

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



Improving attendance continues to be a priority for our school. Thank to those parents/carers who make sure that your children comes to school on time, everyday unless they are too ill to do so.

Rec	83
1	93
2	97
3	85
4	97
5	92
6	89
Total	91



Attendance Matters



Our Shared Values Independence



In assemblies this week and as part of our PSHE learning, we discussed our shared value of independence.

We reflected on the following questions and statements:

- Do the right thing even when no one is looking.
- How are you going to show that you are an independent person?
- How are you going to show that you are an independent learner?
- What behaviour do we expect to see around school?
- We expect everyone to follow our dress code. What do you need to do to ensure you do this?
- What can you do to make sure that you are on time and ready for school everyday?
- Why is developing independence important?



We also listened to *The Colour Monster* and *Le Monstre des Couleurs* and linked it to the zones of regulation. We know that it is important for us to manage our emotions and to identify strategies that we can use to be in the green zone and ready to learn.

How can you help yourself?

The BLUE zone	The GREEN zone	The YELLOW zone	The RED zone
How might you feel?	How might you feel?	How might you feel?	How might you feel?
sad tired bored moving slowly	happy okay focused ready to learn	nervous confused silly not ready to learn	angry frustrated scared out of control
What might help you?	What might help you?	What might help you?	What might help you?
Talk to someone Stretch Take a brain break Stand Take a walk Close my eyes	The goal of this exercise is to get to the GREEN zone. What can you do to be happy, calm and ready to learn?	Count to 20 Take deep breaths Squeeze something Draw a picture Take a brain break	Stop what I'm doing Make sensible choices Take deep breaths Ask for a break Find a safe space Ask for help

Unity Farm

Many of the bulbs planted in the autumn term by the Gardening Club are now blooming. Our school grounds are looking as beautiful as ever and spring is definitely on its way.



The Eco Committee took part in the 'Show the Love' campaign and are sending postcards to Andy Slaughter MP, asking him to champion action on climate, nature and cost of living in Parliament. They made natural art pictures to 'show their love' for the natural environment, making sure they used materials that are compostable.

**Keeping Children Safe
Social Media and Online Safety Meeting
Year 5&6 parents/carers
9.10 on Wednesday 1st March**

The internet and social media has changed the way children interact and share their lives. It is really important to have regular conversations with them about what they are sharing online. As a parent, it can be difficult to stay on top of all the different apps and sites that children are using, but there are simple things that you can do to make sure they become 'good digital citizens' and avoid sharing or saying something that they would later regret.

Ms How and Mr Borsion would like parents/carers of children in Years 5&6 to attend this meeting on Wednesday 1st March at 9.10 am.

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

Nursery children have learnt the rhyme 'Mix a pancake' this week. They practised cutting strawberries and bananas and counting blueberries to put on their Scotch pancakes. They also showed off their creative skills by making pancake people after reading Eric Carle's story Pancakes and retelling the story Mr Wolf's Pancakes.



Reception children made pancakes and enjoyed eating them with our favourite toppings! We used cold pancakes in a pan to try tossing pancakes to turn them over. We also had pancake races where we had to run and toss pancakes at the same time!

Class 1 adored having visitors from Imperial College hospital. They learnt about how to keep themselves healthy through thinking about what they eat and how to exercise. They spoke about what an emergency is and what they need to do in an emergency. In English, they have created their own version of the story The Odd Egg by creating new characters and a new setting. In computing, the children were able to demonstrate their developing mouse skills by creating a plate of food.



This week in Class 2, we have been learning how to identify and count pence and pounds in maths. The children worked in pairs to buy items from a shop using their money. In addition, we had an exciting visit from some doctors from the Teddy Bear hospital. The children learnt lots as they explored the different 'stations'. They talked about what food is healthy, who to ring and what support you can get when you need help, how to keep our bodies healthy and learnt about the organs inside our bodies.

In Class 3, we have been learning about Buddhism as part of our RE curriculum. We enjoyed drawing and writing about the story of Buddha, and also reflecting on our own and other people's happiness. We came up with such a long list of all the things that made us happy - from school, friends, chocolate to football, singing and being star of the week!

Class 5 have had a wonderful start back to the second half of the school year and have been working with renewed focus. This week, they greatly enjoyed learning about Buddhism and the 'Eight Fold Path to Enlightenment.' They were able to use their new found knowledge to discuss the similarities and differences between Buddhism and other religions in an informed and respectful manner. They also created detailed Buddhist mandalas.

Class 6 have been continuing their work based around the book Floodlands by Marcus Sedgewick. In the book, England is slowly being covered by water and people are stranded on small islands. We have been writing a clear set of instructions which will help someone who might be stranded on a deserted island. We got some survival tips from Bear Grylls and our school journey experiences of making a rafts and building a fire have been very useful!

Diary Dates

We will be celebrating World Book Day early this year on Tuesday 28th February. Your child can come to school dressed as a book character and bring in a favourite story to share, if they would like to.

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
Mon 6 th Mar	C3&4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Class 1 & 2 Multisports
Tue 7 th Mar	C1&2 PE Y5 & 6 Fulham Palace 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Gardening Club
Wed 8 th Mar	C5&6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Science Club 3.30 – 4.30 Girls Football
Thu 9 th 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 10 th Mar	Swimming C3 Mayors Cup