

# NC News

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The newsletter of  
Normand Croft Community School



Congratulations to C1, C2, and C3 for getting green for your attendance last week. Let's hope every class does for the rest of term!

| Attendance | 20th-24th Nov |
|------------|---------------|
| C1         | 95            |
| C2         | 97            |
| C3         | 95            |
| C4         | 93            |
| C5         | 92            |
| C6         | 94            |
| Totals     | 95            |



If you arrive late for school, once the gate has closed, you will have to take your child's scooter or bike home.

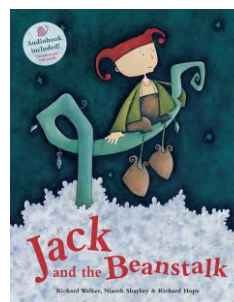
At Normand Croft this half term, each class has been enjoying listening to poems and stories written by poet and author Benjamin Zephaniah as part of our reading for pleasure curriculum.

Sadly it was announced yesterday that he has died. His poem 'The British' particularly resonates with us and, at this time of year, so does his anthology Talking Turkeys

## The British

Take some Picts, Celts and Silures  
And let them settle,  
Then overrun them with Roman conquerors.  
Remove the Romans after approximately 400 years  
Add lots of Norman French to some Angles, Saxons,  
Jutes and Vikings,  
then stir vigorously.  
Mix some hot Chileans, cool Jamaicans, Dominicans,  
Trinidadians and Bajans with some Ethiopians,  
Chinese, Vietnamese and Sudanese.  
Then take a blend of Somalians, Sri Lankans, Nigerians  
And Pakistanis,  
Combine with some Guyanese And turn up the heat.  
Sprinkle some fresh Indians,  
Malaysians, Bosnians, Iraqis and Bangladeshis together  
with some  
Afghans, Spanish, Turkish, Kurdish, Japanese  
And Palestinians  
Then add to the melting pot.  
Leave the ingredients to simmer.  
As they mix and blend allow their languages to flourish  
Binding them together with English.  
Allow time to be cool.  
Add some unity, understanding, and  
respect for the future,  
Serve with justice  
And enjoy.  
Note: All the ingredients are equally  
important. Treating one ingredient better  
than another will leave a bitter  
unpleasant taste.  
Warning: An unequal spread of justice  
will damage the people and  
cause pain.  
Give justice and equality to all.

## Primary Pantomime: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December



This year's primary pantomime will be based on the traditional tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Performances will take place **on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Due to space restrictions, we ask, where possible that families of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 attend the morning performance and those in 4, 5 and 6 the afternoon performance.**

**Morning performance: 11.00 am**

**Afternoon performance: 2.00 pm**

Please arrive 5 minutes before the start times

## Early Years Singing Concert Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Nursery and Reception families are invited to our Early Years singing concert at 10.30 am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to seeing you all.

## 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. We also welcome applications from families across Hammersmith and Fulham and Kensington and Chelsea. To arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 020 7385 6847.

The application process 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](https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/sites/default/files/section_attachments/2021_eadmission_application_guidance.pdf)

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

This week in Nursery we've been reading *Robin's Winter Song* by Suzanne Barton. The children have been learning about how the seasons change from Autumn to Winter, and they loved discovering what happened when we left glittery water, leaves and different toy animals out in our water tray overnight.



In maths, Class One have been introduced to the subtraction symbol. They have been starting to write as well as say subtraction facts using cubes to support them. In gymnastics, they used the climbing apparatus which they were excited about. In DT, the children cut, measured and joined fabric to make a peg doll. In phonics they are trying to spot the split digraphs in words.

This week in Class Two, we have been writing an acrostic poem about Mary Seacole in history and have also been learning about the famous Isambard Kingdom Brunel. We learnt about his achievements in life such as creating and building the Great Western Railway and how he changed travel in Britain for all. In English this week, we have been writing the story of Peter Rabbit. We have been ensuring that we are adding in our own sentences, including adjectives and extending our sentences when writing. Excitingly, we will be reading our stories to the children in Year 1 on Monday.

Class 3 have begun to learn a variety of division strategies. We have practiced using these to solve equations and can now divide by 2, 5 and 10. We have also enjoyed listening to visitors discuss religious festivities around the world.

This week in Class 4 we have practised writing a balanced argument in English, using persuasive language and rhetorical questions to answer the question, 'Should Zeraffa the giraffe be sent to France?' In Maths, we have grappled with area and consolidated our understanding of 2D and 3D shapes. We have also nearly finished our Tutankhamun masks, of which we are all extremely proud.



This week Class 5 and 6 took part in a workshop 'Dr.Me' all about self care. Run by local junior doctors, the workshop gave children the chance to learn more about common injuries and illnesses such as sore throats, vomiting and diarrhoea and sprains, and further discover how best to protect themselves as well as when/how to seek treatment.

We were fortunate to welcome two visitors to school this week, Cecilia Weiler spoke to the children about Swedish Christmas traditions and Reverend Sam from St Andrew's church, Fulham Fields spoke about how Christians prepare for Christmas.

## Diary Dates Our Shared Value Responsibility and Respect

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Mon<br>11 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | Y5 & Y6 PE<br>Y3 & Y4 Multiskills   |
| Tue<br>12 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | 3.30 – 4.30<br>Y1 & Y2 Multiskills  |
| Wed<br>13 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | Y 1 & Y2 PE<br>3.30 – 4.30 Y5/Y6 Girls<br>football                              |
| Thu<br>14 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | Y6 Swimming<br>3.30 – 4.30 Y5/Y6 Boys<br>football                               |
| Fri<br>15 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | Y5 Swimming<br><b>Wear a Christmas Jumper<br/>Day</b><br>School Christmas Lunch |
| Mon<br>18 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | Y5 & Y6 PE  |
| Tue<br>19 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | Primary Performance: Jack<br>and the Beanstalk<br>11.00 & 2.00                  |
| Wed<br>20 <sup>th</sup><br>Dec | Early years Singing Concert<br>10.30<br>Y 1 & Y2 PE                             |
| Thu<br>21 <sup>st</sup><br>Dec | <b>School finishes at 12.30</b>   |

### Family Translators

We value the many languages spoken within our school community. If you would be willing to translate/interpret, please let the office know your name and languages you speak.

**Wear a Christmas Jumper  
Christmas Lunch  
Friday 15th December**

