



CROMWELL NEWS AUTUMN 2021

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



As the first term of the school year comes to a close it has been great to get back to more like 'normal' following previous lockdowns. We are still experiencing some additional absence from staff and pupils alike but at least we can now have departmental assemblies and staff training and get pupils out and about back into the community and reintroduce the wider world into our curriculum. It has been amazing to see our pupils return to Cromwell eager to learn and grow. Again this year, our Year 7s have settled into their new classes and routines extremely well. We are so pleased with your progress!

Back to learning in the Wider World!

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A lot of our pupils communicate via PECS (Picture Exchange Communication System) to make requests, observations, etc. It is always wonderful to see PECS used outside of the classroom, as we can any opportunity on trips out to use PECS as much as possible. For example, our Sixth Form SB class went to McDonalds and used PECS to request what they wanted from the breakfast menu. Not only did they make requests, they also did money exchanges. The skills to communicating effectively, as well as handle money in shops like this, are invaluable as it helps them access the wider world. At Cromwell, this is what we strive for and really missed during lockdown.

HARVEST

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Our pupils are no strangers to creativity and kindness; and this has really shone brightly throughout our Harvest celebrations. The harvest boxes each class has made created a beautiful, autumnal feel – well done! These harvest boxes were filled to the brim with donated goods, so thank you to everyone who generously helped out.



LINNET CLOUGH

We once again returned to Linnet Clough, where our Sixth Formers have further developed their skills outside of a college setting. They have not only explored nature, they have also created wonderful artwork and food. Incorporated into this is Life Skills and Communication, as the young people made clear choices on what paint to use and contributed to their own care by washing dishes.



LINNET CLOUGH

Our Sixth Formers were not the only ones who visited at Linnet Clough – Isabel has been enjoying Linnet Clough for Enrichment. Here she is exploring different things found in nature like berries and conkers and getting involved in arts and crafts, like carving a pumpkin for Halloween.



THANK YOU

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Thank you to Jan and Gemma for promoting Cromwell at the OKE SEN Fair. This was a really successful event, where 200 people attended.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the company Suez for their generous donation of toys for our school. They will definitely provide lots of joy as well as meet our pupils' sensory needs.

We love reading!



We have a new library! We've moved it from the small internal room and put it right in the centre of our school! We've added objects to capture pupils' interests and we in the process of making interactive books for the computers in the library so that we're enjoying all the benefits of a 21st Century Library! Many of the books will feature our own pupils to be especially interesting and enjoyable. Here you can see our pupils enjoying the new library we've had set up (with help from 6thSB!). Already our pupils are getting a lot out of it. Many thanks to Paul Wray, one of our parents and local cabinetmaker, for making the library over the summer.



Helping your child to read!

There is nothing more rewarding or enjoyable than sharing a book with your child! Even if it's just the closeness and shared attention of you and your child on something so positive and calming. Making sense of the pictures and story or key facts takes you on a journey of discovery together. Picking out the letters, their sounds and any words they can read gives them a real sense of achievement. Please help your child to access reading books and let your child's teacher know through Dojo if you'd like us to start sending reading books or library books home. We're here to support the development of this wonderful – and very useful- skill both at school and at home.





FOREST SCHOOL

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The benefits of our Forest School have only grown even bigger! Not only are our pupils connecting with nature and exploring the world around them, but they are also learning how to use tools safely and have created a variety of wood items, showing great craftsmanship. The Forest School has been so successful, that we've organized an After-School and Lunch Club so all our pupils have the opportunity to access our wonderful Forest School.



DIWALI

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In Social World pupils were taught about the religious festival of Diwali; the five-day Festival of Lights, celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. The pupils learnt about the story of Diwali and why it is celebrated, how people celebrate it and the importance of Diya lamps. The work and art the pupils produced was incredible!





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WINTER 2021



REMEMBRANCE DAY

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Here at Cromwell, we commemorated Remembrance Day across the curriculum, including Forest School, Home Life, Art and Social World. We also had a assembly where we learnt the importance of Remembrance Day and we paid our respects.



ENRICHMENT

An exciting start to the Academic year for the Enrichment Programme. 4C attended Motor Ways in Rochdale where they spent a day a week for seven weeks in a motor vehicle environment. They undertook a mini service, valet and obtained a general knowledge of the health and safety in this area. In the last week the group worked on a metalwork art project where they produced a spider made from old car parts. Each pupil grew in confidence and self esteem over this period and fully engaged in the activities.

SD spent Friday mornings this term at Active Tameside learning about safety in the kitchen and working as a team to produce lunch. Their confidence over this period grew week by week and lots of independence and life skill opportunities were encompassed during this time.

After Christmas, both groups will begin a term in Cromwell's newly opened Workshop, making items from wood and participating in a mini enterprise.



Thank you to Daniyal and William for helping us move equipment into our new workshop. You were very sensible and listened well to instructions.



WOODWORK

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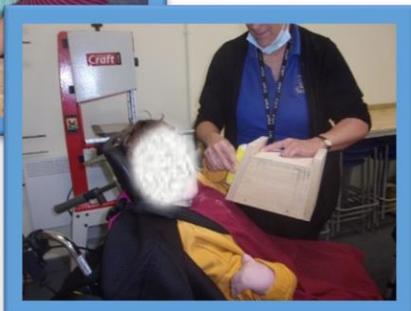
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We are so excited to tell you all about our new workshop on our facility. We have converted from our former garage with the help of the Local Authority. There the pupils will create a variety of wooden item such as letter boxes and bird boxes, having the opportunity not only for different sensory processes, but also to learn about using tools safely and how to create an item; all the way from planning to adding finishing touches.



Our Sixth Formers creating bird boxes.



LIVE MUSIC IN SCHOOL

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Our Sixth Form classes were treated to a visit from 'Music in Care'. Here you can see the young people listening to a variety of musical instruments, which they all thoroughly enjoyed!



SPORTS DAY

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Pupils of Cromwell High School participated in their annual sports day in conjunction with a our charity partner 'Leonard Cheshire foundation'. Each class was invited to take part in various activities such as baseball, kin ball and cricket throughout the day with the aim of learning new skills and increasing their engagement with healthy and interesting activities.

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SPORTS DAY

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Pupils of Cromwell took really well to each activity, showcasing their fantastic skills and their never ending ability to access and explore new pieces of equipment.

As a school, we are proud of all the pupils who participated in sports day and it was really nice to see the smiles and laughter throughout the day, and more importantly the interaction amongst pupils.

We look forward to the day when parents can re-join us in school for this enjoyable annual event.



FOREST SCHOOL

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This term for Forest School, we have been poppy painting using mud paint, safely made a real fire; building it with sticks for a bonfire.



HOME LIFE

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This term in Sensory Sixth Form, the pupils have been exploring foods through senses in Home Life. The pupils have shown an interaction with different food groups through taste, touch or smell. Each lesson, the pupils explored different kitchen equipment: a hand chopper, an electric peeler and a blender – activating these via a switch. Meals have included vegetable soup, pizzas, fruit smoothies and Poppy Day biscuits.



THE SPACE CENTRE TRIP

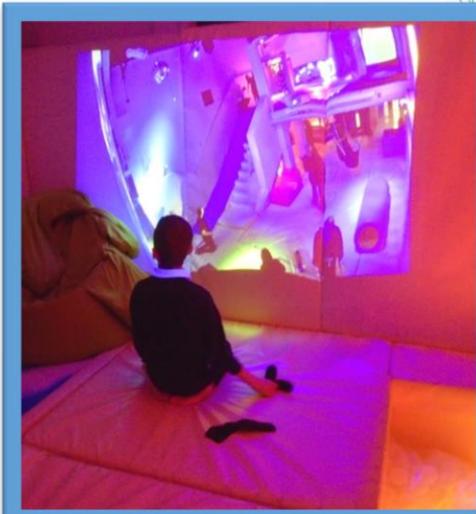
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The Space Centre in Preston was an amazing place for our children to visit. Class SA really explored the different sensory experiences, such as moving lights, swinging chairs and ball pits, the Space Centre offered and had so much fun doing so.



SA sat very sensibly at McDonalds as they waited for their well earned food.



HYDROTHERAPY

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'Tish' (Natasha) from Conceptual FE has made her Hydro Teachers Lindsey & Rachel so proud! Tish has learnt to float on her back, which is an amazing achievement, as when Tish first started coming to hydro sessions, she was extremely cautious about putting her head back. Tish has also shown fantastic learning by remembering and performing a push and glide on her back. Great work, Tish, well done you!

Theo only began Hydro sessions in November to try to explore avenues which may interest him. There was no fear from the start but Theo liked to be close to Natalie, Rachel and Kerry. Sessions were built up over time. We worked out that Theo likes to climb, jump, bounce and feel water sprinkles. It's been a joy to watch Theo progress and enjoy his time in Hydro. It's hard to persuade him to leave these days!



Now times are becoming a little more 'normal', different classes are accessing Hydro with different teachers. Joshua first started Hydro last September and always was quite timid, albeit he loved to discuss and describe aspects of the water and the creatures that swim in the sea. This year, has seen a huge difference in his confidence and ability. Joshua has started to wear goggles, put his face in the water, climb onboard a raft, blow bubbles and interact with his peers in the pool. He's even given himself a nickname of Captain Jugs!

He is such a pleasure to have in the pool and big thank you to Joshua's knowledge about Oarfish. Natalie, Kerry and Rachel have learnt a lot!

CHILDREN IN NEED



Everyone's charitable nature has once again shone brightly for Children In Need. Our pupils got involved and raised money for the amazing charity. For example, our sensory department did a sponsored danceathon, SD ran a cake stall and 6thSA baked and sold dog biscuits. Thank you to everyone who donated for Children In Need!



CHRISTMAS

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The last week of term was filled with Christmas celebrations. The pupils learnt about how and why Christmas is celebrated and consolidated that knowledge in their work. Below you can see pictures from the Conceptual and Sensory Department Christmas Assembly and Sixth Form Sensory creating Christmas craft.



CHRISTMAS

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As a sensible balance between covid safety and getting the school feeling much more 'normal' again, we have been having split assemblies; with Structured Department having one (being nearly half the secondary part of school), Sensory and Conceptual Departments having separate celebrations and the Sixth Form a fourth. These are the pictures from the Structured Christmas Assembly on Thursday.



So many great contributions from the musical pupils with instruments in the audience and brilliant spotlight performances from Leo and Alfie, Alex, Hassan, Israel and Tish and Dom really shone out in their assemblies. Performing at the front of the hall in front of all their friends – nerves of steel! And voices of angels!



OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

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Governor awards:

There have been so many achievements by staff and pupils that, as ever, it is very difficult to highlight anyone in particular and governors offer their heartfelt thanks to everyone in our school community for pulling together and supporting one another through these trying times. Additionally, governors do want to say a particular 'well done' to:

Pupils:

Sensory: Harris – for such a fantastic start to his school career after so long at home!

Structured: Connor – for an amazing growth in maturity as he's moved classes for this academic year.

Conceptual: Kieran – for growing into such a considerate, helpful young man – keep up the good work!

Staff:

Ron Perry, our incredibly dedicated and long serving Site Manager who has had to soldier on – working 7 day weeks (to support Aquanauts continuing to hire the pool and raise money for school) and after a summer full of building work – due to our struggle to appoint a Deputy Site Manager after 4 adverts! What an incredible contribution to our school! Thank you!

Megan Shirley. Megan is new to our school; since September, and at the beginning of her career, but has supported her pupils through thick and thin this term. Coping with Covid and other illness making, at times, all the rest of the class staff team ill at points during the term. Throughout, she has been there for the pupils and held the fort to maintain standards for our pupils. An amazing start to what we hope will be an amazing career!

Comings and Goings

As the school grows it is great to have new people with new ideas join us. Huge thanks to Tracy for agreeing to act as Head of Conceptual Department until the summer and welcome to:

- Teacher: Catherine Nelson- from temporary TA4 to new
- TA4: Emily Jennings stepping up from TA3 post.
- New TAs in school this year are Megan Shirley, Sarra Burrows, Jaimee-Lee Kirby, Kelly Sefchick, Toni Baxter, Jenna Clancy, Chloe Harford-Wykes, Stacy Brittain, Anna Shaw, Stacey Blackwell.

A fond farewell, best wishes and thank you for everything you have done for our pupils whilst working with us to: TA2s: Sally Lucas- after 5 years service- & Chris Read and Middays: Julie Rosco – after 13 years dedicated service & Sarah Roland. We wish you well!



CROMWELL HIGH SCHOOL

We are delighted to announce that we're now a licensed Duke of Edinburgh organization and will be offering the 'Bronze Award' to pupils Year 9 and above.

A letter will be sent out after the Christmas holidays to provide more information about the award and what commitment is required from each individual who enrolls.

We cannot wait to get started!

Important Notices

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School restarts for pupils on **Thursday 6th January**. Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The government has instructed schools to add a day's bank holiday to the school's term dates for the Queen's Jubilee. Governors have now added what would have been the last day of the summer term to the holiday list and **the last day of school before the summer will now be Wednesday 20th July 2022.**