

NC News

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Normand Croft Community School

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Messages from Karen and Sandra

Please sign up to our new cashless system by downloading the school gateway app, if you have not already done so. The app will allow you to pay for school dinners, extended day clubs, breakfast clubs, uniform, nursery fees etc by bank transfer or debit card. If you are experiencing any problems downloading the app, please contact the school office.

Our Shared Values Determination

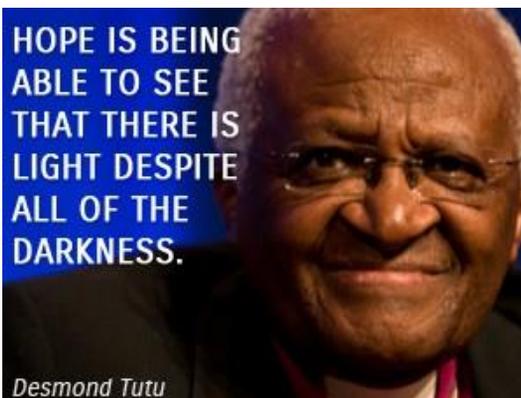


As an introduction to our shared value of determination children in classes 3,4,5 & 6 have been listening to stories from the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series.

We found out some fascinating facts about Greta Thunberg's life and understand where she got her determination to campaign against climate change from.

We have planned our own autobiographies, focusing on our family, our time at Normand Croft Community School and our hopes and dreams for our future. We are looking forward to publishing them next week.

In assemblies this week, we reflected on the life of **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** and his determination to strive for equality and stand up against racism.



'Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.'

Keeping Children Safe Punctuality and Attendance

We expect all parents/carers to let us know if your child is going to be absent from school. This is an important part of our safeguarding procedures and we would like to remind you all that you need to do the following if your child is absent for any reason.

All parents/carers must contact the school office on the first day that your child is absent and to provide a reason for this. This should be done by 9.00 am at the latest.

There are a number of ways in which you can let the school know:

- . contact the office on 0207 385 6847
- . leave a message on the school voice mail if there is no answer.
- . send a message via the school gateway app

You should also let us know if your child is going to be late.

We expect every child to arrive in the playground by 8.55 at the latest. The playground gates are locked promptly at 9.00 am and all late children need to then sign in at the main reception in Bramber Road.

Persistent lateness and absences that are not reported to the office will be marked as unauthorised and some cases may be referred to the Hammersmith and Fulham Attendance Team.

We know that children learn best and make excellent progress if they come to school on time, every day, enjoy a good night's sleep and are well prepared for the day ahead.

Please let the school office know if you have made any changes to your contact details (including the contact details of your emergency contacts) or if you have changed your child's school meal type.

Thank you for your support.

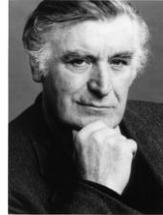
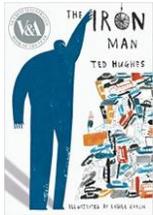
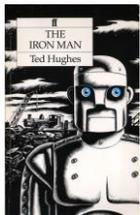
Be Safe, Be Kind, Be The Best That You Can Be Early Years and Primary Learning

Early Years children bounced straight back into Nursery and Reception with great enthusiasm this week. Welcome to our new families.

Class 1 have had an exciting start to term with a successful and fun start to 'dough disco' which they will do everyday to help improve their fine motor skills. In Art, they have looked at the work of Henri Matisse and have practised making their own snail collage image.



In Class 2, we have been studying the artist Joan Miro. We have been finding out some interesting facts about him as well as looking into his artwork at what different paintings mean and what skills he uses when creating his paintings. In English this week, we have been learning to write a recount of what we did over the holidays including using time adverbials in our work and using description to make it more interesting. We have all loved hearing what each other have been getting up to during the past two weeks!



In Class 3 this week, we have started reading our new book, 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We have made predictions about what we thought would happen and why. We then wrote similes to describe the Iron giant that the book is about.

Class 4 have had a busy start to the new term. They all really enjoyed their first swimming lesson this year and demonstrated our school value of determination by trying their best, not giving up and showing courage. Above all they had lots of fun!



Class 5 have enjoyed studying life in Ancient Greece and this week, inspired by Greek pots and vases, we practised our pottery skills. We used the technique of coiling to make clay pots. We joined our coils together by scoring the clay and then smoothing it so the separate pieces attached. Some of us even tried a more challenging style of coiling and added handles and lids to our pots.

Spring 1 Diary Dates	Determination Be Safe, Be Kind, Be the Best You Can Be.
Mon 10 th Jan 2022	Yr 1 & Y2 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 3 & 4 multisports
Tue 11 th Jan	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 1 & 2 multisports
Wed 12 th Jan	Yr 3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Years 4, 5 & 6 multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Club
Thu 13 th Jan	Y4 5 & Yr 6 PE Class 4 swimming 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club
Fri 14 th Jan	
Mon 17 th Jan	Yr 1 & Y2 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 3 & 4 multisports
Tue 18 th Jan	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 1 & 2 multisports
Wed 19 th Jan	Yr 3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Years 4, 5 & 6 multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Club
Thu 20 th Jan	Y4 5 & Yr 6 PE Class 4 swimming 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club
Fri 21 st Jan	Class 3 swimming

Lateral Flow Tests

Rapid tests help to check if someone has COVID-19. If people test positive and self-isolate, it helps stop the virus spreading.

Research shows rapid tests are a reliable test for COVID-19. They give a quick result and do not need to be sent to a lab.

If anyone is having problems getting a lateral flow test you can use the link <http://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> You will be sent a code and can collect one from your local pharmacy.