

NC News

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The Newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Attendance the week before the holiday was very low as there was a lot of sickness bugs going around. Hopefully, we will have a healthier start to this half term.

Attendance	5 – 9 Feb
C1	89
C2	84
C3	84
C4	92
C5	92
C6	90
Totals	88

Our Shared Values

This half term, we are focussing on our shared value of independence.

At Normand Croft we want children to develop their independence. One of the things we encourage them to always think about is to do the right thing even when no one is looking.

"THE GREATEST GIFTS WE CAN GIVE OUR CHILDREN ARE THE ROOTS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND THE WINGS OF INDEPENDENCE."

—DR. MARIA MONTESSORI

Readers' Cup 2024



We are proud to announce that our Year 6 team came 2nd in the annual Readers' Cup Competition after a nail biting tie break situation with Langford Primary. Nine of our Year 6 children competed against three other Fulham schools. They answered a range of questions about three chosen books as well as a general knowledge round. What a fun way to get the children reading!

A huge thank you to the Thomas's Foundation for organising this event, to Ms Bird, Ms Daniells and Ms Hedley for their help in preparing the team, the families who came to support and, last but not least, to the children who were amazing.

The books they read and would highly recommend are:
Tyger by SF Said
The Case of The Lighthouse Intruder by Kereen Getten
Spellstone by Ross Montgomery

Unity Farm - Outdoor Learning

Our beautiful school grounds are showing lots of signs that spring is on the way.

A range of flowers are now in bloom, including daffodils, crocus and hyacinths.



World Book Day

On Monday 4th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day and would like children to come to school dressed as one of their favourite book characters or in their pyjamas to recognise the joy of listening to a bedtime story.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/world-book-day-6-principles-of-reading-for-pleasure/>

Family Stay and Read

Children love spending time looking at books with adults. It makes a big difference to their futures to spend 10 minutes a day sharing a story.

On Thursday 7th March we would like you to come in for Family Stay & Read from 8.45-9.10am, to share books with your children.

There are no right or wrong ways to read out loud but sometimes it can be tricky to know where to begin.

Here are a few tips and ideas to get you started:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/sharing-stories-together-tips-for-reading-with-a-child/>

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

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story *Mr Wolf's Pancakes*. On Tuesday the children tasted lots of different pancake toppings (sugar, maple syrup, lemon and strawberries) and voted which one they liked the best. In maths, we have been focussing on number 5, and have had lots of fun singing "5 little speckled frogs" and "5 little men in a flying saucer". This week we will be sending home our new class teddy called Oakley. He is very excited to be going home for the weekend with one of our Nursery children. We can't wait to hear about Oakley's adventures on Monday.



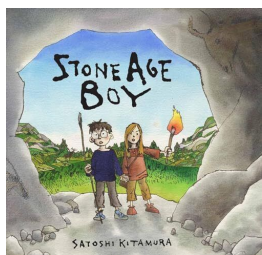
We have been learning to use watercolour paints in Reception this week and have been painting some beautiful pictures for our class gallery.

In Class 1, the children started their Geography topic, What is it like where we live? We have started thinking about the location of our school and have looked at an aerial photograph of it as well as a map. We have had our last cooking lesson where the children were delighted to use a spiraliser to make their apple puffs.

This week in Class 2, we have been learning how to sort 2D shapes into groups depending on their properties. Also, we have been learning how to draw lines of symmetry on 2D shapes. In English this week, we have been reading our new text called 'Claude in the City' by Alex T. Smith. We have been making predictions, sequencing the story and describing Claude's appearance and personality using expanded noun phrases.

This week, Class 3 have enjoyed exploring our new English text, Stone Age Boy. This text is associated with our history topic this half term - the Stone Age. In history, the children created their own timelines, placing a range of historical events in chronological order.

Class 4 have had a wonderful start to the second half of the academic year. They have begun reading 'Stone Age Boy' in English and are already very enthusiastic about working towards writing a diary entry based on the narrative later in the term. In Maths, they have been consolidating their understanding of fact families, using the inverse to check division questions. They have also learnt how to use related facts of multiplication to answer questions that have factors of ten or one hundred times bigger.



Class 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their trip on the iconic London Eye. Despite the rainy weather, they were still able to marvel at all the famous London landmarks of the South Bank including the historic Big Ben! Riding 96 metres above central London was a magical experience. One of the children said, 'After reading the London Eye Mystery story it was great to actually experience the ride itself. This was my best day out!'

Diary Dates Our Shared Value Independence

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
Mon 4 th Mar	World Book Day Celebration Y5 & Y6 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 ECO Club
Tue 5 th March	Year 2 River Cruise Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 6 th March	Y6 - Craven Cottage Y6 Junior Citizens Y5 Robotics Academy Y1 & Y2 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football
Thu 7 th March	Family Stay & Read 8.45 - 9.20 Y5 Swimming 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Boys football
Fri 8 th March	Y4 Swimming