

“Celebrating a Commitment to Excellence in Primary Science”

I give no apology for the long article here – we are absolutely delighted to have achieved this recognition:



Croft have achieved the prestigious award of the Primary Science Quality Mark, at the highest standard of “Gilt.” This award is in recognition of the science learning our pupils experience in school and our whole school accomplishments both within and around the subject.

Our feedback comments included: “A well deserving PSQM gilt award. You are to be commended for your drive, passion and energy in driving the school forward since achieving the last award. Overall, what you have submitted paints a very good picture of the science taking place at Croft. Croft pupils enjoy the investigative approaches to the curriculum and are confident to ask

searching questions and know how to answer these questions. They have benefitted from a creative approach to the science curriculum and have enjoyed numerous visits and visitors to develop further their knowledge and understanding in the subject.”

The Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools. Schools achieve a PSQM through a year-long process of initial audit, followed by action and reflection. The Primary School Quality Mark programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science teaching and leadership.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Jane Turner, PSQM National Director told us: “Gaining a Primary Science Quality Mark is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud.

Many congratulations to all at Croft Primary, especially Ms. Partlow, Science Leader, on all that has been achieved.



Attendance Challenge

Results for week 6th – 10th January:

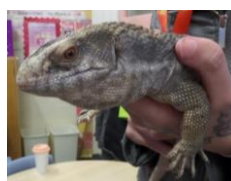
Position	Class	Attendance
1st	3T	99.66%
2nd	2TL	99.35%
3rd	1T & 3B	99.33%
Whole school		95.53%

Total Minutes Late
9hrs 6 mins

Number of late arrivals
63



Super Science in Y2



Year 2 had some very special visitors to their science lesson this week. We were very lucky to learn all about lizards, tarantulas and corn snakes. The children loved the experience and asked some excellent questions. A big thank you to Jay and family for sharing your amazing pets!



Salvation Army say Thank You



Captain Deborah from the local branch of the Salvation Army, delivered a whole school assembly last Friday in response to our pupils fundraising before Christmas. Y6 boys Jacob Tilstone and Will Medley raised an amazing £239.90 by themselves, thanks to the support of their families and friends. Captain Deborah was also impressed by the clothes, shoes and basic hygiene and welfare items that were collected by brothers Jacob and Maximus Gough. Thank you to everyone who helped to support such a worthwhile cause.

Diary Dates - 13th January 2020

JANUARY 2020

Tuesday 14th January
Thursday 16th January
Monday 20th January
Tuesday 21st January

- Parent Governor Election - Nomination Forms sent out
- SCHOOL CENSUS - KS1 Food Tasting Day
- PSII Governor Committee meeting at 5.30pm
- Parent Governor Election - **Nomination Cloisn10AM**
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FEBRUARY 2020

Thursday 6th February
Monday 10th February
Friday 14th February
Mon 17th - Fri 21st February
Monday 24th February
Tuesday 25th February

- Y6 visit to Creswell Crag 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Y2 visit to George Stevenson Museum 9.00am - 3.00pm
- Last Day at school
- School Closed (February Half Term)
- INSET DAY - School closed to pupils
- Pupils back to school

MARCH 2020

Thursday 5th March
Tuesday 10th March
Thursday 12th March
Monday 16th March
Tuesday 17th March
Thursday 19th March
Thursday 19th March
Tuesday 24th March
Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 26th March
Monday 30th March

- Y3 visit to Yorkshire Mining Museum 9.00am - 4.30pm
- Parents Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Parents Evening 4.00pm - 7.00pm
- P, F & GP Governor Committee Meeting at 5.00pm
- Full Governing Body Meeting at 6.00pm
- FS & Y6 Weighing & Measuring at 9.30am
- Y4 visit to Yorkshire Mining Museum 9.00am - 4.30pm
- Y3 & Y4 Performance in school hall at 2.15pm
- Y3 & Y4 Performance in school hall at 7.00pm
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- Y1 visit to George Stevenson Museum 9.00am - 3.00pm

APRIL 2020

Thursday 2nd April
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Mon 6th Apr - Fri 17th Apr
Mon 20th April

- FS & Y6 Weighing & Measuring mop up session
- School Disco F2, Y1 & Y2 in school hall 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- KS2 School Disco in school hall 6.15pm - 7.45pm
- School Closed (Easter Half Term)
- Pupils back to School

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May 2020

- Friday 8th May - BANK HOLIDAY (Veterans Day)
- Monday 11th to Friday 15th May - SATs Week
- Friday 22nd May - INSET DAY
- Friday 22nd May - Y6 Residential visit to Kingswood leaving at 9.00am
- Thursday 21st May - SCHOOL CENSUS - KS1 Food Tasting Day
- Monday 25th May - Y6 Returning from Kingswood at 5.00pm
- Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May - School Closed (Half Term)

JUNE 2020

- Monday 1st June - INSET DAY
- Wednesday 3rd June - Class Photos in hall 9.30am
- Mon 8th - Fri 12th - Y1 Phonics Week

JULY 2020

- Tuesday 7th July - Y6 Performance in school hall at 7.00pm
- Thursday 9th July - Y6 Performance in school hall at 7.00pm
- Friday 10th July - Reports out to Parents
- Monday 13th July - Full Governing Body meeting at 6.00pm
- Wednesday 15th July - Parents open Evening 4.00pm - 6.00pm
- Thursday 16th July - New Entrants Parents Meeting in school hall at 7.00pm
- Thursday 23rd July - Y6 Prom in school hall 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- Friday 24th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly in school hall at 2.30pm
- Friday 24th July - LAST DAY AT SCHOOL