

NC News

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The newsletter of
Normand Croft Community School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS.

ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

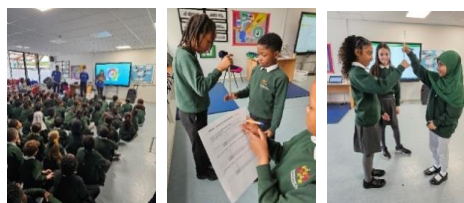
Attendance	4-8 March
C1	91.8%
C2	93.9%
C3	93%
C4	92.1%
C5	92.6%
C6	93.2%
Totals	92.8%

British Science Week - Theme: Time

Last week was British Science Week and Normand Croft got fully involved...some might say, it went off with a BANG!! We welcomed a range of scientists into our school to carry out lots of 'hands on' learning, all focused on the special 'TIME' theme! Here are some of the exciting things that have taken place...

National Physical Laboratory (NPL)

The National Physical Laboratory (NPL) came in to work with us! All classes undertook an investigation to find out whether their dominant or non-dominant hand had the fastest reaction TIME. We investigated this by dropping, and catching, a ruler. We needed to make accurate measurements and then we compared our results. We then used our findings to draw a conclusion and shared the results with the whole school.



Great Exhibition, Big Ideas Workshop, presented by Imperial College

Class 3 embarked on a thrilling science workshop, where they travelled through TIME, looking at how science has progressed from the past to the present and delving into the future! They then became inventors and engineers of their own, designing and making a machine for the future. Some of their amazing work will be displayed at the Great Exhibition Road Festival on 15th & 16th June, find out more here: <https://www.greatexhibitionroadfestival.co.uk/>



Assembly Show, presented by Mother Nature Science

We marvelled in awe and wonder at the exciting science demonstrations that were performed by a visiting scientist, Omar. Together we investigated, how bubbles are formed and made some enormous floating bubbles. We also learnt what force makes a deflating balloon move, and finally, we create an exploding breakfast with cornflour!



Mother Nature Science

Mother Nature Science Company came in to run science workshops with classes 1- 6, related to the National Science Week theme 'TIME'. The children all made sundials and learnt that you can tell what TIME it is depending on where the Sun casts its shadow on the sundial.



Blackett Lab Family

We were thrilled to welcome Matthew, a scientist from the Blacketts Lab Family. The Blacketts Lab Family are a collective of UK based Black physicists with a mission of changing the face of physics. Matthew spent the afternoon working with Class 4 developing their understanding of how sounds travels in waves and our brains translate these waves into sounds. They also learnt that the speed (TIME) of the sound wave effects the pitch of the sound. The smaller number of waves occurring in a given amount of TIME, the lower the pitch and vice versa.



It was definitely an engaging and enriching week for all involved.

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

This week in Nursery we have been working on our independent skills. We have been practicing how to take off our socks and shoes, and how to put them back on again. We have also been learning how to pour water from a jug, to make our own drinks.



Class 1 have been excited about creating innovated stories in English. They have been changing some details of a familiar story. In Maths they have been working on understanding place value up to 50 by grouping objects into tens. In Geography, we have been identifying London Landmarks.

In Class 2 this week, the children have been learning to write an information text on the Great Fire of London. They have been bringing together all their prior knowledge from history to write paragraphs about how the fire started, how it spread and how they put the fire out to inform others. In history this week, the children were learning to design their own Tudor house. They drew and labelled their designs and also identified the equipment they would need to make their design come to life.

This week Class 3 have enjoyed learning about different religions. We have visited the local church, where we met Reverend Sam R. He discussed with us the relevance of Good Friday and the importance of Easter for Christians. We also had a parent come in and talk to us all about Ramadan. We have enjoyed learning about different religions and beliefs. The children have shown maturity and respect in the way they behaved in the church and with the visitor. Well done Class 3!

This term, Class 4 have focused on their gymnastics skills in PE. They have learnt how to confidently dance with a ribbon and jump over a vault. In Computing, the children have enjoyed trying their hands at coding and programming. Well done Class 4!

Class 5 have been continuing their geography topic on Antarctica. This week they've been exploring and comparing temperature maps to find out about climate change. They noticed increases in average temperatures over the last 50 years. After they researched how warmer temperatures affect the world's biomes, particularly the polar biome found in Antarctica and the consequences of this on our planet.



Class 6 have been busy this week completing their non chronological report on Antarctica. They have been learning about the climate zones and biomes within the polar region and researching the vegetation and wildlife that can be found there.

Diary Dates
Our Shared Value
Independence

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	Egg Decorating Competition 12.30 Break Up for Easter Holidays
Fri 29 th March	School Closed Good Friday
Mon 15 th April	INSET DAY
Tue 16 th April	Children Return to School Y3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Y4 & Y5 Gardening Club
Wed 17 th April	Y5 & Y6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Y5 & Y6 Girls football
Thu 18 th April	Y4 Swimming Y2 Visiting Monument 3:30 – 4:30- Y5 & Y6 Boys football
Fri 19 th April	Y3 Swimming



We will be holding our annual **egg decoration competition** on **Thursday 28th March**. Please try to reuse and recycle materials and remember to hard boil your eggs!