

CROMWELL NEWS

SPRING 2022

Cromwell DofE Award

ready for lift-off!



The preparations are completed! We're ready for lift-off! We're really excited that our pupils can start to receive the Duke of Edinburgh's award that has been so successful in so many schools over so many years! The award does need parental support to show the depth of commitment needed, so, although we will do as much as possible in school, parents are kindly encouraged to sign up if at all possible. The areas are challenges that are physical, skill based, and voluntary and dovetail well with PE and Forest School challenges. Year 9 pupils have already been approached and the next step is Year 10 pupils. Well done to everyone in getting this excellent project going!



CROMWELL HIGH SCHOOL



We at Cromwell would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter and Ramadan! Here you can see the pupils creating beautiful art celebrating spring including the traditional Easter bonnet and planting sunflower seeds.

CELEBRATION

JESUS IS ALIVE...

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Vacancies:

Please spread the word!
We have vacancies for:
Head of Sixth form, TA4,
TA2 and TA1 posts

CHINESE NEW YEAR

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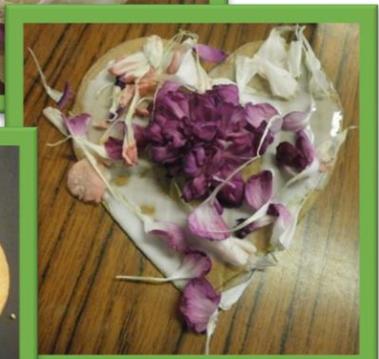
Here is 6thSA exploring Chinese New Year through sensory activities.

VALENTINES

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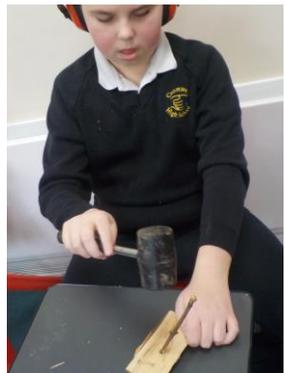
Take a look at the Valentine cookies and heart-shaped bird fat balls 6thSensory made at Linnet Clough.



FOREST SCHOOL



Forest School continues to provide fantastic opportunities for pupil led learning outdoors. The fresh air has a magical effect on all of us and makes for an incredibly productive session, learning about and appreciating nature and learning skills to shape and work outdoors.



HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL PROJECT

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As part of Holocaust Memorial Day activities, our pupils took part in a 'Voices of Equality' workshop run by Jonathon McKee, from The Ann Frank Trust UK. To support us with the project, we also had the opportunity to work with an artist in residence, Caroline Coates. Pupils from different classes took part in drawing and printing workshops to try out different ideas for their final postcard designs. The postcards were based on a theme 'One Day...', where pupils included words, sentences and symbolic images to portray messages of positivity about the future.



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Here is our sculpture/ installation, created by pupils from all the schools within the SSSP. The sculpture toured each school so this stayed with us until the end of half term.

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25 YEARS

WORLD BOOK DAY

Here at Cromwell, we celebrated World Book Day on 2nd and 3rd March. Not only did our pupils bring in their favourite book to share with the class, but they all took part in an interactive sensory story where they went outside to play in the sand and have hot chocolates, then ended with some reflection time in the sensory room.







PANCAKES

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When it was Shrove Tuesday, our pupils worked hard and made pancakes to celebrate the day. Incorporating English and Maths, the pupils followed step-by-step instructions and measured each ingredients carefully.



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EXPLORING RECYCLING

This half term, the topic in Healthy Life has been exploring recycling. The pupils in Sensory Sixth Form have been exploring how and what we can use to recycle. Throughout the topic, the pupils followed instructions on how to turn used crisp packets into a waterproof blanket for the air ambulance.

The pupils sorted, wash and dried 129 crisp packets, then explored a cold iron and watched staff iron the packets together. Once cooled, the final step was to iron a clear plastic bag front and back to make the blanket waterproof.





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MOTHER'S DAY SALE

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This term, the pupils in 6A have been busy creating lots of wonderful cards and gifts to sell to for a special event- Mother's Day. As a class project, the pupils voted on four different designs; cards, cakes, pot plants and candle holders. The pupils have used a variety of skills, explored different textures, and used recyclable items.

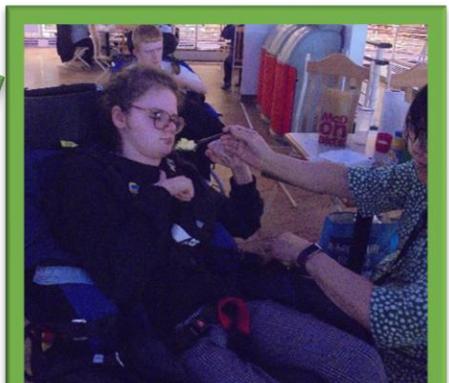
The pupils finished the topic by making a poster advertising the sale, arranged the decorations on a table, and collected money in exchange for the items. In total, the class raised £28.50.



TRAFFORD CENTRE



Exploring the outside world is not only a crucial part to learning, but is also way of taking part in the wider community. Here you can see AA2 at the Trafford Centre, where they enjoyed the water fountain, shopping (including cash exchanges) and eating at a restaurant.



HYDROTHERAPY

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Following an operation prior to Christmas and recovery time, Kira has resumed sessions in the pool, which will help her immensely with a speedier recovery. Kira straight away remembered her surroundings and was still the same happy smiley giggly girl she was before. We have been working on push offs the wall to strengthen her legs and hips. Kira has loved all the sensory bubbles against her body and seeing all the sights around her. It's been a joy to have her back! Super work, Kira!

Since January, and the easing of restrictions, various members of 3C have been enjoying using the Hydrotherapy for completely different reasons.

Olivia has built up her confidence and gets into the pool happily, safe and secure. We began originally using the hoist, progressed to using her wheelchair to poolside, now she walks round with so much confidence, even telling staff members to 'come on!' Olivia laughs and blows bubbles and even splashes her friend who accompanies her.



Louis and Adeel use their time for a chill out from a busy class, but their swim skills are superb, as is their behaviour and listening school. We like to call them the pride of Cromwell!

Mason has a love of water in and out of the pool. Initially, Mason was a little unsure and needed to be held, but overtime his confidence has grown and grown. Mason blows bubbles, sings, spins and independently makes his way around the pool either on a woggle or monkeying around the bars. We can all agree the pool is one of Mason's favourite places! He's a joy to work with!



Keira has recently towards the end of term has returned to using the pool and still loves it just as much as ever. Keira is a natural water baby, she is happy above the water as she is below. She has shown a real interest in independent floating. Fantastic work and listening, Keira!



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PROM

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Unfortunately we had a delay with these photos by a skilled photographer who volunteered to help- many thanks. We thought you'd like to see them as they are so good! - better late than never! Here you can see the photos from last year's prom. Not only did our leaving Year 11s attend, but also the Year 12s who unfortunately had to miss their prom due to the Covid pandemic. To meet with precautions at the time, we held at outside at Cromwell where we had our own bubble guy!





OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

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Important Notices

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Cashless Consultation

We are consulting about going cashless from this September. This will save time, be more secure and we hope be more convenient for parents. Please respond to the survey if you think there's more for us to consider.

Pupil Reports and Feedback

We have reviewed our reporting system in the light of government guidance and requirements and union requests and are moving to a system of providing:

- advanced curriculum information for each term to inform parents to enable them to support the learning over the term,
- a newsletter for each pupil in December to celebrate their progress over the term – including personal progress and settling into their new class.
- A full look through the evidence of learning in pupil files during Spring term parents' evening.
- The full pupil progress report in the summer. We hope that this will provide more useful and timely information to parents and optimise the time that teachers have for preparing the highest possible quality of lessons.



KINGFISHER
LEARNING TRUST
ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES
COLLABORATIVE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Partnership News

We are now in a collaborative partnership with 7 other local special schools:

Our long term partners, Oakdale and Thomas Ashton, and new partners East Manchester Schools; Camberwell Park & North Ridge, Springwood School in Salford and Oldham schools Halcyon Way and Kingfisher. The partnership is coordinated by the Kingfisher Learning Trust. The government is telling schools to look at how they can best work together for pupils and want all schools to join together as academy trusts in the not too distant future. By working together with other people who really know about our pupils' needs Governors are hoping it will be so good that it makes sense to join together more formally – but only if it's best for pupils and staff are protected.

We have been conducting Peer Reviews in each others schools and it has been great to get some ideas from other special schools. When partners came to see what we have been working on they were challenging but really supportive. They reported that: "It was a privilege to be able observe both teachers and students at Cromwell High School. The classes were calm and this aided the learning taking place." Feedback like this, from people who really know, is so supportive – a real boost for our school as we recover from the challenges of the last 2 years.

Comings and Goings

We would like to send huge thanks and best wishes to Andrew Skellett, returning to his native Yorkshire, Hazel Stone, Amy Tuey, Marie Gibson and Emily Jennings who have left us this term.

A huge Cromwell welcome to the following staff who have joined us or will be joining us after Easter:

Teachers Kirsty Walsh & Bethany Twist

TA4 Clare Brown, and Teaching Assistants:

Marina Malacrina, Jessica Dunkerly, Sayra Kamali, Janice Darrough, David Chatterton & Daisy Newton.

Polite request:

Please could parents picking up pupils from school do your best to avoid arriving too early (more than 10 mins before the time). As you know, it is very busy at these times and we often have our buses returning from educational visits up until 3pm. Many thanks for your cooperation that has seen things improve considerably over the school year.