

Bread Making Project



Y6 pupils experienced the most amazing morning on Friday of last week. Over the last term, they have been doing research and finding out about bread. **Jamie Gibbs**, one of our governors and a chef himself, brought in a huge selection of breads from around the world for us to taste. This was followed by a quiz which tested our knowledge so far. Thank you very much Jamie –



we loved every minute! The next step is for us to finalise our own (very creative) bread recipes before our bread making day early in January. We can't wait!

Attendance Challenge

Results for the week 21st – 25th November are:

Position	Class	Attendance
1 st	6D	98.62%
=2 nd	3T	97.33%
=2 nd	5C	97.33%

Whole school attendance
95.51% ↑



Number of late arrivals
26 ↓

Fun and Games....

Inevitably, with more than 400 pupils on a relatively small playground, we have the occasional playtime fall out. However, we are finding that it is becoming increasingly common for children to be acting out scenarios from computer and online games played at home, many of which have an 18+ rating. Violent computer games could harm children's mental development. An average child spends almost 2,000 hours in front of a screen between their tenth and eleventh birthdays. At Croft, we are concerned about the time our pupils are spending on addictive and violent games. Please take note of age restrictions and ensure children have time away from the blue light of computers. They need fresh air, exercise and family time.....let's put the fun back into playtime.

Croft Success (1)



A massive 'well done' goes out to two of our pupils. This photo was taken at The Towers on the Sutton Harriers presentation evening, when **Ruby Vickers** and **Abbie Ellis** were presented with their seasons personal best times by Luke Wigman, a gold medallist in the Invictus Games.

Croft Success (2)

Congratulations to our four pupils who are part of Gracie Barra SIA who won medals at the recent **EUROPEAN Brazilian Jiu Jitsu** competition. One **gold** and three **silver** medals between them:
Lyla Easom; Shannon Williams, Caitlyn Limb and Nile Limb.



Keeping Children Safe

In Nottinghamshire, there is an internal communication system between schools which alerts Head Teachers when there has been a security alert. These seem to be increasing in number, particularly accounts of people in vehicles attempting to persuade children to hop in and have a lift.

It is important that we keep a sense of perspective whilst also educating our children on how to stay safe. All pupils are told to return to the school office if their expected adult is not in the usual pick up place – please reinforce this message at home. If you have asked a family member or friend to pick up your child, please give school a ring so we know who to expect.

Also, as the dark nights and mornings draw in, it is worth investing in hi-vis clothing or reflective accessories to make sure your child can be easily seen by motorists.



Children in Need – Thank You from the School Council



And finally....a huge 'thank you' to everybody who contributed to our Children in Need Day. Whether you baked cakes, donated cakes, bought cakes or contributed 50p so your child could have a non-uniform spotty day – **thank you**, A massive **£410** has been raised; your generosity is truly appreciated.

Diary Dates - 28th November 2016

DECEMBER 2016

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| Friday 2 nd December | - Christmas Fair at 3.45pm in school hall |
| Friday 2 nd December | - LAST DAY FOR PHOTO ORDERS |
| Thursday 8 th December | - Years 1 and 2 Christmas concert in school hall at 2.00pm |
| Friday 9 th December | - Years 1 and 2 Christmas concert in school hall at 11.00am |
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| Monday 12 th December | - Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 13 th December | - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Wednesday 14 th December | - Croft Christmas Dinner |
| Thursday 15 th December | - Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Friday 16 th December | - Y6 DARE Graduation in school hall at 11.00am |
| Friday 16 th December | - Foundation Stage Christmas Party at 1.30pm |
| Friday 16 th December | - KS2 Christmas Service at United Reform Church at 2.00pm |
| Monday 19 th December | - Foundation Stage concert in the school hall at 3.00pm |
| Tuesday 20 th December | - Pupils last day at school |

JANUARY 2017

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| Wednesday 4 th January | - Back to school |
| Tuesday 10 th January | - Y5 visit to Galleries of Justice, Nottingham. |

FUTURE DATES

INSET DAYS

- Monday 20th February 2017
Friday 26th May 2017
Monday 5th June 2017

Y6 SATs WEEK

Monday 8th - Friday 12th May 2017

Y1 & Y2 PHONICS CHECK WEEK 12th - 16th June 2017

Y2 pupils will also be tested during May. Avoid taking your child out of school at this time and in the weeks before, when test preparation takes place.