

Weekly News – 18th October 2024

A message from Mrs Farren...

This week, Norton children have been sharing with me lots of their wonderful activities and hobbies; have a look in our community corner section to see what they've been up to! Have you got anything you could send us to share?

We would also like to congratulate Norton families who have welcomed new babies this academic year. In the last few weeks, Poppy and Daisy welcomed a new sister and Lillie has a new brother! Quite a few Norton children have new brothers and sisters and this is wonderful! We know they will be excellent role models for their younger siblings!

Have a wonderful weekend
Mrs Farren and team Norton

This week **Little Learners** have enjoyed the Gruffalo story and completed lots of activities based on this, including making some fabulous Gruffalo playdough figures and threading to make snakes. Also, we were lucky enough to have two P.E. sessions, with Mr Spencer, where we practiced our throwing, catching and jumping.

WOW! What a busy, creative and fun stay and craft session we had this morning in **Reception**. Thank you to all that could make it, I hope you enjoyed your time with your child and their friends in class. What was truly lovely to see was the parents helping not just their own child, but others on the table, as well as helping with tidying! The autumn wreaths and spiders look fantastic. The hot chocolate and biscuits decorating went down a treat too! We look forward to the next stay and craft near Christmas time.

This week in **Year 1** the children have been so busy learning about the local environment. They've spotted key landmarks, learnt how to use a map and learnt about human and physical features. On Thursday morning we took a walk down to George's farm in the village and were able to identify the human and physical features we saw on the way.

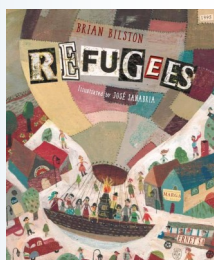


In **Year 2** this week we have been looking at examples of instructions and identifying their features. We have compared numbers in maths, saying which are more/less and equal to. In RE we have looked at The Creation Story. We have used this to think about what God is like and have described God, giving reasons for our choices.

This week in **Year 3** we have finished writing a set of instructions on how to capture some wolves, based on a story "The Wolves in the Walls". Next week, we are going to have a story writing week to work on our use of plot in stories. In science, the children have been working on their animal information leaflets and this week in music we improvised using glockenspiels.

In **Year 4** this week we have started learning about the digestive system in Science. In history, we looked at and learnt about primary and secondary sources. We looked at different examples of both and discussed what we can learn from each source and what we might want to find out. In maths, we have started using the column method for subtraction, including exchanging.

Year 5 have been exploring a new book called 'Refugee' by Brian Bilston. This book has blown us away, with a clever poem which can be read upwards or downwards to show contrasting opinions. We have also written up our persuasive letters and have posted them to Kier Starmer!



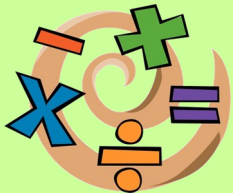
This week in **Year 6**, the children have looked at the life and work of Carl Linnaeus. We have studied the seven different taxonomy groups and have looked at a mnemonic to help us remember them.

Please remember to submit your secondary application by the deadline of 31st October.

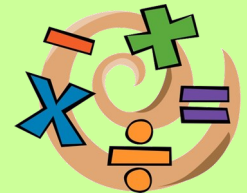


What some of our incredible Norton children have been up to recently:

Humphrey has been making flags from different countries, Henry took part in a swimming gala, Hazel has been playing cricket, Edward has been doing lots and lots of running, Esme has been baking Halloween cupcakes, Austin has been making his own sweets..... there's a world of fun activities out there!



Maths challenge of the week!



Make something!

Can you measure the right amount of what you need?

It could be a cardboard rocket ship, a garden den or a fruity flapjack!

Send in any photos of your creations.





Head teachers worship challenge!



Thank you to everyone who has entered into our challenge! We asked you to create a new logo for our Christian value this term:
COURAGE

There is still time! The deadline has been extended to **Monday 21st October!** Please send/give any entries to Mrs Farren.

Please ensure your full name is on the back (so we can judge without names showing!)

The logos will be judged anonymously by the staff and a winner will be announced in assembly on Friday 25th October!



LOST PROPERTY!

- ⇒ Please ensure **all** uniform is **named**
- ⇒ We have a very LARGE pile of lost property in school, please check if your child has lost anything already this year!
- ⇒ Lost property: is located in the junior corridor next to the boys toilets in a labelled tower of drawers. Any unnamed lost property is disposed of at the end of each big term.



Important notices:

- ⇒ Mrs Cooper is starting a dance club after half term on a Monday until 4:15pm Year 3&4 (maximum of 20). Please complete the booking form available from the website or paper copies from the office.
- ⇒ Please check parent pay and settle any dinner accounts.
- ⇒ Please fill out before and after school club forms for next term and return to the office. Forms can be found on the website. **NO FORM = NO CLUB!**



Strive

Think

Act

Respect

Dates for your diary for October:

- Monday 21st and
Tuesday 22nd October - Whole school Diwali workshops (painting and dance)
- Tuesday 22nd October - Girls football match at Longlevens
- Thursday 24th October - Reception and KS1 phonics sessions. Please see dojo for full information.
- Boys football match at Norton - *please come support us if you're able to!*
- Norton headphone dis-glo! (Village hall 5:30pm-7pm) **sold out.**
- Friday 25th October - Last day before half term (finish at 3:15pm)

Next week's diary:

21st October 24	The School Day	After School	Lunch Menu (week 2)
Monday	Whole school Diwali diya painting workshops	<u>Reading</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Fitness</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Infant football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Summer vegetable risotto Cheese and tomato pinwheel Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Tuesday	Whole school Diwali dance workshops	<u>Junior football</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Pork sausage in a bun Mexican five bean rice Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Wednesday	Y5 swimming lessons	<u>Lego</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Choir</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Infant gymnastics</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Roast turkey Vegetable wellington Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Thursday	EYFS and KS1 phonics sessions 9:30am -10:30am Boys football match at Norton, please support! 3:30pm Headphone dis-glo! 5:30pm- 7:30pm (tickets only = sold out)	<u>Junior gymnastics</u> 3:30 - 4:15 <u>Board games</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Craft & colouring</u> 3:30 - 4:00 <u>Gardening</u> 3:30 - 4:15	Chicken korma with rice Wholemeal vegetable pasta bake Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna
Friday	Sharing assembly 2:45pm in the village hall. All welcome. Last day of term - finish 3:15pm		Fish fingers Vegan sausages Jacket potato with Beans, Cheese or Tuna

Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at www.coolmilk.com/register. Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5th birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at www.coolmilk.com/parents.

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at www.coolmilk.com/contact or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

Cool Milk

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*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

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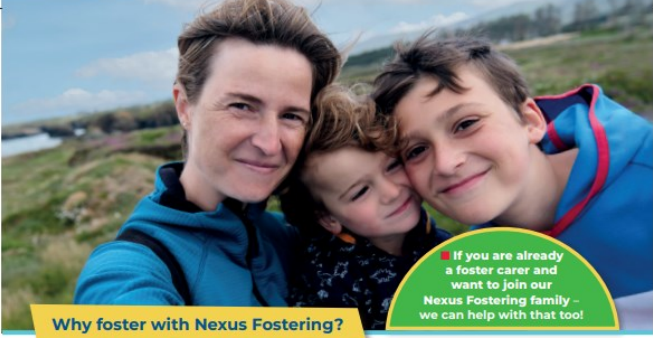


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Good Afternoon,

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

We would be extremely grateful if you could help us spread the word to parents of your own pupils, or those who work / have worked in an Education setting.

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

[Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Many thanks

Vicki Hopson
Democratic Support Officer

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