

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School



Attendance has been affected by sickness. We're hoping to get back to green as quickly as possible.

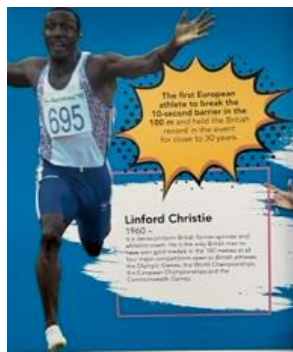
Attendance	W3 18-22 Sep
C1	93
C2	93
C3	94
C4	94
C5	92
C6	93
Totals	93

Every minute matters and every child needs to be at school on time. The gate on Mulgrave Road will close at 8.55 each day.

Our Shared Value: Excellence

Over the next month, we will be reflecting on our shared value of excellence and finding out more about some of the people we chose to have on our mural of inspirational people.

Two of the people on our wall have particular links to Hammersmith and Fulham – Stephen Wiltshire and Linford Christie. Both men have places named after them in LBHF in recognition of their achievements.



Books reflect your life, prove you're not alone. What you're going through, others have gone through.

Over the past few weeks, we have been enjoying listening to our teachers read books written by Malorie Blackman and will also be listening to poetry written by Benjamin Zephaniah.

You can find out more about both these writers by clicking on the links below:

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/author/828/Malorie-Blackman.html>

<https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/author/1077/Benjamin-Zephaniah.html>

Unity Farm and Outdoor Learning

As summer draws to a close, there are many signs that nature is already preparing for the next season. Autumn is a spectacular season and it celebrates in a blaze of golden glory before the colder, darker days of winter set in.



As our chickens were born in late spring, they may not hatch any eggs until spring 2024, although every morning for the past few weeks we have been hoping to find a freshly hatched egg or two!



To follow up on Recycle Week (16th - 22nd October), some of our eco committee will have their voices heard, and will be taking part in a recorded chat where they will be asked their thoughts. They will be answering questions from the meaning of recycling to what they think is the most important positive action someone can take to protect the future of our environment.

At Normand Croft, we start teaching the children about reducing, re-using and recycling when they start in Nursery as well as helping them get into good habits by putting their fruit and vegetable skins in the composting bin.

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

This week in Nursery we have been reading stories and talking about ourselves and our families. The children have learnt two new songs naming different body parts, and have been exploring the different ways their bodies can move, using our play equipment outside. They've been drawing themselves and their families using chalk and crayons, and have been using mirrors to look very closely at their faces to create a self portrait.

Reception class have started their phonics and have been thinking of lots of words that start with the initial sounds s a t p. Soon they will be using their knowledge to learn how to read and write words 2 and 3 letter words.

Class 1 have started to learn how to group animals. We have learnt that we and Benny (our school dog) are mammals! We even had a visit from Miss Bird and Benny. We were excited to see Benny so relaxed and happy, wagging his tail and showing his paws. We have also been exploring some features that birds and fish have. In maths the children have had to really listen and then make one less than a number as well as finding one more than a number.



This week in maths, Class 2 have been learning how to partition two-digit numbers in different ways. We have been using our Dienes in order to support us with our learning and have also written addition and subtraction calculations to match our part-part-whole models. In English, we have started our new text called 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk'. We have been learning how to make predictions about what might happen next in the story and also have been making comparisons between our new story with the original fairy tale, 'Jack and the Beanstalk'.

Class 3 have enjoyed learning about the function of bones, muscles and joints as part of our science lessons. In English, we have been planning our next Big Writes, which will be a letter describing the adventure to the Green Ship. We are hoping we might even have our own tea party, just like in the story!

This week Class 5 have been further exploring their English text 'Skellig' by hot seating the main character Michael. They came up with questions to ask 'him' and took it in turns to ask and answer. They had to use their knowledge and understanding of the text and make sure they spoke in first person when in character. There are definitely some budding actors in Year 5!



This week, class 6 have started their English work based around the book Skellig by David Almond. Through drama and discussions we have analysed the main character's feelings and thoughts and used a range of adventurous vocabulary to write a diary entry.

Diary Dates Our Shared Value Excellence

Mon 2 nd Oct	Black History Month Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y3 & Y4 Multiskills
Tue 3 rd	Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 4 th	Y1 & Y2 PE
Thur 5 th	Y6 Swimming
Fri 6 th	Y5 Swimming
Mon 9 th Oct	Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y3 & Y4 Multiskills
Tue 10 th	Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 11 th	Y1 & Y2 PE
Thur 12 th	Y6 Swimming YR4 Visiting Sikh Gurdwara Shepherds Bush
Fri 13 th	Y5 Swimming

Message to Families

Schoolgateway



Please can you
download the school
gateway app, if you
have not already done
so thank you.