

NEWSLETTER

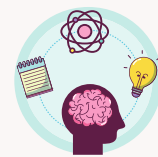
Headteachers Message

Northcroft School had a really settled end of the week where young people were buzzing with pride on both Thursday and Friday as they left the school.

Young people had accessed learning and broadened their knowledge across the curriculum which resulted in a cheer from my colleagues as we reflected in the Friday afternoon debrief.

During this week's teachers meeting, staff reflected on the school's humanities curriculum and discussed what the rest of the academic year would look like in humanities for the whole of Northcroft. I do think I may have talked the team at Northcroft into taking the young people to the coast to enrich the geography side of the humanities curriculum during the end of the summer term. We will be in touch with further plans at the end of the spring term.

We shared the news with our young people that Lucy will be leaving Northcroft sooner than anticipated, which will be after the Easter holidays. This is due to her mum being unwell and Lucy needing to look after her. Lucy had been very apprehensive in sharing this news, but the young people were supportive and extremely kind and understanding. We do know that losing a class teacher halfway through an academic year is unusual and not ideal, but a plan for after the easter break will follow in the next week and I am sure you will all join me in thanking Lucy for her hard work and the relationships which she has built with the school's young people. I hope everyone has a restful weekend, Alex



Highlights of the week



- Northcroft School have had an awesome week making the most of the lovely weather at the Tennis courts this week.
- In personal development this week some of our upper and lower KS3 and students made some delicious pizzas.
- Students have had some reflective and insightful therapeutic sessions this week, showing some great growth and development.

Reminders

- Year 7 will not be attending the Paddocks or Stables until 31.03.25
- Please can students bring water bottles in with the weather getting warmer.

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

Upper Key Stage 3 have had a busy week of learning which has created some great successes!

In maths we have concluded our unit on multiplication and division which ended with a lesson on algebra. There was a great deal of anxiety for all around this last lesson, however we could not have been prouder of the perseverance from all of UKS3 which intimately ended in everyone being successful!!!

Next week sees the start of a new unit on fractions and percentages of amounts.

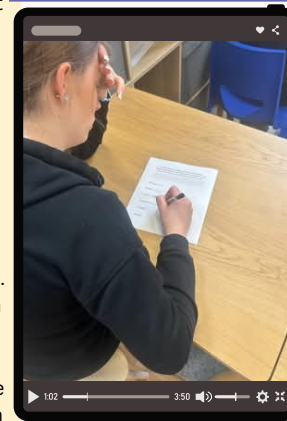
In English we have explored the various main characters we have been introduced to in our text 'Lord of the Flies' and what key objects of the 'Conch' and 'knife' represent. Next week we will be moving on to the next chapter and analysing the key events that take place.

In history we have also ended our current unit on Queen Elizabeth I with learning about the Spanish Armada and how this was successfully defeated.

Next week we will be starting a new unit on 'Life in Tudor England' and whether there was a 'golden age' for the poor.

We concluded our unit on China and looking at how China is becoming a 'Global Superpower' during Geography. There were some great discussions about why and how China has developed so greatly and the impact this has on people who live there. Next week we will be beginning our unit on 'Development' and exploring the question 'how unequal is our planet?'

The week was ended yet again with some yummy cooking where students made home made pizza's including making the dough base from scratch. Another great week from UKS3, well done to you all!!!



Year 7

Year 7 have been writing their Sherlock Holmes inspired podcast scripts this week and we are ready to record them and add sound effects. They are sounding suitably mysterious, using emotive language to engage the listener.

In maths, students have worked brilliantly through a unit on directional number, applying their understanding to a range of multi-step problems.

Science has seen us begin a new chemistry unit 'solutions'. Students investigated dissolving and have used their practical work combined with their prior knowledge to explain the process using the particle model. Next week they are working more independently extending this investigation and thinking about controlling variables in tests.

In Art, we have developed our skills with paint, colour-mixing to create rain forest inspired translucent paintings.

We've definitely made the most of the outdoor space around us this week too with PE lessons focussing on tennis being possible in the outdoor courts (thank you British weather!), with our daily walks supporting our learning and of course some park visits during break times.

