

NEWSLETTER

Headteachers Message

As I entered Northcroft this week it was lovely to see the community which is being created by both the dedicated staff team and the young people. The young people in the school are always full of ideas of what's needed to enrich their curriculum and on my entry are there to share it!

Opening up any new school is always a journey but that's part of the process and what it takes for us to get to the point we are striving for.

This week the school has appointed an interventions lead who will be joining us in September and a family support worker who will be joining us late in the summer term.

More imminently a school cook will be joining the team, who staff are super excited to be welcoming into Northcroft and I am sure will not only look after our young people by making them morning toast and hot chocolate, while they read their class book but who will also look after our staff team, wrapping an additional level of care around the school and everyone that's in it. We will also be welcoming a new TA to the team who will be joining us the first week of February.

I think it's really important for us to recognize some of our students this week, Noel for being super fantastic and a great role model to his peers, thank you Noel you have been a hot topic in our staff meetings. Jazmine for being really reflective on her journey and progress and for continuing to strive to develop herself in all subjects.

Highlights of the week

- Noel was super supportive to staff, helping his peers with their work and having a really positive attitude towards his learning and staff.
- Upper KS3 made a quiche this week, practicing their life skills with kitchen safety and hygiene.
- Year 7 helped Greg overcome his climbing fears and helped him climb to the top of the boulder being super supportive and giving him great technique advice.

Reminder

- Packed Lunches except for Fridays where Gill is in providing a cooked lunch.
- Attached to this weeks newsletter email is the English overviews for spring term.

Dates for the Diary

- **Monday-** The Paddocks
- **Tuesday-** Interventions with Michelle and Gym
- **Wednesday-** Year 7 Rock Climbing
- **Thursday-** Stable Futures
- **Friday-** Personal Development



CLASSROOM UPDATES



Upper KS3



Upper KS3 have had a great week of learning! In English we have been analysing WW1 poem 'The Soldier' by Rupert Brooke and next week will be planning and writing a response to how Brooke present 'dying for one's country' within this poem.

We have been learning about a healthy lifestyle within science, what our bodies need in order to stay health and the impact deficiencies of different vitamins has. We have learnt how to calculate body mass index (BMI) and how a balanced diet contributes to maintaining a healthy BMI.

Another visit to Northcroft leisure centres gym has continued to build confidence using the various gym equipment!

On Friday Gill taught the children the skill of whisking eggs whilst making some delicious looking quiche, a great end to a great week!



Year 7

It's been a week of hard work and great focus in Year 7 as students completed their report texts linked to our Solar System unit. They combined what they'd learned about cohesion in paragraphs, using devices like adverbial phrases to engage the reader. I'm really proud of the independent writing they achieved.

We completed our Solar system topic in Science with some gravity experiments and an investigation into the history of human knowledge of space. We've started on an Art project linked to personal identity and this week explored Rembrandt's work. Inspired by his etching technique, students created a monoprint self-portrait. Next week we'll be learning photography and edit skills to recreate famous portraits.

Off site, students engaged brilliantly with a trade game, using what they've learned about the Silk Road and the Mongolian empire to battle the opposing team! Team Europe were victorious but it was a close thing...

