

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



Each week, the class with the best attendance and punctuality usually receive a cup. It is a shame that no class was able to win this week

Rec	90
1	92
2	93
3	90
4	95
5	90
6	92
Total	92

Regular attendance is one of the most important ways to support learning. Our target is 98% .

8.55 is the Time to Arrive

For children from Reception to Year 6, the start of the school day is **8.55am**. The gate opens at **8:40am** and a free breakfast is served in the studio. It is important that your child arrives in school before **8:55am**.

Yesterday there were almost 50 families who arrived after the bell had been rung. If you arrive after **8:55am** you will need to drop your child at the gate. The gate will be locked promptly at **9:00am**.

Arriving late can be unsettling for children and learning time is lost. Please make sure you arrive on time.



Our Eco committee have been organising 'The Great Big Green Week' this week. They have been encouraging us all to make a 'green heart pledge' - the symbol of the climate change organisation that is responsible for the event.

The children have made their own pledges. Some children promised to try to turn lights off when they leave a room. Others have committed to sorting waste into the correct bins. They are also trying to use less plastic in their everyday lives. What could you do?

You can find more information at <https://greatbiggreenweek.com/>



Unity Farm

During their gardening session with Ms Harvey, Class 3 and 4 looked at avocado, lemon and melon seeds and collected nigella and honesty seeds for sewing next week. They also harvested and tasted some beans.



Class 1 and 2 have enthusiastically cleared some chickweed from the beds in the garden during gardening club.

The after school gardening club took some aeonium cuttings and potted them so they could take them home.



Eggs-citing Science

Can you guess what Class 4 have been doing with these eggshells?

Find out over the page.



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

The children in the nursery have made a wonderful start to the year. They have had fun exploring through lots of lovely messy play and are settling happily into their new environment.

In Maths, Reception have been learning to subitise. Subitising is looking at a group of objects and saying how many objects there are without counting them. We have practiced doing this with one, two and three objects.

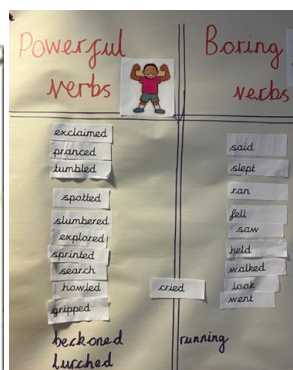
Class 1 have been continuing to explore their senses. This week we had an experiment to see what the class's favourite smell was. After the children made their own pictograms about the sense of taste. They went around asking their friends to vote for their favourite food. Class 1 have also been starting to use cursive handwriting for some letters and have been encouraged to use their cursive writing when writing in sentences.



Class 2 have been learning how to compare different amounts of objects. We have been doing this by using greater than, less than and equal to symbols. In English we have started writing our Jack and the Baked Beanstalk story whilst also making it our own by adding in adjectives, conjunctions and also adding in completely new sentences.

In Class 3 we have been really focusing in English on using powerful language, including ambitious verbs and interesting expanded noun phrases. We really enjoyed deciding which verbs were our favourites and how we could use these in our work.

Invertebrate vs Vertebrate



This week Class 4 have been investigating which liquids cause the most and least damage to our teeth. We have used egg shells to represent the tooth enamel and placed them in different liquids including cola, orange juice and milk. We have been observing any changes to the egg shell and monitoring them over the week.

Class 5 have had another successful week publishing their descriptive narratives and developing a greater understanding of how to use personification and metaphor in creative writing. In Maths, they have focused on developing different strategies to add and subtract large numbers. They have also had the pleasure of welcoming a new pupil. Well done for all your hard work this week Class 5!

This week in Class 6, we have been working on our science topic about classifying different animals.

We have learnt how all animals can be classified as vertebrates or invertebrates depending on their characteristics. The major groups of vertebrates are fish, mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians.

Looking ahead...

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 3:45 C6 Secondary Transfer Meeting
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
Mon 10 th Oct	C3 & 4 PE C1 & 2 Multisports 3.30-4.30
Tue 11 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 12 th Oct	C5 & 6 PE C4, 5 & 6 Keep Fit Club 3.30-4.30 C5 & 6 Girls Football 3.30-4.30
Thu 13 rd Oct	C6 swimming C5 & 6 Boys Football Club 3.30-4.30 C6 Eco Club 3.30-4.30
Fri 14 th Oct	C5 swimming

Rhyme of the Week

EYFS children will be learning 'Heads Shoulders Knees and Toes'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/nursery-rhymes-heads-shoulders-knees-and-toes/zd9f6v4>

