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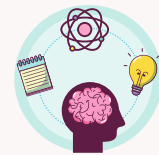
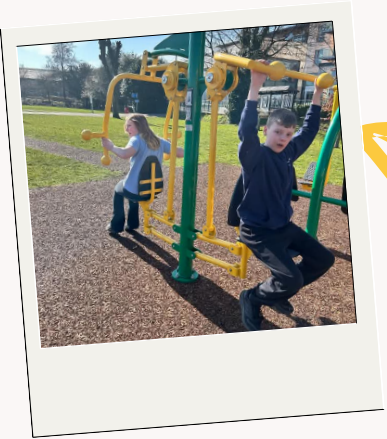
Headteachers Message

Northcroft children started the week with a few wobbles which aligned with Pancake Day and as we noted, many of our students struggle with changes to routine and food in general.

However this came and went, and the rest of the week was full of great achievements and some excellent attitudes towards learning and being out in the community, which we were all super proud of.

It was evidenced last week, with the staffing team at Northcroft growing, the young people are thriving in the environment. During this week, we welcomed a new student into the school which not only thrilled leaders, but young people were aligned with this progress and were extremely welcoming and showed great kindness.

Have a lovely weekend as we finally move into spring. Take
Care, Alex



Highlights of the week



Students celebrated national careers week by exploring local businesses within the community. They also discussed in votes for schools whether they would rather be employed or self employed and the pros and cons to these as well as having a careers lesson this week on entrepreneurialism and workplace skill sets.

Reminders

Please send children in with coats as they are going for daily morning walks.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday- The Paddocks
- Tuesday- Interventions with Michelle and Gym
- Wednesday- Year 7 PE
- Thursday- Stable Futures
- Friday- Upper KS3 Cooking, Year 7 Personal Development



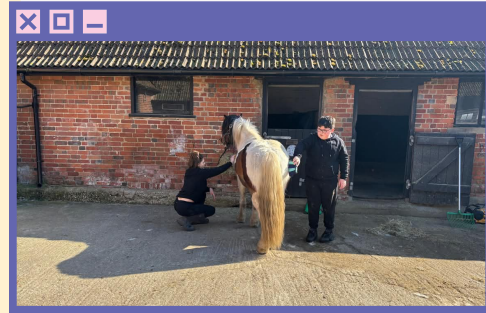
CLASSROOM UPDATES



Upper KS3

Upper Key Stage 3 have had a great week of learning and engagement.

In English we have completed writing our war poems which the students typed as their final product. Students should be really proud of the thought and time they put into creating these amazing poems and it was lovely to hear them wanting to take copies home to share. We have been introduced to our new text 'Lord of the Flies' and had some great conversations of what 5 items we would want with us if we were to be stranded on a desert island! Next week we will be looking more closely at the main characters of this text, how they are represented and what role they play in story.



In History we have continued with the topic of Elizabeth I and learning about Mary, Queen of Scots; the young age she came into power and struggles she faced through her reign and marriages. We will be finishing this topic learning about the Spanish Armada and how it was defeated.



In Science we have moved on from Diet and Exercise and have started to explore Breathing and Respiration in humans and other living things. We will be exploring our lungs and how these function together with how gas exchange takes place.

A great week for UKS3 and plenty to look forward to in the following weeks learning!



Year 7

Year 7 have had another successful week of learning. In Science, we've consolidated our understanding of interdependence in ecosystems and learned about biotic and abiotic features of habitats. Students were able to apply their real-life knowledge of living things and made links to our current Geography unit on forest biomes. In Geography lessons, we showed our competitive sides in two games - one, a knowledge gathering task about rainforest life and the other a scenario-based board game that required them to make decisions about how rainforest is managed, trying to make money but also protect important ecosystems.

In English we've continued reading our Sherlock book 'The Speckled Band'. The mystery is building and interestingly we have a few different interpretations in the class about whodunnit! This week we are writing an argument text about the main suspect.

At the Paddocks, students began exploring mechanisms for DT as this term we are designing and building a model toy that uses cams to turn rotary motion into linear motion. Students made decisions and problem-solved as they got their models working.

