

NEWSLETTER

Headteachers Message

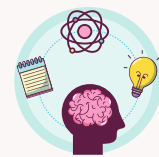
Young people within lower KS3 have made the team proud, as they continue to access learning and take part in school life by keeping to their routine and showing Lucy noticeable kindness and respect during her time before leaving the school.

Colleagues this week have been part of discussions around the summer term and busy planning for the paddocks and the stables, thinking about how best to utilise the time young people are there by reflecting on what's gone well to date. The paddocks will have a D&T focus this term and the stables will focus on the young people's personal development programs. We will be ensuring that a range of enrichment trips will be organised throughout the term.

The team at Northcroft will be welcoming two new teachers into the school after Easter. The daily senior leadership structure will not be changing within the school, and both Emily and Kirsty will continue to be based at Northcroft daily and I will continue to be around the school on three days a week. Part of the school not increasing student numbers with haste has been reflective of Amegreen Education ensuring that the school grows carefully and with both the right young people and staff. We do recognise this at times can be frustrating for our students as they are keen to have new peers.

Likewise, our colleagues are keen for a bigger staffing team, but steady growth has an overwhelming higher percentage of children/young people's placements being secure and placements being successful. The team's dedication is constantly recognised and reflective in all 7 students who transitioned from Haywards Farm to Northcroft School continuing to have secure educational placements.

I hope everyone has a lovely and restful Mother's Day. Take Care, Alex



Highlights of the week



- Students from Northcroft had a Football match against Newbarn School on Wednesday- all students were respectful and showed excellent development in their social skills.
- Feedback from the local PCSO has been how positively they have seen our students interact in the community.
- Students cooked some yummy scones to finish the week off.

Reminders

- Year 7 will not be attending the Paddocks or Stables until 03.04.25
- 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 but potentially return to the Stables.
- **Friday-** Upper KS3 Cooking, Year 7 Personal Development



CLASSROOM UPDATES



Upper KS3

Upper Key Stage 3 have had a week of 'new beginnings' this week.

We have started a new math unit on fractions and percentages and have spent time reminding ourselves of previous knowledge in order to build upon this next week.

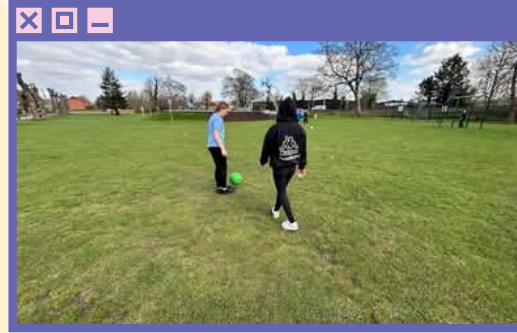
History has seen the introduction of the new topic 'Life in Tudor England: Was there a 'golden age' for the poor! We have started this unit exploring why poverty became a problem in Elizabethan England and laws that were imposed.

In English we have been exploring Chapter 3 of Lord of the Flies and discussing whether we think the children are meeting their basic needs. We were all in agreement that without adults to support them on the Island the children cannot help but be 'children' and play is more appealing than the needs for survival.

Next week in Geography we are starting to look at the Democratic Republic of Congo and what are its opportunities and challenges. Students will be able to use their previous knowledge of Globalisation, Biomes and climate to support their learning.

Students had a great experience on Thursday at the Stables where they were able to witness some lambing at a nearby farm. I know UKS3 found this both interesting and exciting to witness and we are so lucky to have this experience for the students so close.

Well done UKS3, a busy and exciting week had by us all.



Year 7



Year 7 have had an awesome week as this Spring term draws to an end, showing real growth and maturity in their emotional regulation and processing abilities, we are all so proud! Our students regularly get the chance to develop these skills and reflect on them and this half term's personal development focus of working together with others has been a real success.

This progress has also been seen during the children's PE lessons in the community this week, taking part in a Football match against another school. Students behaved impeccably and showed a real sense of pride and identity when representing the school.

PSHE this half term has focused on Health and our year 7s have looked at the many different aspects of what that means. They particularly enjoyed the lesson on sleep and did ask for a practical lesson on that, nice try guys!

In English students have enjoyed their Sherlock Holmes unit writing some excellent first person descriptions this week, putting themselves in Sherlock Holmes boots and writing an extract. Students have really enjoyed learning about Sherlock Holmes adventures and even reference things he would get involved with when out in the Newbury community.

Well done year 7 on another awesome week!

