

# NC News

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The newsletter of  
Normand Croft Community School



A reminder to all parents/carers that we do not authorise any holidays taken in term time.

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Total	92



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

## Science Week - Connections

Last week we celebrated Science at Normand Croft. A huge thank you goes to Ms Hedley for organising such an excellent week.

Here are some of the exciting activities and experiences the children enjoyed:

We welcomed many scientists in, to talk to us about their careers:

- Ben Hedley (Geologist) - We learnt how Geology ties into everything in the world around, from the seats we are sitting on, the building we are in and even the TV we watch in the evening.
- Katy Wessely (Consultant Radiologist) - It was fascinating to learn about how medical images are used to help diagnose and treat injuries and diseases.
- Leah (Bioengineer) amazed us with her studies of treatments for people who are going bald or grey.
- Sarat (Chemical Engineer) got us thinking hard about how developing the life of a battery may improve our day-to-day lives.
- Allan Dowell (Spacecraft Engineer) - We are amazed that many of the projects he's worked on are currently orbiting Earth, above our heads!
- Cecilia Weiler came in to talk about her expedition to Antarctica! The children were enthralled by the slides she used to show the landscape and animals.

*"What an incredibly nice, interested, clever and polite group of children they all are!" Cecilia Weiler*

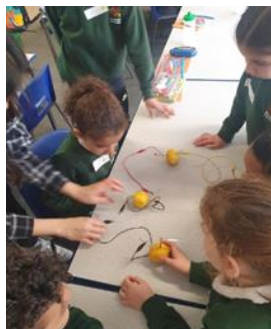
The questions and discussions the children had following these talks were thought provoking, showing a great level of interest.

## Science Workshop

The children learnt, through inquiry, discussion and practical activities that anyone can become an inventor. Using a pneumatic tyre on a bicycle as an example, the children explored how even the simplest inventions can change the world. Each child made their own 'Pneumatic Pressuriser'.

## Working Scientifically Day

We enjoyed a day working in mixed year groups, on a range of different STEM activities, exploring connections with different 'hands on' activities. The children were challenged to use scientific problem solving skills while working in teams.



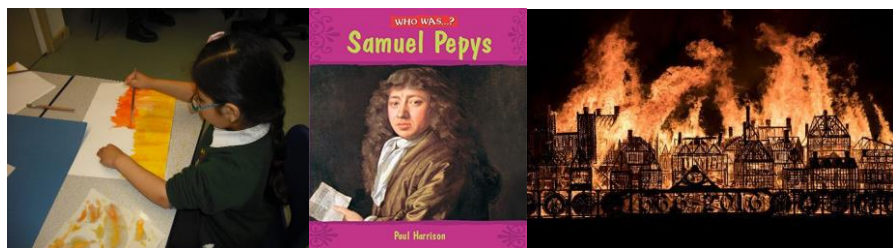
## Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

This week Reception have been reading Oliver's Vegetables by Vivian French. We talked about our favourite vegetables and learnt about how they grow. We planted some seed potatoes together. We have also been busy looking after our tadpoles and watching them develop.



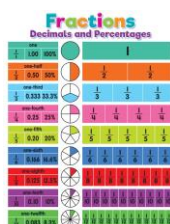
Class One had a fantastic trip into central London. They saw Buckingham Palace, watched the changing of the guard and noticed that the flag was up so King Charles must be inside. We explored St James Park and had a picnic together before heading through Horse Guards' Parade, past Downing street to Westminster to see Big Ben, the London Eye and the River Thames! What a lot of observing we did! The children spotted man made and natural items as well as noticing that a city is busy!

This week in Class Two, we have been learning how to blend paint to make gradients in art. We did this whilst creating a fire background. Also, we created silhouettes of houses and buildings that were falling down to stick onto our fire background to recreate a scene from the Great Fire of London, linking to our history topic. In geography, we made two rain gauges as a class, placed them outside in the garden and we have been tracking the amount of rainfall in them each morning.



This week Class 3 were lucky enough to have not 1 but 2 music lessons! We enjoyed challenging ourselves more when learning the ukulele. We can now create our own rhythms and identify a variation of pitches and notes. Hopefully one day we will have an opportunity to show off our talent to our families.

Class 5 went to St Andrew's Church, down the road, to learn about university life at Into University. When we were there, we were put into four groups: Brighton University, Sheffield University, Cambridge University and Nottingham Trent University. We had to work together to earn points and there were prizes at the end. There were lots of fun activities, like learning about university accommodation and creating our own university society. 'I was amazed that there were 52,000 degrees to choose from!' Leo



Class 6 have been working hard on understanding the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages. They have been solving word problems and have been amazing at using precise, accurate vocabulary to explain their mathematical thinking.

## Diary Dates

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	C3&4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Class 1 & 2 Multisports Bikeability C5 All Week C4 Fulham Palace
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	C1&2 PE 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Gardening Club
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	C5&6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Science Club 3.30 – 4.30 Girls Football
Thu 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Swimming C4 C3 Fulham Palace 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 Y6 Eco Club 3.30 – 4.30 5 & 6 Boys Football
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	<b>Easter Break Children finish at 12.30</b> <b>There is no after school club provision on this day.</b>
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Inset Day
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup> Apr	<b>Children Return to School</b> C1&2 PE 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 Gardening Club
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Apr	C5&6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Science Club
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Swimming C4 3.00 – 3.45 Maths Booster 3.30 – 4.30 Y6 Eco Club 3.30 – 4.30 5 & 6 Boys Football
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Apr	Swimming C3 C4 Architecture Trip

A big thank you to Asiyah and Abdulla's mum for sharing stories about Ramadan with classes from EYFS to Year 6. In assembly, we are considering the similarities and differences between Lent and Ramadan.