



Easter Newsletter 2023



Head's Message

Welcome to our Easter 2023 newsletter! I hope you enjoy reading about the work our staff and pupils have been doing this term.

We have big news this term...we won a Manchester Be Proud Award for the student led businesses at the Hub! Two of our students went to the award ceremony and were able to meet the Manchester mayor and dance the night away to celebrate - what an achievement!

If you would like to be more involved in supporting our school, perhaps you would consider becoming a parent governor? We have a vacancy at the moment. If you would like to find out more, please contact school.

Staff News

This term we welcomed back Mrs Iqbal (teacher) from maternity leave. Some staff will be leaving us at the end of this term. We will be saying goodbye to 4 staff who have been at North Ridge for many years - Mr Goodwin (teacher) Miss Moloney (teacher), Miss Blair (TA) and Miss Chaiw (TA). We wish them all the best in whatever they choose to do in the future.

Pupil Activity

This term we have a new Occupational Therapist working with school, and this is helping to support our writing of programmes for pupils requiring sensory processing support. There have been many trips planned this term and it has been great to see so many pupils go on trips for Work related Learning to find out about different types of jobs. It has been one of our school priorities to increase opportunities for educational visits. Our Rights Respecting School Award Council have been very busy this term. They planned a Super Learning Day of fun activities to help pupils understand their rights. They are helping us work towards reaccreditation of the gold level Rights Respecting School Award this year.

Please remember to check out our school website and Twitter for up to date information about school.

It has been good to see our families at their child's EHCP review meetings and we plan to have completed all annual review meetings by the beginning of May. It is great to hear about the progress that pupils are making and to support families in planning the next steps towards adulthood.

Extended schools work

We held a successful play scheme at February half term. Some pupils will be attending our Easter holiday scheme for the first week of the holiday. Thank you to Gareth Hall for organising all the fun activities.

We swapped to the second after school club group just after half term. Pupils really enjoy having the opportunity to mix socially with their friends on a Tuesday evening. Thanks to Gareth and team for also organising this.

School Development Plan

You will be aware that we plan our school development annually. Our priorities for this year are:

- To continue to improve pupil and staff wellbeing to ensure the best outcomes for pupils and attract/retain excellent staff
- To improve staff and pupils' understanding and awareness of equality, diversity and inclusion

- To continue to improve the quality of education to ensure appropriately pitched, engaging, accessible and sequential learning
- To develop a whole school approach to sustainability encompassing the 4 Cs of sustainability - Curriculum, Campus, Community and Culture, which is embedded throughout all aspects of school life
- To ensure we continue to provide high quality provision for learners who have ASC through implementing the recommendations outlined in our NAS accreditation report
- To continue to develop leaders (existing and potential) and plan for the future of North Ridge

We are on track to achieve our plans by the end of the academic year.

We have had visits from our LA quality assurance partner to review our progress on the school development plan, the curriculum and behaviour management. I would like to thank the leadership team for their hard work. Our reports were very positive.

Parent and Pupils Tea Party Consultation

We plan to hold our annual school development plan tea parties next half term. You will receive you invite letters shortly. We very much welcome your feedback. This helps us to continue on the journey of improving North Ridge and providing the best education that we can for your children.

Dates for the academic year 2024/25 have been published on our website.

You have received a letter outlining the plans for Easter assemblies on Thursday 28.03.24. Parents are welcome to attend.

Time	Department	Classes
10.40a.m.	Structured learners	Denali, Hunter, Matterhorn, Eiger, Rainier, Vesuvius, Etna and Helvellyn
1.30p.m.	Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4	Scafell, Crossfell, Ben Nevis, Snowdon, Grassmoor, Olympus, Mont Blanc, Fuji and Everest
1.30p.m.	Sixth form	Discovery, Nightingale, Endeavour, Enterprise- AT THE SIXTH FORM

Please keep your children safe during holiday time by monitoring their use of mobile phones, tablets and use of the internet.

SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 15.04.24

I would like to thank the staff team for their hard work and support during a very busy term.

I have also valued the support our Governing Body have given to the school. We have had visits from our Governors and they have been so impressed with our pupils.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of all the staff, I wish all pupils and their families a very happy Easter break.

Jenni Cryer (Head Teacher)



NORTH RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL

CALENDAR FOR 2024-2025



Autumn Term

School opens Wednesday 4th September 2024

School closes Friday 18th October 2024

School opens Monday 4th November 2024

School closes Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term

School opens Monday 6th January 2025

School closes Friday 14th February 2025

School opens Monday 24th February 2025

School closes Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term

School opens Tuesday 22nd April 2025

School closes Monday 5th May 2025 - May Bank Holiday

School opens Tuesday 6th May 2025

School closes Friday 23rd May 2025

School opens Monday 2nd June 2025

School closes Thursday 24th July 2025

Total 190 Teaching Days

5 INSET DAYS

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024

25th, 28th and 29th July 2025



RRSA

North Ridge High School is a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. At North Ridge pupils learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. As a Right Respecting School we model rights and respect in all our relationships.

Rights Respecting Super Learning Day

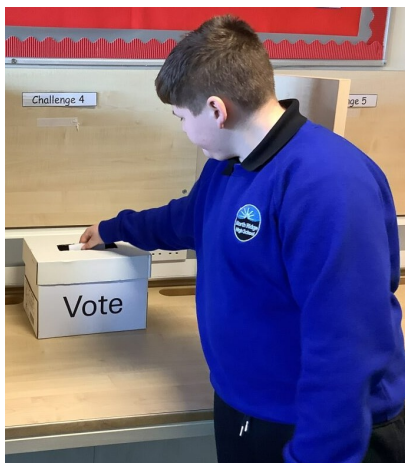
The whole school had an amazing time on our Super Learning Day exploring the United Nations Rights of a Child. It was a day filled with excitement and tons of fun! We participated in various events and activities to gain a deeper understanding of these important rights.

One of the highlights was creating eye-catching posters, featuring our own rights-respecting superheroes. We also got to unleash our creativity through role play, where we took on different roles and learned how to protect and promote these



Make Your Mark- UK Youth Parliament

Our Right Respecting School Council helped arrange and support some of our children and young people to participate in the Youth Parliament Make Your Mark vote, this is a project powered by the British Youth Council offering people aged 11- 18 in the UK a chance to have their voice heard and pupils were able to vote on the topics they cared about the most.



Family Support

This term we have had some very successful workshops delivered by staff at school. Next term we will be continuing with these, starting with a sensory workshop with Chloe Flanagan, more details will follow.

There will also be another opportunity for a drop in with Louise Baker, who can support with a number of different things, including filling out forms and signposting different agencies.

If you have any enquiries or would like support with anything please email: familysupport@northridge.manchester.sch.uk or phone the school.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday!





Attendance



Pupils have been working hard to come into school on time every day.

This academic year, we have introduced a new 'weekly prize draw' whereby pupils who have a full week in school are selected for a prize draw the following Monday morning. They have a chance to win a £5 voucher or a small toy. Our pupils have really been enjoying this during our weekly whole school assemblies.



Pupils who reach 100% attendance for this Spring term will be able to access a reward morning / afternoon in school time where they will take part in an activity such as watching a film or a trip to Heaton Park. Another option will be to have time out of class to take part in an activity of their choice such as using the Soft Play or the Immersive room.

Well done to...

Ezekiel	Scarlett	Gideon
Tehreem	Lucas	Elisha
Yusuf	Reanne	Jorja
Afia	Ciaron (Ben Nevis)	Rayan
Abdulah	Emmanuel	Kamal
Ricardo	Divine	Oris
Goodness	Willow	Princess
Muhammad (Rainier)	Ryan	Chirvalino
Emmanuela	Isabella	Thomas (Crossfell)
Oladapo	Samuel (Snowdon)	Elle
Braeden	Mohammed (Enterprise)	Nathaniel
Layton	Aaliyah	
Abubakar	Thabiso	
Chidera	Pamela	

Manchester Travel Training Partnership

Travel Training is designed to help young people with special needs to get more from life by giving them the skills and confidence to travel independently on public transport.

Travel Training helps to develop a range of practical and social skills in a hands-on setting by teaching young people how to get to and from school. It also prepares them for journeys they may make as they get older. These could include going to college, a work experience placement, employment, accessing health facilities, leisure opportunities and socialising.

Our Team of Specialist Travel Trainers work with young people to develop an individual package of support to teach skills which include:

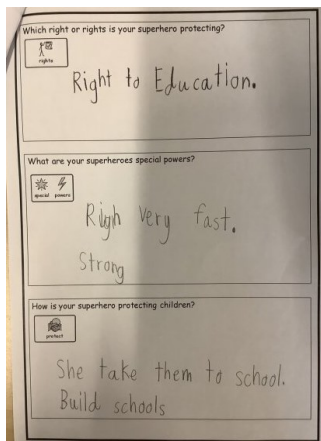
- Road Safety
- How to plan a journey
- How to access buses and trams
- Learning routes and landmarks
- Being safe on transport
- What to do in an emergency

Each route is risk assessed and all trainers are DBS checked and have received accredited Travel Training. We currently have 4 Travel Trainers working across Manchester.

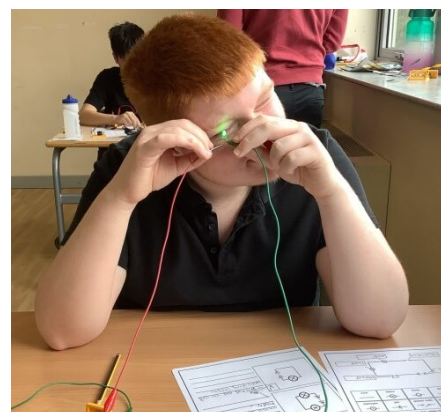
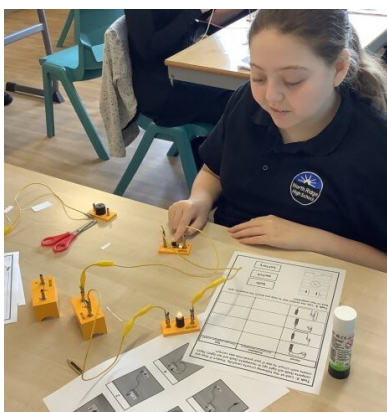
The Manchester Travel Training Partnership can help any young person with special educational needs who travels to school on Home to School transport provided by Manchester City Council. If you feel your child may be ready to explore travel training please get in touch with our team at mttp@lancasterian.manchester.sch.uk or speak to their school.

Ben Nevis

Ben Nevis have had a fantastic term. We really enjoyed the Rights Respecting Schools Super Learning day. We created rights superheroes and wrote about the different ways they could protect children's rights. We also enjoyed acting out role play scenarios to show what can happen if children are denied their rights.



In science we have been learning about Electricity. All pupils have worked really hard. We really enjoyed making circuits, finding different ways to make a light bulb light up and testing different materials to see if they conducted electricity.



Class Crossfell

Class Crossfell have taken part in some super learning this term. In English, we have explored the story of Charlie and the Chocolate factory where we have look closely at the characters and also explored how we can make different environments out of food. For example, we made a grassy texture out of coconut flakes and green food colouring!



In maths, we have been exploring different types of measurements. We have explored long and short where we have measured out body length and have also explored weight by using buckets to explore heavy and light!

Our topic for theme has been 'Celebrations', we have explored many types of festivals celebrated across the globe including Ramadan and Easter. We have looked at how they are celebrated and taken part in some of their traditions.



The team in Class Crossfell would like to wish you all a restful Easter and we look forward to welcoming you all back after the Easter break.



Class Denali

Theme

This term we have been looking at different celebrations as part of our theme topic. We have been looking at religious stories, exploring with colour whilst learning about the Holi festival, exploring Carnivals and Samba music and baking special treats! We have had lots of fun and our pupils have worked very hard!



Maths

This term we have explored shape and measure. We have hunted for shapes in our environment, identified, continued and made patterns all whilst learning our 2d and 3d shapes.

In measure we have explored the size, weight and capacity of different objects.



HELLO

Class Discovery

ASDAN

Over this half-term, class Discovery investigated the use of different tech across everyday life, like in the library and front office!



Cook it!

Class Discovery have mastered the art of creating the most delicious Chow-mein dish over the spring half term!

Functional skills

Class Discovery would regularly visit Tesco and purchase the ingredients needed for Cook it! Students were taught the importance of road safety on the journey there.



EASTER

Class Eiger



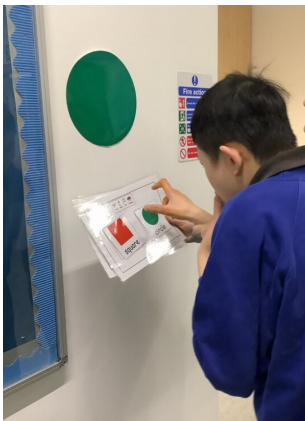
This term in class Eiger we have been learning about our topic 'Let's Celebrate'. We have been exploring different celebrations around the world, from different cultures and religions.



In English we have been reading the book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and enjoyed our sensory story!



In Maths we have been exploring and identifying different 2D shapes. We have also enjoyed learning about different types of measure, particularly weight.





CLASS ENDEAVOUR



Class Endeavour have had a very busy half term. In health and wellbeing we have been taking part in weekly yoga sessions. We have learned to do lots of different postures and how to calm our minds after a busy week at the hub!



In personal and social development we have been developing our understanding of how we can help our local environment. We have been out and about picking up litter and learning how to sort it so it can be recycled!

In life skills we have been learning about the purpose of different clothes. We have enjoyed trying on different types of clothes and even had a fashion show at the hub!



WE WISH YOU A
HAPPY EASTER!

Easter Newsletter

Class Enterprise

MATHS

In maths we have been learning about measure. We have then been practicing these skills by doing town planning activities.



PSD

In PSD we have been learning about using technology safely in the home and community. We've loved getting out and about to practice!



COOK IT

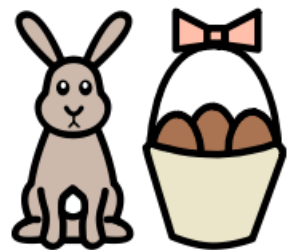
In cook it, we have been learning all about "fakeaways" and how we can make healthier versions of takeaways we like at home.

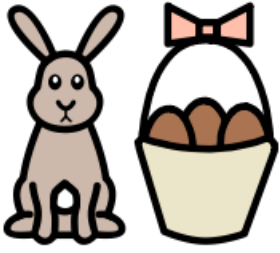


Class Etna



This term we have been learning about celebrations. We went to a party in Vesuvius and visited the Café. We looked at celebrations around the world and had fun with a parachute party in class.





Everest

This term class Everest have been working hard making Pakistani cakes and serving them in the café! We have welcomed lots of different classes to visit our café!



In English we have been learning all about science fiction. We created stop motion films to help tell our story!

Class Fuji

Class Fuji has been working hard this term!

During World Book Day, we celebrated reading by choosing our own books and listening to readings of some of our favourite stories together as a class. Our favourite book to read together was Hair Love by Matthew A. Cherry!



In Digital Media, we made short stop motion films using iPads and even made our own characters, backgrounds and props! The pupils really enjoyed being directors and moving the characters to tell their stories.



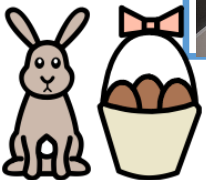
Happy Easter from Class Fuji!

Class Grasmoor

Class Grasmoor have enjoyed using the gym to explore how to stay fit!



We have been practising preparing and taking photographs in art!

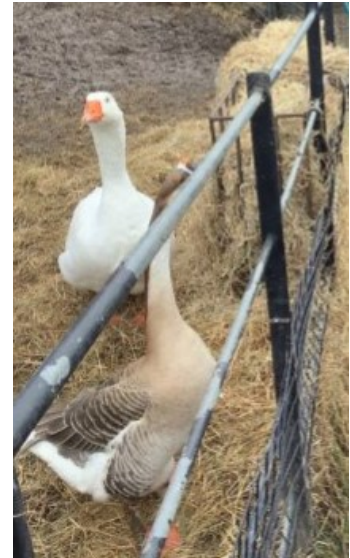


Class Grasmoor have exploring lots of different shapes and their properties in Maths!



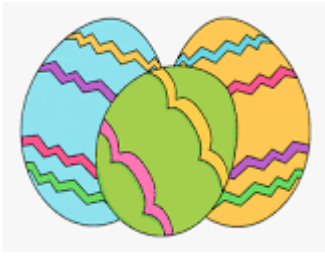
Class Helvellyn

Class Helvellyn's theme is celebrations! This term I would like to highlight and celebrate the fantastic work that Mr Rogers and Class Helvellyn have done during their Life Skills lessons. Class Helvellyn have been going on a trip to Heaton park farm. Take a look at some of the pictures below.



Have a lovely
Easter break!





Class Hunter

We have had a very busy term in Class Hunter. This term in English we have explored the story of Wonder and the character Auggie. We have explored props to support our understanding of the story and to recognise how Auggie has been feeling in his journey.



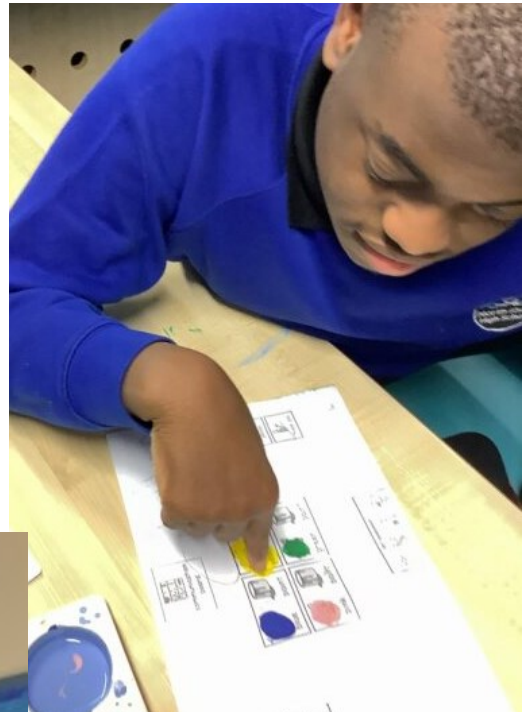
In Theme we have enjoyed learning about lots of different celebrations from around the world and different religious celebration. We have explored Chinese new year, Ramadan, The Easter story and looked at patron saints of the UK. We have engaged in a number of activities linked to this.



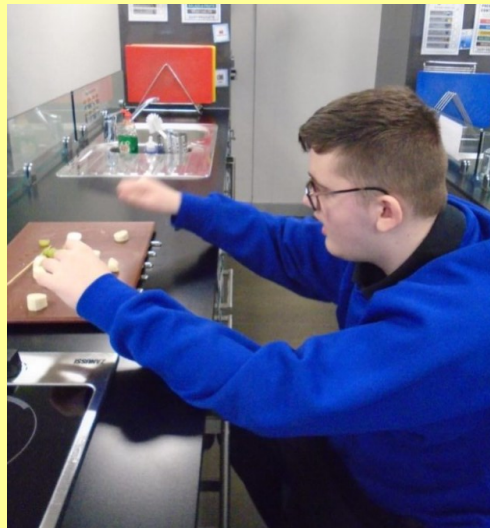
Class Hunter would like to wish everyone at Northridge a lovely Easter!

Matterhorn

Class Matterhorn have been working hard learning about Celebrations in Theme. Pupils have explored about Easter, Holi and Ramadan. In some of these lessons, pupils have completed beautiful art work, learnt how plants grow, learnt about the life cycle of animals and so much more.



Mont Blanc



This term, Class Mont Blanc enjoyed making different salads and soups in cook it. To begin with they discussed balanced diets and healthy food. They then had opportunities to make their own dishes and evaluate their meals to improve them.



In humanities we learned about the British Monarchy. We had fun having our very Royal Banquet and tasting different foods. Everybody loved the strawberries and cream.





Class Nightingale

This term has been very busy for the students in Class Nightingale. There have been a number of new placements in Pharmacy, Costa and Domestic and the students have been thriving. They have been developing their communication and teamwork skills and have been welcomed in by the staff at North Manchester General.



Students have been developing their independent living skills, alongside their money handling and budgeting skills. They have also been working towards creating their own personal statement videos. Congratulations to Adam and Pamela who are now independent travelers. They are loving being more independent.

Pamela has really enjoyed starting her new placement in Costa and says that she "feeling confident and happy" working there.



We hope they everybody enjoys their celebrations over the holidays.

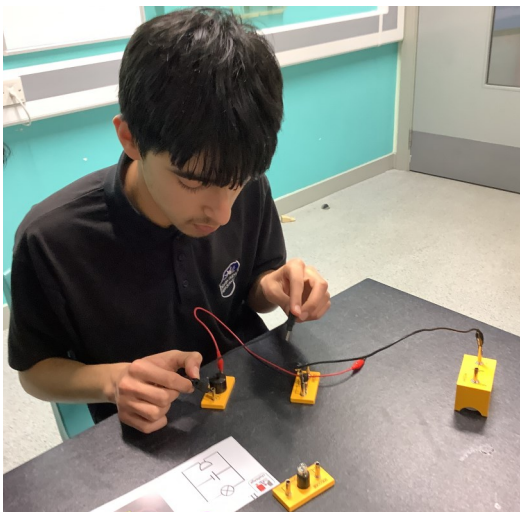


Class Olympus

This term, Class Olympus have been exploring the topic of mental health and well being. We talked about what makes us happy and looked at positive ways we can support ourselves and others.



We created posters to promote healthy minds and then shared them with other classes by presenting them in groups.



We have also been learning about electricity and how to stay safe when using electrical items. As well as this, we have learnt how electricity flows and what is needed for it to work efficiently.



Happy Easter!





Class Rainier



English

In English, we have been learning about the story: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We have been making our own chocolate bars, exploring different scenes such as the chocolate river and describing characters using tactile materials.



Theme

In Theme, we have been learning about celebrations. We created birthday cakes and held a birthday party. We have also been exploring Chinese New Year, Holi and Easter. We dressed up in traditional Chinese attire, decorated rangoli patterns and participated in an Easter egg hunt.



We wish you all a
Happy Easter.





Class Scaffell



This term in class Scaffell we have been looking at a new sensory story in English, called The Fairground, We have drove the dodgems, explored the ghost train, and even hooked a duck.



In Maths we have been exploring capacity. We have used water and sand to learn about full and not full, and explored heavy using large bucket scales.

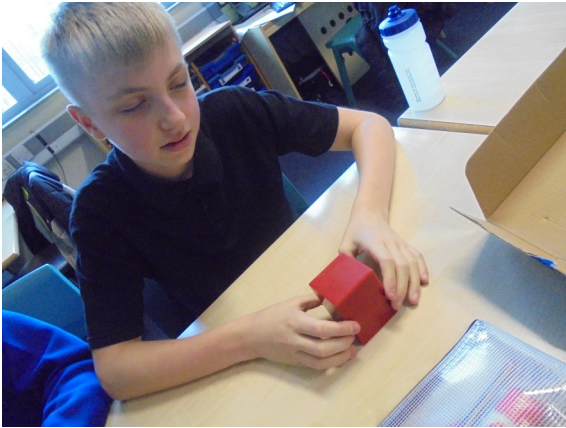


In Theme we have been exploring carnivals. We have taken part in our own parade and explored carnival music in the music room.



Happy Easter
from Class
Scaffell!

Class Snowdon



This term, we have been looking at shapes in Maths. We have been able to recognise 2D and 3D shapes and we are also beginning to measure the perimeter of shapes!

In art, we have been learning about photography. We have been analysing the work of David Gilliver and have been taking our own photographs around school.



In Music, we have been learning about percussion. We have been learning about the different types of percussion instruments and have been playing rhythms on different instruments.

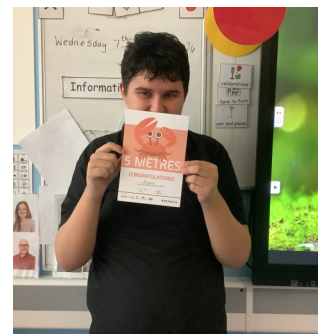
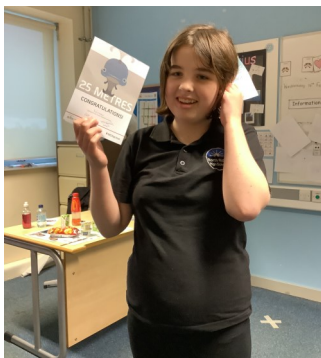
Enjoy your break!



Class Vesuvius

Class Vesuvius have been working hard on their independence skills this term. We have taken part in lots of activities to support this, including; swimming, visiting the KS4 café, using iPads, going to the gym and much more!

Have a look at some of the skills we have learnt!



We wish you all a happy Easter and safe holidays!



Easter Newsletter

It's spring season and it's spring-cleaning time! At 2nd Hand Made and the Hive we have been receiving lots of donations. Our students at 6th form have been busy working hard to sort out all the donations ready for sale at the shop. They have served our customers in a friendly and polite manner using their customer service script on the till.



Easter is upon us, and we have been busy making Easter items this term. Our students have worked exceptionally hard making gift hampers, Easter bonnet craft packs and sweet cone boxes for sale. They have enjoyed working together as a team in a professional manner, using their communication skills while on work experience with the business unit at the Hub.



We would like to use this opportunity to invite you and your loved ones to the business unit at the Hub to experience the fantastic service and good quality items that we offer. Have an Egg citing Easter Holiday!





CUP & CAKE



Easter Newsletter



A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Cup & Cake this year. We wish you all a wonderful Easter holiday!



Be Proud



We are thrilled to share that Cup & Cake are the recipients of the 2024 **'Be Proud Awards'** in the category of **'Increasing Skills and Employment Choices'**.

Presented by the Manchester City Council, the 'Be Proud Awards' celebrate and acknowledge local businesses for their contributions to enterprise and community involvement.

Our team had the pleasure of attending a gala dinner and award ceremony held at the Mercure Hotel. At the event, Elle and Joel served as our student ambassadors, representing not only the current members of our café team but also those who have contributed in the past. This prestigious award serves as a testament to the hard work and dedication shown by our students, showcasing their continuous progress in developing catering, hospitality, and employability skills.



BUFFET PARTNERSHIP WITH 'FROM PLOT TO PLATE'

In February we had our biggest buffet to date, catering for 100 people! The Cup & Cake team demonstrated excellent teamwork skills and worked to strict hygiene standards. Students received positive feedback about the quality of the food and their professional attitude.



Well done to all the students who have worked at Cup & Cake during the Spring Term. You have demonstrated excellent teamwork skills!



SPRING TERM

North Ridge Gift Company

During Spring 1, our topic was Quality control. Pupils were able to monitor the quality of our products through meticulous planning and use of checklists. Pupils were very thorough, they set high expectations for themselves!

During Spring 2, pupils learnt about different types of production lines and the skills needed to complete a line successfully. Pupils focused on what makes a good team, how to communicate with one another & how to refine their individual skills.



Products available on
www.etsy.com

WWW.ETSY.COM/SHOP/NORTHRIDGEGIFTCO

Plot To Plate Easter Newsletter.

This last term has been a very busy one at Plot to Plate. As well as cooking all the lunches for the students and staff at the Hub, our students have been developing a range of new products to be sold at our partner café Cup and Cake. We have been making a range of mini pies and quiches and our students have been batch producing a range of new products including our delicious shortbread.



We have also been working in partnership with Cup and Cake café to provide external catering for various functions, in fact we have just recently provide d range of baked products , including Pies, Quiche, shortbread and brownies for a party of 100 people based at Abraham Moss leisure centre.

Plot to plate is giving our students an opportunity to learn professional catering skills and how to present food to a very high standard to paying customers. Plot to Plate is going from strength to strength and faces a very exciting future.



GROWIT

Spring Edition



The sun is shining and it's time to start sowing! So far we have peppers, chillies, tomatoes & lettuce. Class Endeavour have become experts at independent seed sowing! Class Discovery have been caring for plants and potting on.



Spring Topic

Pupils have been learning about food production across the globe. Pupils have explored different types of farming and the impact that these have on the environment.



NRR

North Ridge Radio

We've been having a fantastic time on North Ridge Radio! Three times a week, the school is treated to a show hosted by Mr Hickman and two students.

We tell jokes, choose what tunes we want to hear and give shout outs.



This term we've been having a lot of fun. Students wrote in to tell us their jokes for Red Nose day. I can only say that these jokes were bonkers!!!

This terms top tunes were -
Flowers by Miley Cyrus
Ha Ha Haaland - CTID
Bad Habits - Ed Sheeran