

# NC News

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The newsletter of  
Normand Croft Community School

**ATTENDANCE  
MATTERS.**  
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Amazing attendance for Class 5 last week with 100% . We need to see every class achieving at least 96% attendance every week.

Attendance	22-26 <sup>th</sup> April
C1	95
C2	92
C3	88
C4	91
C5	100
C6	93
Overall	93

## Online Safety

### Talking to your child about social media

The internet offers huge opportunities. From a young age, children have the chance to learn, research, play games, have fun and connect with family who may not live nearby. But it's important to help them to use the online world in a way that's safe and positive for their mental health.

That's why it's good to have regular conversations about the internet and social media from a young age – it should be as ordinary as talking about the weather.

### Setting realistic boundaries

The boundaries you set for internet use will depend on your child's age. It's like teaching your child to cross the road: you'll make sure they hold your hand when they're very young, but as they grow older you want them to assess the risks and stay safe more independently.

Whatever their age, it's a good idea to sit down together with your child to agree some rules about how much time they spend online. For example, you might want to agree that they shouldn't go online just before bed or use any devices at night, because this can affect their sleep. You can often set timers on devices to limit internet use – but try to help your child manage this for themselves as well.

You can also set up parental controls to stop your child from accessing harmful content online, but your child may well learn how to get round these. That's why it's important to make sure your child is able to make good decisions for themselves.

### Talking to your child about gaming

It is worth checking the ratings on the games your child is playing. If your child wants to buy a game that looks like it's extremely violent or too old for them, then trust your judgement if you don't feel it's appropriate.

More information and advice to help you and your family create a healthy culture around gaming, and to help you support your child if they're struggling, can be found at <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/gaming/>

## Unity Farm and Outdoor Learning

### RHS Big Seed Sow Part 1

As part of our Global Citizenship topic, the Eco Committee visited their counterparts at Brackenbury School in Hammersmith to take part in the RHS Big Seed Sow. We shared seeds with each other and helped to plant them in their school grounds. Some of our children were also taught how to propagate rosemary from cuttings by Ms Maloney and their Eco Committee.



### Plant Your Pants!

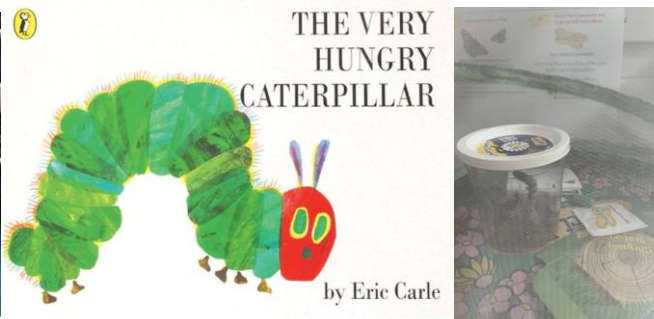
The Eco Committee has also been collaborating on a Country Trust initiative with our partner schools in Hammersmith and Italy. The aim is to plant a pair of underpants in the soil and then dig them up around 8 weeks later to find out about the soil condition and to see what happens to them! 3 pairs of pants have been planted, 1 in our school grounds at Normand Croft and the other 2 with our partner schools in Hammersmith and Italy.

What do you predict will happen? We will report back on the outcome in Summer 2...



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

Our Nursery children have enjoyed observing the changes seen in their class caterpillars as well as the cress seeds they sowed over a week ago. They have been using scientific words to communicate their understanding about the natural world.



In Reception, we have been using our phonic knowledge to write lists of the food the hungry caterpillar ate.

Class 1 this week have continued to observe the plants that we have been growing in class. We have been noticing the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees. In Maths, we have been starting to count in 2s, 10s and 5s. We have been excited to start this term's author Michael Morpurgo. 'The Boy who would be King' is the class text that we have been reading and we have enjoyed hearing lots of different facts about our monarch when he was younger.

This week in Class 2 and Class 5 visited the Wetland Centre in Barnes. On our trip we got to meet Ava who is part bird and part human from the Ava's Destiny book. We had to visit different areas and complete different tasks such as make a birds nest and find mini beasts in order to find out some information for Ava about her family. After this, we got to visit and explore the adventure playground before finishing off our trip with seeing the two otters, Tod and Honey, being fed!



This week in Class 3, we have been exploring a new artist 'Georgia O'Keeffe' in Art. We have enjoyed studying her work, learning about her artistic choices and history, and we have begun to annotate and imitate her style when sketching and shading flowers. Well done for an excellent week, Class 3.

This week in Class 4, our little chefs made the most delicious hummus and scrumptious flatbread in cooking. Next week, they will be baking lemon drizzle cake.

In English, they have been writing their own adventure stories and in Maths, learning to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers. Well done everybody!

This week, Class 6 have been learning about what classification is and why it is important that scientists classify living organisms. They worked scientifically by creating their own classification key, asking yes/ no questions to help structure the different branches. They then explained how they classified them. Well done class 6!

**Diary Dates**  
**Our Shared Value**  
**Unity**

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Multisports
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery Family Stay and Plant Yr 1 – 6 Coding Club 12,30 Y3 Swimming
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 & Y2 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Multisports
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery & Reception Family Stay and Plant Yr 1 – 6 Coding Club 12,30 Y3 Swimming