

NC News

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Normand Croft Community School

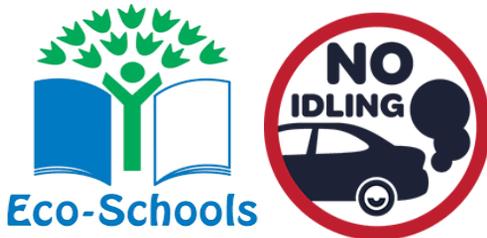
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Children's Mental Health Week Growing Together

In assemblies and PSHE lessons this week, we discussed how we can look after our mental health. Human beings change and grow – we do it all the time and in many different ways. Physical growth is easy to see as we grow from babies to children, teenagers to adults.

Another way that we can grow is emotionally. Things that upset us when we are younger may no longer be so upsetting when we're older. Challenges and trying new things can help us to grow and adapt. Our children were able to identify a range of positive and negative feelings and discussed how sharing our feelings with someone we trust can help us maintain a positive mindset even during challenging times.

Eco-Committee



Huge congratulations to the children who successfully applied to be part of our school's Eco-Committee!

The new team includes:

Zac, Anna, Sarah, Leo, Mustafa and Molly (C4)
Larushan and Zainab (C5)
Salma and Mariam (C6)

These children will be taking a leading role in our school's journey to improving its environment. The team were set to work this week, taking part in an anti-idling campaign, to increase awareness for motorists using the roads around our school. Their aim is to improve the air quality by asking the motorists to switch their engines off while waiting in their cars. Well done Eco-Committee! Over the next few weeks, they will be working hard to improve our school's waste disposal (black bin, recycling and compost).

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance for Spring 1 is 92 % overall which means we have not achieved our target of at least 96%.

Hopefully in Spring 2, our attendance and punctuality will improve. Where we have concerns about attendance, we will meet with parents/carers to discuss ways to improve.

Rec	91
C1	93
C2	93
C3	94
C4	95
C5	91
C6	90
Overall	92

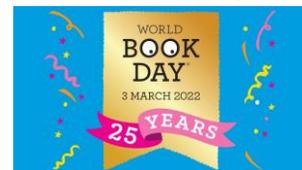
White Rose Maths Home Learning



White Rose Maths have launched a new app which is free to download. The new 1-Minute Maths app helps children to build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging, one-minute chunks!



World Book Day



We will be celebrating our love of reading on World Book Day. During half term, you could have a go at making a costume to wear or plan how you might transform a potato into a character from one of your favourite books. <https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

<https://www.thorntonincravenprimary.org.uk/photos/world-book-day-decorate-potato-book-character>

School Uniform

School Uniform can now be purchased via the School Gateway App. In order to complete your order you must leave a comment as to size, quantity or colour (if applicable) in order to proceed to checkout. Orders will be checked and parent/carers will be contacted when their orders are ready to collect.

Have you spotted this dragon around school?

Reception children worked co-operatively to create this amazing Chinese Dragon. They described him as fierce with lots of teeth!



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

Last week Reception started learning about Chinese New Year. We finished off our learning with a dragon dance in the big playground. On page 1 there is a photo of us making our Chinese New Year dragon puppet for our dance.

Year 1 children made apple puffs in their final cooking lesson. Using the spiraliser that peels and cores the apple was a great excitement! During our RE day where we learnt about Judaism and how they celebrate Shabbat. We explored how Shabbat is a special meal celebrated on Friday evening with families and they eat challah bread. We made some delicious challah bread.



In Year 2, we have been investigating in science. We have been learning to plan an investigation and how to make it a fair test. The question we have been investigating is 'Which material will allow an aeroplane to travel the furthest. First we needed to select four different materials. Next we made four different aeroplanes using a different material for each one. After we threw the aeroplanes and measured the distance of each to see which one travels the furthest. After all this, we concluded our investigation by looking back at our prediction and seeing if it was correct or incorrect.



Years 4 and 5 enjoyed an 'Action on Idling' workshop where they found out about the main causes of air pollution in London and ways it can be reduced. We found that vehicles cause the majority of London's air pollution especially in areas like Hammersmith and Fulham. Idling (when cars are stationary with their engine running) is a big cause of poor air quality. The children made posters to encourage people to switch their engines off while they wait.



Year 5 have also been participating in cycle training! We had to use our Mr Bounce attitudes, as we were learning new skills and lots of us demonstrated determination as well as co-operation and consideration when we needed to help each other. For some children it was the first time they had been on a bike and they learnt how to ride it, for others, they learnt the skills needed in order to ride a bike safely on a street. Well done Year 5!

This week, as our Science topic is 'Evolution', Year 6 learnt about Charles Darwin's life. We used several books to educate ourselves including: 'Little People, Big Dreams - Charles Darwin', 'Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World' and 'On the Origin of Species'. He had such a fascinating life and experience. We're looking forward to writing about it for our Science Big Write.

Spring 1 Diary Dates	Determination Be Safe, Be Kind, Be the Best You Can Be.
Mon 21 st Feb	Yr 1 & Y2 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 3 & 4 multisports
Tue 22 nd Feb	Y5 Into University 9.30 - 12.30 Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 1 & 2 multisports
Wed 23 rd Feb	Class Photo Day Y4 Chelsea 9.30-10.30 Y6 Chelsea 11.15 – 12.15 Yr 3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Years 4, 5 & 6 multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Club
Thu 24 th Feb	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE Class 4 swimming 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club
Fri 25 th Feb	Year 3 Swimming
Mon 28 th Feb	Yr 1 & Y2 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 3 & 4 multisports
Tue 1 st March	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Year 1 & 2 multisports
Wed 2 nd Mar	Yr 4 Stamford Brook World Book Day Event Y4 Chelsea 9.30-10.30 Y6 Chelsea 11.15 – 12.15 Yr 3 & Y4 PE 3:30 – 4:30 Years 4, 5 & 6 multisports 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Club
Thu 3 rd Mar	Yr 5 & Yr 6 PE Class 4 swimming 3:30 – 4:30 Year 5 & 6 Boys Football Club
Fri 4 th Mar	Year 3 Swimming