anna

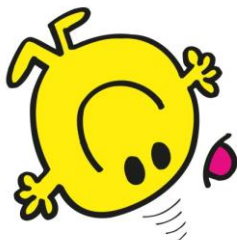
Year 4 Abdul & Priscillia

Year 3 Hena & Mani

Year 2 Sina & Meriam

Year 1 Frankie & Michael (supported by Tileasa Y6)

The school council agreed unanimously the children's vision from our school aims, which is shared with you above.



Unity Farm

During their gardening session with Ms Harvey, Reception children observed Calendula (also known as Pot Marigold) flowers and seeds. After looking at grapes from our allotment, they then planted Muscari bulbs (also known as blue grape hyacinth) and carefully watered them.



Year 3 and 4 children have been busy sieving compost this week at their lunch time gardening club. They removed larger pieces of bark and sticks (which would take a long time to decompose naturally) to enable the worms to pass the soil through their bodies.



Our eco committee will be publicising 'The Great Big Green Week' which runs from 24th September to 2nd October.

They will be encouraging us all to make a 'green heart pledge' - the symbol of the climate change organisation that is responsible for the event. You can find more information at <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>

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

The Reception children have made a great start to their phonics lessons using our new phonics scheme 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds'. We have learnt the sounds s, a, t and p and have found objects that begin with these sounds. We have practised writing the letters that make these sounds too. Next week we will be learning the sounds i, n, m and d.



Class 1 children have been enjoying exploring our fabulous garden at Normand Croft. They went on a Science senses walk to see what they could find. The giant pumpkins were a favourite. They have started a new phonics programme (Little Wandle Letters and Sounds) and have been enjoying learning the new expressions with the digraphs.

In science this week, Class 2 have been discussing the different changes that exercise can cause to our body including short and long-term effects. We also discovered how to feel our pulse to understand how our heartbeat changes prior to and during exercise. In English this week, we have been learning to retell our story of 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk' and have been using actions to help us remember the whole story.

In Class 3, we have been doing lots of work for our English unit 'The Frog Prince'. In order to learn the structure of the story, we have created story maps which included all the main events.



Class 4 have been finding out about how to keep our teeth healthy and avoid cavities and tooth decay. As well as brushing at least 2x a day for 2 minutes, we found other ways such as flossing, visiting the dentist, eating and drinking less sugary foods/drinks and using a toothpaste with fluoride. We recorded the information we found out into a handy poster for others to read.

This week in Class 5, we have continued our work on The Highwayman, working on describing a setting and adding to our vocabulary with words from the poem itself. We also had the most amazing music lesson, playing ukuleles for the very first time! We had wonderful discussions in Science about whether we could prove that the world was spherical and finished creating our own planets.

As part of our maths work, Class 6 have been reading, writing and ordering numbers up to 10 million. We tried to beat each other by trying to make the biggest and smallest numbers using certain digits and then found what was 10 times and 1 tenth of the size of the numbers we made. We were all very good at it!

Thank you to all our parents/carers who attended our meet the team meetings. We look forward to working in partnership with you this year.

Looking ahead...

Mon 26 th Sep	C3 & 4 PE C1 & 2 Multisports 3.30-4.30
Tue 27 th Sep	C5 & 6 Squash Club am C1 & 2 PE C3 & 4 Multisports 3.30-4.30 C5 Gardening Club 3.30-4.30
Wed 28 th Sep	C5 & 6 PE C4, 5 & 6 Keep Fit Club 3.30-4.30 C5 & 6 Girls Football 3.30-4.30
Thu 29 th Sep	C6 swimming C5 & 6 Boys Football Club 3.30-4.30 C6 Eco Club 3.30-4.30
Fri 30 th	C5 swimming
Mon 3 rd Oct	C3&4 PE C1 & 2 Multisports 3.30-4.30
Tue 4 th Oct	C5 & 6 Squash Club am C1 & 2 PE C3 & 4 Multisports 3.30-4.30 C5 Gardening Club 3.30-4.30
Wed 5 th Oct	C5 & 6 PE C4, 5 & 6 Keep Fit Club 3.30-4.30 C5 & 6 Girls Football 3.30-4.30
Thu 6 th Oct	C6 swimming C5 & 6 Boys Football Club 3.30-4.30 C6 Eco Club 3.30-4.30
Fri 7 th Oct	C5 swimming

Rhyme of the Week

On Monday, Early Years children will be learning 'Five Little Ducks.'

Five little ducks

FIVE little ducks went swimming one day

Over the hill and far away
Mother duck said QUACK QUACK
QUACK QUACK

And only FOUR little ducks came back!

You can listen to the rhyme here.

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