

NC News

Autumn 2
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Congratulations to C2 and C3 for getting green for your attendance last week. Let's hope every class does for the rest of term!

Attendance	w/b 30 th Oct
C1	87
C2	99
C3	95
C4	94
C5	89
C6	93
Totals	93

Please call school if your child is off sick or has an appointment. Appointments should be made out of school hours. Thank you.

The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

Our Shared Values

Every November, as part of our shared value of Responsibility and Respect, we take part in anti bullying week. On Monday, we are encouraging children to come to school wearing odd socks to show that we celebrate difference at Normand Croft, and that we stand up to any forms of bullying and discrimination.



This year's theme is 'Make A Noise' and we hope you enjoy our song for the Anti-Bullying Alliance. 'Make A Noise' is the official song for Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week 2023.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UU_jOiwayo

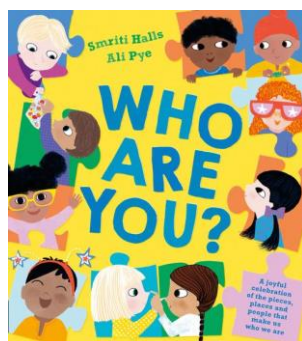
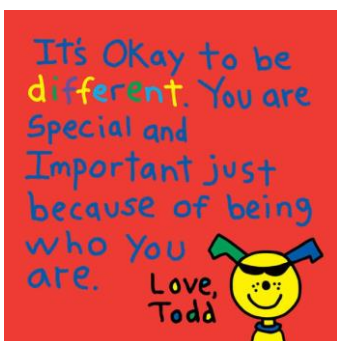
For more information on Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week please visit:

<http://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org>

Our Stay Safe ambassadors, will be involved with developing our whole school statement on celebrating difference and diversity and ensuring equality for all.

'Diversity is a fact, but inclusion is a choice we make every day. As leaders, we have to put out the message that we embrace and not just tolerate diversity.'

Nellie Borero



'Real diversity and inclusion doesn't mean that we will always agree. It means that even when we disagree, we can still respect each other.'

Justin Jones-Fosu

Starting Reception

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, they will be starting reception in primary school from September 2024.

If your child attends our Nursery, we hope that you will choose Normand Croft as your first choice for Reception. This means that your child's learning journey can continue smoothly in an environment where they will thrive.

The application process opened on 1 September 2023 and closes on 15 January 2024. The eAdmission site is open for you to register your details and to make an application for a reception place.

https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/2021_eadmission_application_guidance.pdf

Information can be found by clicking on the link below:
https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/hf-primary-hints-and-tips-2024.pdf English

The national offer day is 16 April 2024

Family Stay & Read

On Tuesday 14th November from 9-9.30, we would love families to come in and read with your children. Pop along to your children's classrooms and enjoy sharing a book or two!

Year 1 Phonics Workshop



Thank you to all of the families who attended the Year 1 phonics workshop this week. We were delighted to see so many of you there to support your children and we hope you found the session helpful. Please see the link below for the Little Wandle website, that was shown to you during the session and feel free to speak to us about anything we can do to help you support your child with reading at home.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

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

This week in Nursery we have been reading Owl Babies. The children have been learning all about owls and other nocturnal animals. They made a huge collage using paints, finger paints, feathers and sticks, and practised retelling the story with puppets and other props.



Reception children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm during phonics sessions. They have enjoyed learning about the festival of Diwali.

For History, Class 1 had a visit from Miss Jackson who brought some VERY special teddies with her. She showed the children her Mummy's teddy, her teddy and her son's teddy. The children observed the differences and similarities and had a look at how they have changed over time. They noticed how the older toys were now a bit worn out so we had to be very careful with them!



This week in Class 2, we had a virtual history workshop where we were learning who Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale were, all that they achieved in their lifetime and why they are remembered today. We even got to learn some Makaton signs, such as ships and horseback, when discussing how people travelled during the Victorian Era and how it's different from travel today. In English, we started our new story called 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit' by Beatrix Potter who is also a famous Victorian. We have been learning how to describe Peter Rabbit using expanded noun phrases and have been learning how to improve sentences. This will support us with writing our character description next week.

This week Class 3 went to the British Museum as part of our history unit on the Ancient Egyptians. We saw some mummies, a sarcophagus, a female sphinx and lots more! We enjoyed our time in Holborn and learnt lots about Ancient Egyptian life.



Class 4 also went to the British Museum as part of their History topic, 'Ancient Egyptians.' They were well behaved, inquisitive and delightful to be around. They had a wonderful time looking at Egyptian artefacts and making detailed sketches of sarcophagi and stone sphinx. Well done to all the Class 4 historians!

This week Class 5 have been finding out about the Ancient Greeks. They became historians by looking at a selection of artefacts and asking questions about them. They thought about what the artefacts could be, what they might have been used for and what clues they could give us about life in Ancient Greece.

Class 6 have had a busy week this week. As part of their into university experience they have been studying engineering. They investigated different structures and designed and made bridges that had to be strong enough to hold at least 5 dictionaries. As you can tell they were very successful! They also attended a rocket workshop at the science museum and on Friday graduated at Roehampton University. They were all very proud of themselves. Well done Class 6!

Diary Dates Our Shared Value Responsibility and Respect

Mon 13 th Nov	Anti Bullying Week Wear Odd Socks to school Y5 & Y6 PE Y3 & Y4 Multiskills
Tue 14 th	Family Stay & Read Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 15 th	Y1 & Y2 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y5/Y6 Girls football
Thu 16 th	Y6 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30 Y5/Y6 Boys football
Fri 17 th	Children in Need Y5 Swimming
Mon 20 th Nov	Y5 & Y6 PE Y2 St Andrews Church 10 – 11am Y3 & Y4 Multiskills
Tue 21 st	Y5 & Y6 Squash Club am Y6 British Museum Y5 Lyric Theatre 9.15 – 1.00 Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multiskills
Wed 22 nd	Y1 & Y2 PE Y5 British Museum 3.30 – 4.30 Y5/Y6 Girls football
Thu 23 rd	Y6 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30 Y5/Y6 Boys football
Fri 24 th	School Closed For Children INSET DAY

Children in Need

We will be taking part in Children in Need this year on Friday 17th November. More details will follow once arrangements have been finalised by School Council.

