

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



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Total	91



Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts...

Improving attendance continues to be a priority for our school
Congratulations to Class 6 for being the attendance winners with 96%.

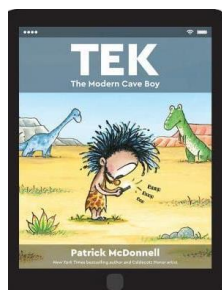
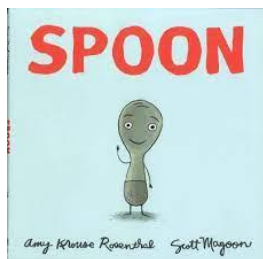
Our Shared Values Determination



Want to talk about it?

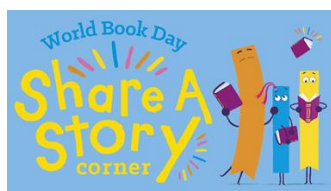
Making space for
conversations
about life online

This week in assemblies and as part of our PSHE curriculum we have been discussing how making connections with others is important for our mental health. With so many people connecting online, we also thought carefully about how we need to behave when we are online to ensure that we keep ourselves safe.



We acknowledge that feelings come and go and will be developing ways to deal with a range of feelings.

We listened to some stories about 'feeling blue' and came up with some strategies to cope with feelings of sadness or loss.

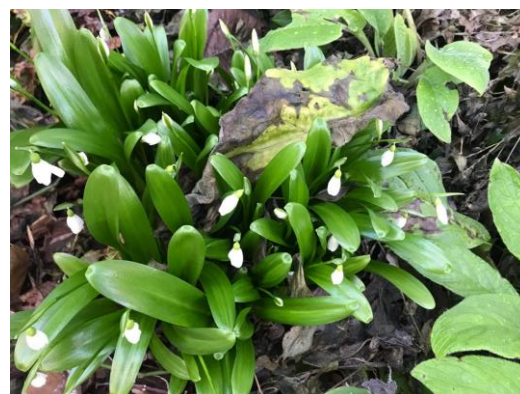


World Book Day

We will be celebrating a little earlier than usual this year on **Tuesday 28th February**. We would like to invite parents/carers to volunteer to share a story in school to celebrate our language rich community. If you would like to do this, please let your child's teacher know. Children will be able to come to school dressed as a favourite character (please try and use recycled items for a costume rather than buying something new) and there will also be a book poster competition to enter.

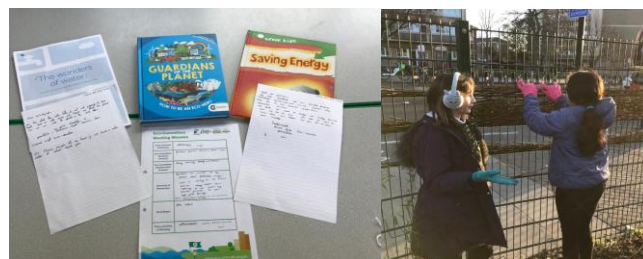
Unity Farm

It's always delightful when we see our snowdrops bloom in our woodland area as it's a sign that spring is on the way. Children from year 1 and 2 did a nature search with Mrs Harvey encouraging them to observe seasonal changes in our school grounds.



The Eco- committee and task force have worked hard this half term to ensure that we continue to make progress towards achieving the Eco School Green Flag Award.

The committee have written to Mr Jobson asking who they should contact about Normand Croft switching to energy from renewable sources. They have also written to our School Business Manager, Ms Mghabghab about the water butts at school not working properly as they would like these fixed before the weather starts getting warmer again.



The willow screen near Lillie Road is coming along nicely, thanks to the hard work of the Eco Task force, lunchtime clubs and after school Eco Club.

The Woodland Trust has lots of information about the natural world on its website.

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/things-to-do/woods-through-the-seasons/spring/>

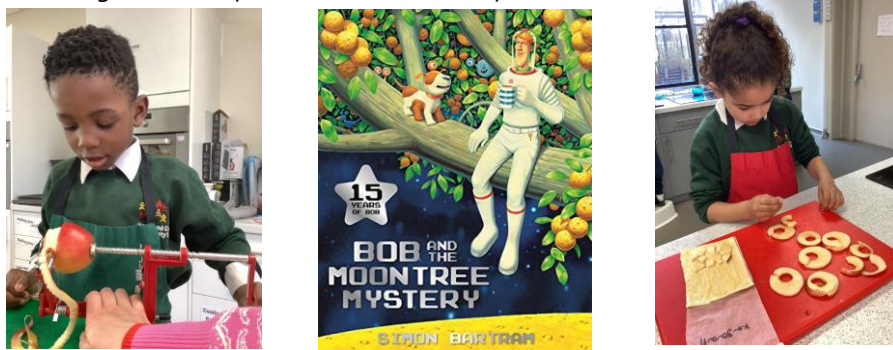
Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

In Nursery this week, our story was 'Dinosaur Roar' as part of our exploration about dinosaurs and where they lived, we made our own volcano. Once it was dry we painted it and today we made it into our own dinosaur world.



In English, Reception have been learning to write sentences using a capital letter, a full stop and finger spaces. We used the sounds we are learning in phonics to help us to spell words.

This week Class 1 made mini apple puffs in cooking. Using the apple corer was a great excitement. In maths, we have continued to work on ordering numbers and explaining why the number would go there. We also have a new song about the parts of an insects body!



This week in Class 2, we have been learning how to write a descriptive poem for our piece of writing in science. We wrote our own versions of 'Woolley Saucepan' by Michael Rosen which shows our knowledge of suitable materials for different objects. In English, we have been learning how to write a familiar story based on 'Bob and the Moontree Mystery' however, we have been adapting our stories to make it our own such as changing the characters names and setting.

This week Class 3 have started their maths unit on measurement. We have enjoyed measuring everything around the classroom, such as our books, cubes, pencils and even Pop the panda. We can now measure in metres, centimetres and millimetres.

Children in Classes 4 and 5 have continued to challenge themselves on the exercise bikes with several children receiving special mentions for their efforts. The children set their own targets and have been determined to reach their goals and set new ones

This week, Class 6, have been completing their perspective art work based buildings as seen during the World War 2 Blitz between 1940 and 1941. We have drawn buildings using a vanishing point. This makes the picture more realistic as it appears to get further away. It brings our two dimensional drawings and paintings to life.

Congratulations to our Year 6 Readers' Cup team who came joint second in the annual competition, which was held at Thomas's Academy. They all worked very hard to prepare for this event and their effort paid off. They really enjoyed reading the books and are looking forward to reading more books by the authors of the chosen books.



Dates for Diaries.

Half Term

Monday 13th – Friday 17th February

Nursery is closed on Monday 20th February for Staff training.

Reception to Year 6 children return on Monday 20th February. Remember 8.55 is the time to arrive.

Mon 20 th Feb	C3&4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Class 1 & 2 Multisports
Tue 21 st Feb	C1&2 PE 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Gardening Club
Wed 22 nd Feb	C5&6 PE Class Photo Day 3.30 – 4.30 Science Club 3.30 – 4.30 Girls Football
Thu 23 rd Feb	Swimming C4 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 Y6 Eco Club 3.30–4.30 5 & 6 Boys Football
Fri 24 th Feb	Swimming C3 Mayors Cup
Mon 27 th Feb	C3&4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Class 1 & 2 Multisports
Tue 28 st Feb	WORLD BOOK DAY C1&2 PE 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Gardening Club
Wed 1 st Mar	C5&6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Science Club 3.30 – 4.30 Girls Football
Thu 2 nd Mar	Swimming C4 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 Y6 Eco Club 3.30–4.30 5 & 6 Boys Football
Fri 3 rd Mar	Swimming C3 Y2 Wandsworth Waste Recycling Mayors Cup