

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



Celebrating Mr Jobson!



Children can come to school wearing their own clothes on **Tuesday 2nd July** for Mr Jobson's Picnic in the playground.

Donations of picnic food are welcome (no nuts thank you)

Families are welcome to join us from 2.30 pm.

Normand Croft's Spectacular Summer Fair!

On Saturday 22nd June 2024, Normand Croft's Summer Fair was a day to remember! With beautiful sunny weather, families, staff, and friends enjoyed a fantastic celebration.



The fair was wonderfully busy and it was lovely to see so many families taking part in the games & activities and enjoying the yummy food. The amazing BBQ team and International Food stall served up a delicious feast, with the candy floss machine being a crowd favourite! There was so much to do, including 'Splat the Rat,' 'Knock Down Cans,' 'Beat the Goalie,' and much more. It was amazing to see so many children transform with colourful face painting and there were many bargains to be found at the Nearly New stall. Plants and books were on offer too! We were even fortunate to receive a visit from the fire brigade, although their stay was cut short due to an emergency call.



The day ended with an exciting raffle draw, where fantastic prizes were won, such as an Echo Dot, Fire tablet, a family ticket to the zoo and many other prizes and gift vouchers.



It was a day filled with joy and community spirit. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the staff, families, and friends who helped, volunteered, and donated. Your generosity and support made this event a tremendous success.

Unity Farm and Outdoor Learning

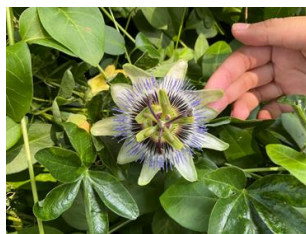
Plant Your Pants Update

Saturday 29th June is International Mud Day so this week seemed a good time for the Eco Committee to dig up the pants planted in the digging space in April for the Country Trust Plant Your Pants initiative. They now look a little different: almost transparent in places with plenty of small holes indicating the presence in the soil of a host of decomposers: micro-organisms, bacteria and invertebrates such as centipedes, earthworms and earwigs. This is a sign of healthy soil and shows that there is a wealth of creatures living underground that we do not usually notice.



Minibeast and Flower of the Month

Some excited Year 3 children spotted a lot of bees foraging for nectar amongst the flowers in the vegetable garden.. and this beautiful passion flower.



Passion flowers have special nectar glands on its leaves, attracting ants that eat and kill many pests. They are pollinated by our minibeast of the month, the carpenter bee: so-called because of its habit of burrowing into hard plant material such as dead wood or bamboo in order to nest.

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

This week in Nursery we have been finding lots of fun ways to keep cool. We have been helping ourselves by drinking water and playing and sharing lots of stories in the shade. We have also been playing with water, (a lot!) and had so much fun on our Splash Day on Tuesday.



Reception have had a very busy week! On Tuesday we enjoyed 'Splash Day' where we had lots of fun playing in the paddling pools. Then on Wednesday we had a cooking lesson where we cooked Broccoli Pasta to take home.

Class 1 have started to innovate their own stories based on The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. They have new characters and are thinking of new adjectives to describe. In computing, they have been creating an animated story and have been proud to see their story on 'aliens in space' shown to their friends.

This week in DT, Class 2 have been learning how to do a running stitch on binca fabric. This is so that next week, we will be able to stitch our two felt pieces of material together to make a puppet. In maths this week, we have finished our topic of fractions and now have moved onto learning about time. We have been learning how to identify o'clock and half past on the clock.

Despite the heat, Class 4 have had another very successful week. In English lessons, they have been studying further the story of Phillippe Petit and his incredible endeavours, as well as captioning their own newspaper articles. In Maths, they have completed their assessments and delved deeper into the world of decimals numbers. In Geography, they particularly enjoyed using a compass and map to navigate their way around New York. Next Friday, they have been invited to watch The Secret Garden ballet at the Peacock Theatre.



This week Class 5 have been continuing their Amazon topic by finding out about the different layers in a rainforest and their conditions. After they imagined they were traveling there and 'packed a bag' with items they would need. They gave reasons why they would take each object based on what they now know about the forest.

This week Class 6 had a wonderful time orienteering in Hyde Park. Throughout the day they had to interpret geographical information and maps with 6 grid coordinates to locate different landmarks. They had to then, in teams, follow maps to find the different landmarks and clues around the park. Despite the heat, they worked well together and demonstrated great knowledge and skill with map reading. Well done class 6!

Diary Dates
Our Shared Value
Trust

Mon 1 st July Y1 & Y2 PE	3.30 -4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club Y6 Transition Day 10 – 12 Into University
Tue 2 nd July Y3 & Y4 PE	Squash Club Y5 & Y6 9.15 New Reception Families meeting 2.30 Picnic in the playground 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports Classes 1 & 2 Out AM 3.30 – 4.30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 3 rd July Y5 & Y6 PE	3.30 – 4.30 Year 5 & 6 Multisports 9.15 New Nursey Families Meeting 3.30 – 4.3- Y5 & Y6 Girls Football Club
Thu 4 th July	Y5 Swimming Classes 1 & 2 out am Y4 Ballet 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & y6 Boys Football Club
Fri 5 th July	Yr 1 – 6 Coding Club 12,30 Y6 Swimming
Mon 8th July Y1 & Y2 PE	3.30 -4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 9 th July Y3 & Y4 PE	Squash Club Y5 & Y6 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 10 th July Y5 & Y6 PE	3.30 – 4.30 Year 5 & 6 Multisports 3.30 – 4.3- Y5 & Y6 Girls Football Club
Thu 11 th July	Y5 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & y6 Boys Football Club
Fri 12 th July	Yr 1 – 6 Coding Club 12,30 Y6 Swimming Sports Pledge drive – whole school Normand Park