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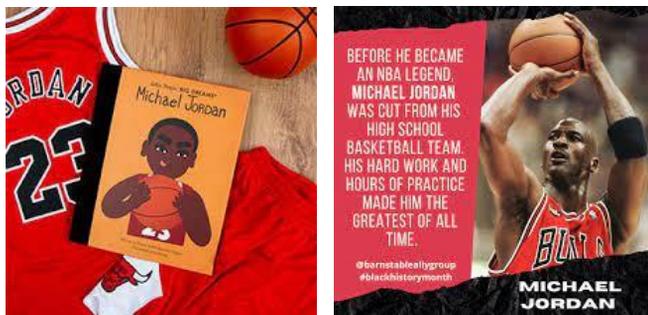
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Normand Croft Community School

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

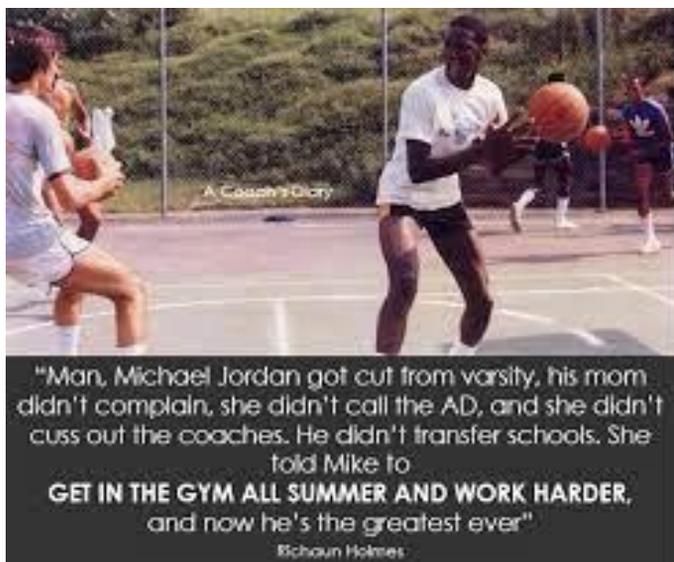
A great start to the new year! We have met our attendance target of 96%. Thank you to all our children and families who have helped us do this. Keep it up!

Attendance	
C1	95
C2	97
C3	97
C4	97
C5	96
C6	94
<b>Totals</b>	<b>96</b>

### Our Shared Values Determination



This week, as part of our focus on our shared value of determination we listened to the story of Michael Jordan part of the Little People Big Dreams series. Michael Jordan is arguably the most famous sportsman in the world so it was interesting to learn that when he was younger, he was not chosen to play for his school's basketball team.



Michael Jordan is a great example of someone who demonstrates a growth mindset and is tenacious. Although he was considered the greatest basketball player, he still practised and put in the effort and hard work to improve every day.

*"Obstacles don't have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don't turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it."*

— Michael Jordan

### Outdoor Learning

Hello I am Ms Martin and I am very happy to be working at Normand Croft as the new Outdoor Learning Project Leader on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. This week all the outdoor learning and gardening clubs have got going and it has been great to see how enthusiastic the children are from Early Years upwards. The focus so far has been on planting out spring bulbs and creating bird feeders in preparation for the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of the week. The Monday after school Eco Club have opened a bird café outside the Green Room and also collected over half a kilo (550g) of litter on their litter pick of the school grounds – well done! Eco Club is now open to all students in Classes 5 and 6 - there are still a few spaces left so please come and get involved!



### Thank You

This week, we would like to thank Jacob from St Giles' Trust who spent the day in school with Classes 5 and 6 as part of Personal Development and Wellbeing sessions. He gave the children practical advice on how to keep themselves safe outside of school

Also thank you to Imperial College London who came in to work with Years 1 and 2, setting up a 'Teddy Bears Hospital' so the children could enhance their learning about keeping safe and healthy.

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

This week Nursery have been reading *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. We enjoyed acting out and retelling the story and even tried different bowls (flavours) of porridge, just like Goldilocks. We then recorded our favourite flavour on a tally chart. The most popular flavour was golden syrup. Our story next week is *The Three Little Pigs* and our rhyme is Tommy Thumb Reception have been reading and retelling the traditional tale of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. We have been building bridges to help the Billy Goats cross the water.



Class 1 were very excited to start cooking lessons. They started off learning how to make Jamaican buns. They were finding out about all the ingredients including smelling the spices. They then put all the ingredients in the bowl, taking in turns to mix them all together and then knead the dough.



This week Class 1 and Class 2, had an exciting visit from some doctors from the Teddy Bear Hospital. The children learnt lots as they explored the different 'stations'. They talked about what food is healthy, when to ring 999 and what support you can get when you need help, how to keep our bodies healthy and learnt about the organs inside our bodies.

In computing, Class 2 have been learning how to give a set of instructions. We instructed our class robot (Miss Nugent) on how to make a jam sandwich and when doing so, we had to make sure that these instructions were precise and if an error occurred, we had to debug the robot. Following this activity, we went outside in pairs and instructed our partner how to get from one spot to another with precise instructions.

This week in Class 3 we have been exploring how fossils are formed. The children created posters showing a visual representation of fossilisation. In English we have learnt about co-ordinating and subordinating conjunctions, and we have also practised dividing two digit numbers using partitioning in Maths

In Class 4 this week, we tried our best in every lesson and showed kindness and respect, both in the classroom and around the school. In Science, we melted chocolate to see how long it would take to become a liquid. We posed the question, 'Does chocolate melt more quickly if it is cut into pieces?' We were able to answer with confidence. In Maths, we have delved deeper into multiplication and revisited fact families in order to explore division. We worked hard in English to build our argument concerning the fate of the Iron Man.

This week Class 5 enjoyed making spiral Spanakopitas (spinach and feta rolled inside filo pastry). The popular Greek pie was really fun to make especially the rolling part which wasn't as easy as it first looked! The end result looked fabulous and tasted delicious!

As part of our personal development and wellbeing curriculum, Class 6 were given guidance and reflected on what makes a good citizen by Jacob from St Giles' Trust. He talked to them about what a gang is, why some people join gangs and the consequences of doing so. We were proud of the way they took part in thoughtful and mature discussions.

## Diary Dates Our Shared Value Determination

Mon 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Y5 & Y6 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	8.45 - 9.15 Family Stay and Read Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Y1 & Y2 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Y5 Swimming 3:30 - 4:30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football YR4 Science Museum
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Y4 Swimming 9:30 - 2:30 Boys football tournament
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5 & Y6 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y1 & Y2 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y5 Swimming 3:30 - 4:30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football Y3 Natural History Museum
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Y4 Swimming Y5 & 6 - London Eye Break up for Half Term