

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

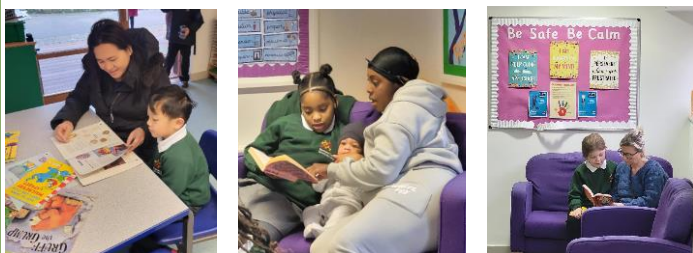
Congratulations to C3 for exceeding our target of 96%. We're hoping those children who are sick feel better very soon and that every class gets back to green.

| Attendance | 22-26 th Jan |
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| C1 | 86 |
| C2 | 94 |
| C3 | 97 |
| C4 | 91 |
| C5 | 94 |
| C6 | 94 |
| Totals | 93 |

Our Shared Values Determination

Family Stay and Read

We are determined to make sure every child leaves Normand Croft being able to read fluently with a lifelong love of reading.
Thank you to all the families who attended family stay and read this week.



It was great to see so many families attending this half term. Remember to check the newsletter's diary dates for more stay and read sessions next half term.

Children's Mental Health Week



As part of children's mental health week, we will be holding a coffee morning for families on Wednesday 7th February from 9am - 9.45am. This is an opportunity for you to come in and have some time to yourself, talk to other families or to ask questions about what services are available to support you and your family with any concerns you may have.

Cost of Living

As the cost of living rise continues to be problematic for families, please contact Ms How if you would like a referral to the foodbank.

Packed Lunches

A number of children who have packed lunches are bringing in chocolate bars. We would encourage you to 'switch the sweets' and replace with cereal bars or yoghurts and replace crisps with popcorn. For ideas on making healthy packed lunches, please follow this link <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes>

Unity Farm - Outdoor Learning

This week our focus has been very much on our feathered friends. On Friday the outdoor learning office became a Big Garden Birdwatch viewing window: our new Eco Committee (Amani, Sina, Andre, Khalil, Ward, Saaliha and Dora) plus Batul and Madina popped in and out all during lunchtime to help spot and count wild birds that landed outside. We were excited to see six different types of bird (see poster) and are all becoming more expert at identifying them.



Meanwhile in the Eco Club and gardening clubs we are thinking about our chickens and making sure they have the best diet possible. Years 3 and 4 have planted herbs in egg boxes, while in Eco Club we dug up some rocket and took it to the coop where it received a grateful claws up from Star and her friends!



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

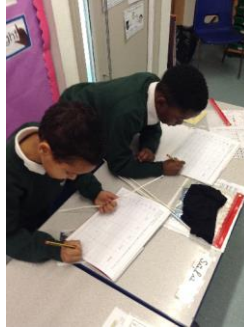
This week, Nursery have been reading the story *The Three Little Pigs*. We built our own houses out of straw, sticks and "bricks" inspired by the story, and investigated the properties of different materials, talking about whether they were hard, soft, delicate, strong, sturdy etc. We also made "stick" (bran) melted chocolate cakes, which were very delicious. We also had lots of fun finger painting whilst singing our rhyme of the week "Tommy Thumb". We will continue with the story '*The Three Little Pigs*' next week, and our Rhyme will be "This Little Piggy Went to Market".

On Tuesday Reception enjoyed sharing books with parents and carers in the classroom. Thank you all for coming.



Class 1 made cauliflower mac and cheese this week. They were shown how to cut the cauliflower safely into small pieces. They also made a cheese sauce carefully adding the milk a little bit at a time and remembered to keep stirring the sauce so it did not get lumpy. In English, the children have started a new story 'The Odd Egg'. The children were proud to show other children in the school their non fiction writing about arctic animals.

This week in science, Class 2 have been investigating how the shapes of solid objects can be changed by stretching, twisting, bending and squashing. The children worked in groups to explore this with a variety of objects such as elastic bands, t-shirts and rulers. The children then noted down their findings in their workbooks. In geography this week, we made our own rain gauge by using an empty bottle, scissors, jelly, sticky tape and a ruler. Once we made this, we found a space outside to place it in. Every day at the same time for a week, we have been measuring the amount of rain collected



This week in Class 3, we learnt how to divide with remainders in Maths. We generated sentences such as "16 divided by 5 is 3 remainder 1" using resources to support our learning. We wrote a persuasive letter in English and in Science, we were lucky enough to have real scientists visit to discuss geology and fossils.

In science, Class 5 have been trying to identify factors that affect the rate of dissolving. They decided to test the affect of temperature by putting dyed sugar cubes in hot and cold water. After making a prediction and planning a fair test, they carried out the experiment in pairs and recorded their observations.

This week, Class 6 have continued to read and complete work around the London Eye Mystery by Siobhan Dowd. They are excited about their trip next week - where they will actually get a chance to ascend into the sky themselves and witness the magnificent views they have been describing. We also all hope they will finally be able to solve the mystery!

Diary Dates Our Shared Value Determination

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| Mon 5 th Feb | Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 -4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club |
| Tue 6 th Feb | Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club |
| Wed 7 th Feb | Y 1 & Y2 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football |
| Thu 8 th Feb | Y5 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football Y3 Natural History Museum |
| Fri 9 th Feb | Y4 Swimming Y 5 & 6 – London Eye Break up for Half Term |
| Mon 19 th Feb | Remember to arrive at 8.45! Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 -4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club |
| Tue 20 th Feb | Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club |
| Wed 21 st Feb | Y 1 & Y2 PE 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3.30 – 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football |
| Thu 22 nd Feb | Y5 Swimming 3.30 – 4.30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football |
| Fri 23 rd Feb | Y4 Swimming Girls Football Tournament 9.30 – 2.30 |

**A reminder to U3s and morning
Nursery families that Nursery will
start at 8.45 and finish at 11.45 am
after half term.**

**It's important that you arrive on
time. Thank you.**