

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

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

Last week, our attendance across the school fell well below our target. We hope to see every child attending on time every day for the rest of the summer term.

Attendance	7-10 May
C1	86
C2	90
C3	90
C4	90
C5	94
C6	89
Overall	89

Our Shared Values

Unity



Normand Croft International Day 23rd May 2024 2pm – 3.30pm

We are very much looking forward to celebrating our annual International Day with all our families on Thursday 23rd May.

Children, staff and families are invited to come to school in clothes representing a country of their choice.

Families can bring any food contributions to the office on Thursday morning or at 1.30pm. The food will be shared with our children first and then with our families.

We hope to see you all there.



Normand Croft's Summer Fair on Saturday 22nd June from 12 – 2pm.

Come on down with family and friends. Everyone is welcome. Free entry!

We look forward to seeing you there.

Unity Farm and Outdoor Learning

May's minibeast will be voted for during our video chat with our Italian partner school in Macerata next Friday but in the meantime here are two worthy candidates spotted in the school garden:

the yellow haired sun fly (not it's not a bee or a wasp!) which is a type of hoverfly and the broad bodied chaser which is a common form of dragonfly.

Do you know which categories they belong to: decomposer, pest controller or pollinator (answer below)?



We had a great turn out for our first Family Stay and Plant session this year: as part of the RHS Big Seed Sow, the focus was on creating a wildflower bed in one of the raised beds near the Early Years area with Nursery children and their parents. Much fun was had making seed bombs and we also planted sunflower and tomato seeds for families to take home. A big thanks to our Eco Committee members Amani and Sina for always being ready to help out and get stuck in!



Many gardeners find molluscs such as snails and slugs to be a pest as they love to munch on tasty seedlings. This has been the case in our vegetable garden as all the squashes we have planted so far have been eaten by snails! However, Year 3 gardening club members are undaunted: errant snails have been moved to the compost heap to help in the decomposing process and we are trialling wildlife-friendly solutions: strulch (straw mulch) to make it harder for them to reach the seedlings and copper tape which apparently gives them a tiny electrical charge causing them to retreat! Let's see what happens...

ANSWER: Hoverflies are pollinators are pest controllers (especially of aphids) and pollinators; dragonflies are pest controllers (they eat mosquitoes).

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

Nursery children have enjoyed being out and about in the warmer weather this week. They have been listening to the story Supertato and enjoyed making some super hero masks of their own.

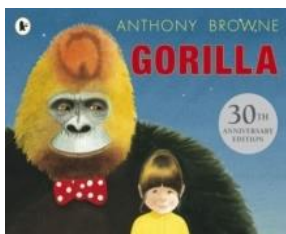
We have 5 butterflies in Reception. We enjoyed watching them closely and drawing pictures of them.

Class 1 has started to write an information text in English showing us all their science knowledge about plants. In Maths they have been sharing groups equally and have started to look at identifying half of a shape. In PE this week they had a go at different racket skills like passing a ball from one friend's racket to another by only holding onto the racket with one hand.

Control and teamwork were needed!

This week in Class 2, we have been learning all about microhabitats in science. We got to explore real life microhabitats in the Normand Croft gardens and found woodlice, spiders, snails and ladybirds to name a few minibeasts/insects. In maths this week, we have been finishing off our topic with comparing and ordering items in terms of their length and height. We have then moved onto our new topic of mass, capacity and temperature. The children have been comparing mass and measuring in grams and kilograms.

Class 3 have enjoyed another wonderful week of work. In English, we have been reading Hansel and Gretel and studying the different characters. In maths we have continued our work on time and the children can now read the clock to the minute, in digital and analogue. Keep up the great work!



Class 4 have had another excellent week! In Maths, they have worked extremely hard to finish their topic on 'Fractions' and started to learn more about decimals. They have researched gorillas and their habitat in preparation for writing a non-chronological report next week in English lessons, as well as taking part in a poetry workshop. In Science, they enjoyed investigating which materials were insulators or conductors, working together to form a conclusion.

This week Class 5 have been busy in science learning about the force of friction. They investigated the best surface to stop someone slipping. First they made predictions and discussed ways to keep the test fair. In groups the children used newton meters to measure the amount of force it takes to pull a weighted shoe across a variety of surfaces around school. The results were quite surprising so some groups repeated the tests in order to find an average.



Well done Class 6! You did it! We have been so proud of Year 6 this week. They have demonstrated excellence and determination throughout the week during their national Statutory Assessments Tests. They all tried their best and were determined to be the best they can be.

Diary Dates
Our Shared Value
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Mon 20 th May	Y1 & Y2 PE 3:30 -4:30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 21 st May	Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Y4 & Y5
Wed 22 nd May	Y 5 & Y6 PE
Thu 23 rd May	International Day Y4 Swimming
Fri 24 th May	Nursery & Reception Family Stay and Plant Y1 Geography Trip Yr 1 – 6 Coding Club 12,30 Y3 Swimming 27th May – 3rd June HALF TERM BREAK
Mon 3 rd June	Y1 & Y2 PE 3:30 -4:30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 4 th June	Squash Club Y5 & Y6 Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 5 th June	Y 5 & Y6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Multisports 3:30 – 4:3- Y5 & Y6 Girls Football Club
Thu 6 th June	Y4 Swimming 3:30 – 4:30 Y5 & y6 Boys Football Club
Fri 7 th June	Yr 1 – 6 Coding Club 12,30 Y6 Swimming