

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS.**
ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Attendance	4-8 March
C1	93.8%
C2	94.4%
C3	91.1%
C4	91.1%
C5	92.1%
C6	91.1%
Totals	92.3%

Enjoying and Achieving: Sport



Congratulations to our Squash Team who played in a squash tournament at the prestigious Queen's Club. They were awarded first place and won a trophy. Thank you to both Mr Ekeh's for accompanying the children to their sessions every Tuesday morning before school, and to Ms Musa for taking them to the competition.

DanceWest based at Sands End Arts and Community Centre in Peterborough Road SW6 3EZ are offering a free holiday club for children aged 5-11 in Hammersmith and Fulham schools. Priority will be given to families receiving universal family credit.

The sessions will run 9.45-2pm

Tuesday 2nd April-Friday 5th April

Monday 8th April-Thursday 9th April

For more information email info@dancewest.co.uk or call 07494513079

Coffee Afternoon / Drop in session

We will be holding a drop in for parents / carers on Thursday 21st March.

Our School Nurse, School Attendance Support Officer, Inclusion Lead and SENDco will be available for you to ask any questions you may have.

Secondary transfer

A reminder to Year 6 parents / carers that Secondary offers must be accepted by today, Friday 15th March.

Red nose day

We will be hosting Red Nose Day event on Friday 22nd March. More information will follow via school comms next week.

Unity Farm and Outdoor Learning

The chickens are gearing up for spring by nesting and one of them, Oreo, has been laying almost daily, as these photos from Annie our volunteer show:



Mrs Harvey was delighted to receive a box of fresh eggs as a thank you from Normand Croft for all of her hard work last year making sure the eggs hatched safely and the chicks were well looked after.

This week we are also looking forward to spring! It's cold and rainy out there but in the Garden Room the children have been busy potting on herbs, flower and vegetable seedlings that need more space to grow. These broad beans are looking especially vigorous!



We are gearing up for Food Waste Action Week next week and this week had a visit from Craig Walker, part of the Hammersmith & Fulham Recycling team. He was very impressed with our recycling and composting system and is going to arrange for the delivery of special bins so that we can start to recycle our non-compostable food waste too!

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

This week in Nursery we celebrated the special women in our lives with a tea party. It was lovely to welcome so many family members into Nursery, and the children thoroughly enjoyed playing and eating yummy treats with their special people. Also this week, we read the story "*Jasper's Beanstalk*" and started our new topic, "Growing". We started talking about how to care for the flowers and plants we already have, and look forward to adding more vegetables and plants to our outside area in the coming weeks.



Class 1 have been working hard on our maths number skills. We have been working out the missing number in addition and subtraction sentences. The children have been using cubes and number lines to support them. In Geography, we have been sorting man-made and natural objects and have drawn our own maps with a key.

In Class 2, we began the week with sharing our retell of *Claude in the City* to Class 3 who thoroughly enjoyed listening to our interesting stories. In English, we then moved on to planning and writing a diary entry about the Great Fire of London. The children re-enacted parts of the Great Fire of London such as running through the narrow streets and alley ways or helping to put the fire out with leather buckets and fire squirts. They acted as if they were there, thinking about how they would have felt and what they may have been feeling. Following this, they wrote down their thoughts and feelings on a speech bubble and then a few children came to the front and shared theirs with the class, using expression and drama. In maths this week, we have been learning how to make amounts of money with different coins and notes and have also been comparing amounts of money.

This week has been Science Week and Class 3 have been lucky enough to be involved in 3 different workshops! We have been exploring time, learning about careers in science and even generating our own scientific inventions. In maths we have continued our work on fractions, and are now able to compare fractions using their denominator.



What a wonderful time Class 4 have had this week! To celebrate Science Week, the children attended four workshops all centred around the theme, 'Time'. They particularly enjoyed creating their own sun dials as well as making a whole class xylophone, using jars filled with different amounts of water. Well done young scientists!

This week Classes 5 and 6 took part in a science workshop taken by the National Physics Laboratory (NPL), as part of Science Week. They were tasked with investigating whether our dominant or non-dominant hand has the fastest reaction time. Their data was gathered from catching a falling ruler, taking accurate measurements of their reaction times. They soon worked out that it was important to take many measurements and then find the average. We were all surprised to find out, it was their non-dominant hand that was actually the quickest overall!

Diary Dates
Our Shared Value
Independence

Mon 18 th March	Y5 & Y6 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Year 3 & 4 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Eco Club
Tue 19 th March	Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y1 & Y2 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 20 th March	Y1 & Y2 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & 6 Multisports 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football
Thu 21 st March	9.30 - 10.30 Y3 St Andrews Church 10 - 12.30 Y5 Into University Y5 Swimming 3:30 - 4:30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football
Fri 22 nd Mar	Red Nose Day Y4 Swimming Y1 Central London Geography Trip
Mon 25 th March	Y5 & Y6 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Eco Club
Tue 26 th March	Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 - 4:30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 27 th March	Y1 & Y2 PE
Thu 28 th March	12.30 Break Up for Easter Holidays
Fri 29 th March	School Closed Good Friday

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to Ms Hedley for the effort she put in to making science week such a success. The children have been enthused through out the week and have really enjoyed meeting real life scientists!