

# NEWSLETTER

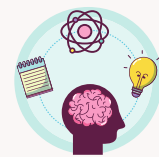
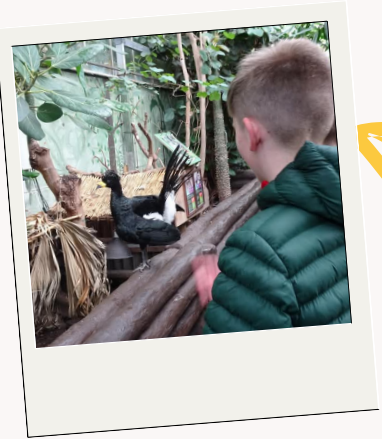
## Headteachers Message

Northcroft has been on a roller coaster this week. Further progress is being made within the school on a daily basis. This week the outside has got additional resources to support the young people to manage times when they are with their peers socially.

The year 7's and staff were super supportive when they had to have a change to their timetable due to alternative plans being made, and then not attending the stables or the paddocks. This will be the case for the forth coming weeks but alternative outings will be arranged for the Monday and Thursday afternoons.

I was party to a lot of the upper KS3 lessons this week and was really impressed by learning I witnessed. I am sure you will join me in saying thank you to Kirsty who is both Northcroft and Haywards Farm schools Senco and a senior leader. Kirsty has stepped into leading the upper KS3 cohort. The relationship that has been made by Kirsty and the students is strong and consistent which is resulting in the young people making really good progress and being settled within the school.

Have a lovely weekend, Alex



## Highlights of the week



- Year 7 took a trip to the Living Rain Forest to support with their Geography and Science units.
- Upper KS3 and year 7 had some amazing sessions at the gym this week, implementing their fitness plans.
- Year 7 explored careers in the local community further by conducting surveys amongst local businesses.
- Upper KS3 and year 7 joined forces to create some yummy bacon and cheese turnovers with Helen our school cook.

## Reminders

Year 7 will not be attending the Paddocks or Stables until 31.03.25

## Dates for the Diary

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



# CLASSROOM UPDATES



## Upper KS3

UKS3 have had a busy week with the start of various new learning topics. In English we have been exploring chapter 1 of our new text 'Lord of the Flies'. We have discussed the various characters we have met so far as well as considering what is meant by a civilised society. We ended the week by thinking about what 5 rules we would want for society to live by that would make society out idea of 'civilised'.

In science we have started our topic on Breathing and Respiration. We have found out what the difference is between breathing, respiration and gas exchange and next week will explore the roles of different parts of the gas exchange system.

In Geography we have had an introduction to China including what are the physical and human characteristics of this country. Next week will explore how China is changing and becoming a 'global superpower'..

Maths has been a challenging week of finding the area of various shapes including parallelograms, rectangles, triangles and trapezia. UKS3 have persevered with this despite finding it challenging and even managed to solve problem questions including finding the length of missing sides. A great week of determination from everyone.

The week was ended looking at the nutrition various food groups give us and then preparing and baking some very yummy looking bacon and cheese puff pastry turnovers. Well done UKS3.



## Year 7

Year 7 have had a busy week again, out and about in the community on several trips. We visited the Living Rainforest on Wednesday to bring together learning in Science and Geography. Students were particularly interested in the animals that roam freely around the greenhouses; we managed to spot the free-range sloth! They could use their knowledge of ecosystems to talk about interdependence between the organisms we saw there. We also had a look round the local museum today in search of Victorian exhibits. We came across a mammoth tusk apparently found in the same road as school!

In Science, students have been dissecting daffodils to learn about pollination and how plant reproduction works. During Art, we created some expressive London street scenes to link with our Sherlock Holmes unit, layering tissue to make smog effects in our collages. They did really well manipulating the materials and trying a new technique.

Next week we'll continue to work on writing and presenting our mystery podcasts, and start a new unit in History learning about the War of the Roses.

