

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Thank you to all families who make sure your children arrive on time every day. The gates are closed at 8.55 so please make sure that you have left the playground by this time.

Attendance	29 – 2 Feb
C1	95
C2	95
C3	94
C4	97
C5	94
C6	93
Totals	95

Our Shared Values Determination

This half term, the children have shown their determination to always try and be safe, be kind and be the best that they can be. You can find out more about our shared values approach and how we encourage personal development and wellbeing by clicking on the links to our website below:

<https://normandcroft.lbhf.sch.uk/curriculum/shared-values/>

<https://normandcroft.lbhf.sch.uk/curriculum/personal-development-and-well-being/>



As part of Children's Mental Health Week, you may want to reflect with your child on what their hopes and dreams are and what has made them feel proud this year. On Tuesday, we had an assembly led by Jade and Zeynep from Mind who talked to the children about mental health and this year's theme My Voice Matters. The following website has some helpful information for families.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

Healthy Start

If you are at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4 years old, you could receive support with buying milk, fruit and vegetables.

For further information or to apply, please following the link below.

<https://applyforhealthystart.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/apply-for-healthy-start/>

Nourish Hub

The charity Nourish Hub in Shepherd's Bush will be offering a free food club provision aimed at children ages 7 to 11. Children will have the opportunity to explore new foods, cook following a recipe and will be served a hot lunch. This will take place on the 13th and 15th February.. If you would like to book onto one of the sessions, please do so using the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/february-half-term-food-club-7-11-years-old-tickets-808894925497>

Unity Farm - Outdoor Learning

This week in the gardening clubs we have been busy with succulents, planting up sedum cuttings for every class and repotting the yucca plants. The triceratops in the Green Room has also had a makeover!



The bird café is becoming extremely popular with lots of different kinds of birds including a huge group of starlings.

On Monday we had a visit from Lewis McNeill of the Orchard Project who helped plant all the fruit trees in the orchard back in 2016. Lewis gave myself and Annie our volunteer a training session in how to prune and look after our trees so that we can continue to enjoy them in the future - thank you Lewis!



Sharing books makes a big difference to your child's education. When you read to your child you are making a positive impact on your child's reading ability and their love of reading. Reading a book and chatting about it has a positive impact on your child's ability to:

- understand words and sentences
- use a wide range of vocabulary
- develop listening comprehension skills

Reading books your child has chosen to read for pleasure is one of the best things you can do to help them succeed at school. A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success!

In Nursery, the children have been tuning into sounds and are able to hear the sound their name begins with. They have also enjoyed playing What's in the box? And identifying objects beginning with the sound s and t. You will be given a sheet telling you how we help the children to remember how to pronounce each sound.

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

This week Nursery have been continuing the story of The Three Little Pigs. We had lots of fun acting out the story for our friends, and especially enjoyed making (and eating) pink, marshmallow "pig" biscuits. We have been using language like "little", "big", "longer", "shorter", "curvy", "straight" to describe and sort lots of different objects and materials, and also had fun outside, discovering which objects rolled easily down the slope and which moved much slower.

In Reception, we have been learning about Lunar New Year and reading the traditional tale of 'The Great Race'.

This week the children in Class 1 have been learning about Judaism and the importance of Shabbat to Jewish people. We enjoyed making some challah bread in class. We also made a pea and broccoli pesto gnocchi during our cooking lessons.

This week in science, Class 2 have been making speedy space shuttles out of different materials and investigating the question 'Which material would travel the furthest?'. We made aeroplanes out of paper, card, tin foil and tissue paper. The children had to make a prediction and discussed how to make this experiment a fair test. We then went to the hall to test out the aeroplanes we made in pairs and measured the distance they travelled. Finally, we wrote down our results and conclusion of the experiment.



This week, Class 3 went on a school trip to the Natural History Museum. We went on a 'Dino Dig' to discover more about fossils. Then, we went to the dinosaur section, where we saw lots of fossils, eggs and replicas. We looked at different types of rocks linked to our science unit, and then we went to have a look at the Volcanoes and Earthquakes section. We even got to experience an earthquake simulation. We also saw the huge fossil that Mary Anning discovered. The children made the school proud with their excellent behaviour.

If you're wondering what Class 4 did last Thursday, read on to find out more! Early in the morning, we came out of school and hopped on the 4.30 bus all the way to South Kensington. Once we had got off the bus, we went into a huge building called... The Science Museum and straight up the stairs to the Wonderlab. A nice lady gave us a short introduction to the States of Matter exhibition and then we were allowed to go in and touch everything on display. My favourite exhibit was the enormous Earth, Sun and Moon. - Kamila

My favourite part was learning about liquid nitrogen. We saw it actually boiling at room temperature! Manny

I loved watching the experiment with dry ice and when they froze a gummy worm with liquid nitrogen! Siraj

We went to the Science Museum and it was incredible! Mariam I sat on the bus with Sophie. It was fun! Shylah

On Wednesday, Class 5 had a busy morning learning how to make flatbread with spiced carrot and coconut soup. They practised lots of skills and had to problem solve when the bread dough was very sticky! A big thank you to Narjies's mum who supported the children and helped to clean up afterwards

Diary Dates Our Shared Value Independence

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	Y1 & Y2 PE School Photos 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
Mon 26 th Feb	Y5 & Y6 PE 3.30 - 4.30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3.30 - 4.30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 27 th Feb	Y3 & Y4 PE 3.30 - 4.30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3.30 - 4.30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 28 th Feb	Y1 & Y2 PE 3.30 - 4.30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3.30 - 4.30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football
Thu 29 th Feb	Y5 Swimming 3.30 - 4.30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football
Fri 1 st March	Y4 Swimming

**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.**