

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



Congratulations to Class 6 for achieving 100% attendance in W7.

46% of children achieved 100% attendance for Autumn 1!

Attendance	w/b 16 Oct
C1	83
C2	83
C3	89
C4	96
C5	88
C6	100
Totals	90



Please call school if your child is off sick or has an appointment. Appointments should be made out of school hours.

Our Shared Values



This half term, we are focusing on our shared value of responsibility and respect and our Jigsaw theme of celebrating difference.

To help your child/ren demonstrate being responsible and respectful members of our school community you can do the following things:

Make sure that they arrive before 8.55 every day

Follow our dress code – especially making sure that they wear plain black school shoes and wear the correct PE kit (trainers should be plain)

Talk to them about being kind and polite

Reminding them that there are adults in school they can talk to, if they have any worries.

Class 1 won our SHINE trophy in Autumn 1 and will be enjoying their treat of hot chocolate in the staffroom.

This half term we will be awarding SHINE points to children who are demonstrating responsibility and respect, especially at times outside of the classroom. and will be continuing to look out for 'marvellous manners' and 'wonderful walking'.

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 is coordinated in England, Wales and Northern Ireland by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year it has the theme 'Make A Noise About Bullying' and will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on **Monday 13th November**, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

School Comms

The school uses the schoolcomms gateway app as a means of communicating with parents/carers – we send out various text messages and emails. There are still some parents/carers who have not downloaded the app and some parents/carers who do not check their schoolcomms gateway text messages (please do not confuse this with your mobile text service).

If you have unread messages the icon will look like this with a read circle at the top with the number of unread messages in the middle.



Bright smiles bright futures

Colgate bright smiles bright futures campaign to encourage better oral health in children.

Children from the Nursery to year 4 have brought home a leaflet, toothpaste and toothbrush provided by Colgate.

Please talk to your child about the importance of brushing their teeth.

Year 1 – Family Workshop – Phonics

On **Tuesday 7th November at 9.10am** we would like you to come and join us for a phonics workshop. We will be showing you strategies and resources to support your child with phonics, which will support them in reading and writing. Please try to attend as the best way for your child to make progress is both school and home to work together.

Young carers

We want to ensure that our young carers are being supported.

You are a young carer if you are under 18 and help to look after a relative with a disability, illness, mental health condition, drug or alcohol problem. Young carers often help to look after a parent or care for a brother or sister.

Please contact the school office if you are the parent of a Young carer as there may be support available.

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

Children in Early Years settled back into routines very well this week. They have enjoyed listening to the story 'Room on a Broom and creating with different perfumes and potions! Katrine was turned into a frog!

Class One listened to a talk about Antarctica this week. We were excited to learn more about various animals and see real life pictures and videos. We have started our new English text 'Traction Man is Here'. The children have been asking questions and predicting what they thought would happen in the story. In History, we started our topic toys over time and the children were excited to bring in a toy from home for us to compare.



This week in Class Two, we have started our cooking lessons and have learnt how to cook mini pizzas. First, we had to make the dough before then choosing our toppings and finishing them off by putting them in the oven. In addition, we started our history topic about famous Victorians. We have been finding out about the life of Queen Victoria and have been placing important events in the order that they took place on a timeline.

This week, Class Three have started a new book in English called 'Egyptian Cinderella'. We worked in groups to design character puppets. Once we had created our puppets, we spent time acting out and role playing the different scenes within the story of Egyptian Cinderella in order to support our understanding of the events within the story.



In English, Class Four have been writing a narrative about a storm. In Maths, they have learnt to add and subtract very big numbers and in Science, they pretended that they were apples and wrote about their journey through the digestive system. Well done Year 4, you are amazing!

Children in Years Five and Six took part in an athletics competition at Sacred Heart Girls' School. The children were awarded a special mention for demonstrating our shared values whilst representing our school.

We were very pleased to achieve 3rd place out of 16 competing schools

THIRD Normand Croft - 540 points

SECOND John Betts - 628 points

FIRST Larmenier and Sacred Heart - 630 points

Thank you to Mr M Ekeh and Mr S Ekeh for delivering high quality PE lessons and coaching to enable our athletes to shine!

Before half term, most of Year 6 went to PGL at Marchant Hill in Hindhead. If you haven't yet looked on X (formerly twitter) there are lots of photos of the children and more will be appearing on our school website shortly.

<https://normandcroft.lbhf.sch.uk/>

Diary Dates Our Shared Value Responsibility and Respect

Mon 6 th Nov	Y5 & Y6 PE Multiskills Y6 Into University week
Tue 7 th	Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y1 Family Workshop 9.10 am Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 - 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 8 th	School Photograph Day. Sibling photos from 8am - 8.55 am Individual photos - from 9.00 onwards Y1 & Y2 PE Y3 British Museum School Photos
Thur 9 th	Y6 Swimming Y4 British Museum
Fri 10 th	Y5 Swimming
Mon 13 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week Wear Odd Socks to school Y5 & Y6 PE Multiskills
Tue 14 th	Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 - 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 15 th	Y1 & Y2 PE
Thu 16 th	Y6 Swimming
Fri 17 th	Children in Need Y5 Swimming

Starting Reception

We hope that you will choose Normand Croft as your child's Primary School.

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be starting reception in primary school from September 2024. The application process opened on 1 September 2023 and closes on 15 January 2024. The national offer day is 16 April 2024.