

# NC News

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The newsletter of  
Normand Croft Community School



Congratulations to Classes 1,2,3 and 4 for achieving or exceeding our attendance target. Keep it up! Classes 5 & 6 try and catch up.

Attendance 2-6<sup>th</sup> October

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C1	97
C2	97
C3	96
C4	99
C5	95
C6	94
Totals	96



Children arriving after 8.55 will not be able to leave their scooter/bike at school as this delays their start to school even further.

## A Letter from Our Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers.

Earlier this year, Mr. Jobson asked the governors if he would be able to take semi-retirement and work three days a week.

The governors approved the request, and the process for the position of a Co-Head Teacher was conducted. This process has now come to a conclusion.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed our Deputy Head Teacher, Ms. Katrine Bulley, to the role. This means that from 30th October both Ms. Bulley and Mr. Jobson will be Co-Head Teachers of Normand Croft Community School.

As most of you know, Ms. Bulley needs no introduction to our community, as she has worked at Normand Croft for many years and has been our Deputy Head Teacher since 2007.

This appointment allows the school to have continuation of stability from within, and enables the school and Ms. Bulley to continue to benefit from Mr. Jobson's extensive knowledge as an educator.

We are looking forward to Normand Croft's continuing success with this new structure in place, and are sure you would like to join myself, and the Deputy Chair and the rest of the Governing Board of Normand Croft Community School, in congratulating Ms. Bulley on her promotion to Co-Head Teacher. We wish her every success in this new role.

Martin De Ville Chair of Governors

## Outdoor Learning

This week Class 5 have been finding out more about how the planets move in our solar system. We paid special attention to the difference between the terms orbit and rotate. Using inflatable planets and sun, we acted out how all the planets orbit the sun as well as rotate. We also acted out how day and night occurs as well as how our moon orbits Earth.



## Winter Coats

Normand Croft Winter Coats are now on sale. Sizes range from 3-4 yrs up to a small adult. Orders should be placed and paid for via your schoolcomms gateway app and collected from the school office when notified.

If you would like to view a coat before purchasing, please come to the school office.

## Year 6

Children not going on school journey should be at school at 8.55 am as usual wearing our dress code. We expect them to be in school every day.

Children going on school journey should wear their own clothes. Please remember to pack a towel and a pillow. If you have not requested a school lunch, you need to arrive at school by 1.15 on Monday.

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

This week, Nursery have been 'Going on a Bear Hunt'. We read the book together and then used drums and actions to say the story. We used props and different materials to retell the story, walking our characters through swishy grass, 'sploshy' water and thick, oozy mud. Also this week, we have been learning to recognise our names, continuing to practise our colours and our numbers to ten. Such a busy week in Nursery!

Class One made porridge this week and are now writing a recount about it. In science, we have been learning new vocabulary - herbivore, omnivore and carnivore and have been able to group animals based on their diet. In phonics, the children have been applying their new sounds and have been good at chunking; breaking a larger word into parts to help read it.

This week in art, Class Two have been learning how to sketch a portrait of themselves. However, they were only allowed to use fruits and vegetables to make up the details on their faces, just like the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo did. Once they had sketched the outlines, they were able to colour in their portraits to match the colours of the fruits. In English this week, the children have been learning how to retell the story of 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. We first learnt our sentences as a whole class, before practicing in our talk partners and then some were chosen to come up and retell the story with actions in front of the class. After our retelling, we then went on to write and adapt the story independently.



Class 3 have been learning to write similes in English this week. We have generated sentences such as 'The night air was as humid as the sweltering jungles of the Amazon Rainforest.' and 'The lashing rain was as noisy as a boat's foghorn.' We are looking forward to using this learning in our next piece of extended writing. In science, we carried out an experiment testing the levels of friction in different materials.

Fares in C4 has written a recount of Class 4's visit to a Gurdwara. *On Thursday 12th October, Class 4 took the 295 bus to the Shepherd's Bush Gurdwara. The religion that we learnt about was Sikhism and a lovely man called Mr Singh showed us around the Gurdwara. When we went inside, we had to wear a headscarf and take off our shoes to show respect. Afterwards, we had a chance to walk around their holy book, which contained more than 1000 pages of songs and prayers! The holy book was placed on a decorated table at the front of the Gurdwara. We also were shown where the holy book is 'put to bed' each night. We had a talk about Sikhism, which was really interesting and then we were shown to the Langar Hall, where we ate a delicious vegetable curry for lunch.*

This week in English and science, class 6 have been investigating and reporting on the effects diet, exercise, drugs and life style can have on the way their bodies function. We had to set up a fair test, take careful measurements, analyse the results and then report our findings in a non chronological report. We have been very busy!

## Diary Dates Our Shared Value Excellence

Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Y5 & Y6 PE Y6 Marchants Hill all week 3.30 – 4.30 Y3 & Y4 Multiskills
Tue 17 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y1 Natural History Museum Y3 & Y4 PE Y5 & Y6 Girls football tournament 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 & Y2 PE Y5 Science Museum
Thur 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Swimming Y5 & Y6 Boys football tournament
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 Swimming YE Return from Marchants Hill Break up For Half Term
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Return to School Y5 & Y6 PE Multiskills
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup>	Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y3 & Y4 PE Y5 & Y6 Sportshall Athletics 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Y1 & Y2 PE
Thur 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Y6 Swimming
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y5 Swimming

### Wednesday 8th November School Photograph Day.

Sibling photos from 8am – 8.45 am  
Individual photos - from 8.55 onwards  
More Information will follow.