



CROMWELL NEWS

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Our new Headteacher

Following Mr Foord's announcement that he is to retire this summer, School Governors have lost no time in searching and finding a top quality candidate to fulfil the role from this September. After a national advert and an extremely rigorous interview process over two days, the governors have made their decision with advice and support from the Local Authority and Kingfisher Learning Trust.

Our Chair of Governors, Jane Bates announced the news: "The successful candidate is Suzanne Pass who will be moving from her role as a Director for Kingfisher Learning Trust. Suzanne has been a school governor since last September and in her statement for that role she explains that she has worked within special education for the last twenty years. She has been an Assistant Headteacher and led whole school development over many years, particularly in the areas of curriculum and assessment and has led the establishment of the collaboration of special schools across neighbouring authorities. She has a particular interest in Communication, Inclusion and enrichment opportunities. Mrs Pass will communicate directly shortly and properly introduce herself. She will hopefully get the opportunity to visit school and prepare for the transition before the summer."



Tea Room reopens thanks to Sixth Form!

Our tearoom reopened this term to the public Mondays and Wednesdays 1.30-3.00pm! 6C and 6D have been running it to huge success as you can see from these photos! Each student had a role in the tearoom and they all enjoyed their jobs and worked really hard. It was great to see some of you in there! The tearoom will continue to run next term, so we'll see you there!

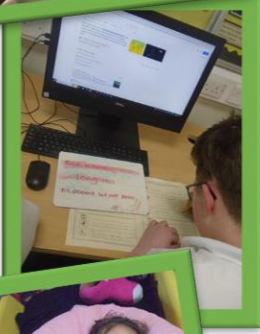


School returns after Easter on Monday 17th April 2023



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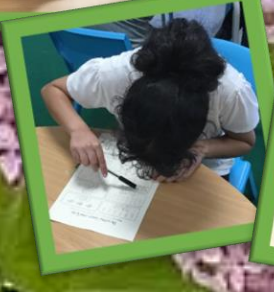
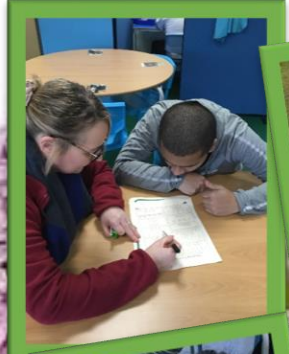


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SPRING HAS ARRIVED

This spring term has been filled with learning and new experiences, and our pupils did amazing well. Here you can see our pupils completing their box tasks, undergoing sensory experiences, completing math calculations, using technology, doing science experiments and research, developing personal care skills and exploring outside. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils!





DUKE OF EDINBURGH

A huge congratulations to Kian, Freddie, Morgan and Oliver who have successfully completed the skill, physical and volunteering sections of their DofE Bronze Award. All pupils have worked incredibly hard over the past 3-6 months taking part in various activities which include: football/cycling (physical section), accessing gardening tools (skill section) and helping to tidy up and set out equipment for forest school lessons in the afternoon for other classes to access (volunteering). They have demonstrated fantastic resilience to continue to attend each activity and done themselves and the school proud! The DofE pupils will now be challenged to complete the final section; which is the expedition section during summer term at the 'Longdendale Trail'.





RSPB

Pupils in 6A have worked very hard so far since September for their RSPB awards! In the autumn term, 6A successfully completed their Bronze Award. The wild challenge is a challenge for you to connect with the natural world in brave new ways and earn awards as you go. The pupils completed 6 challenges set by the RSPB, 3 helping nature and 3 experiencing nature. The pupils enjoyed travelling around Linnet getting a closer look to bugs and insects, making homes for mammals, sensing the world and many more experiences.

In the spring term, the pupils have achieved their Silver Challenge Award. Challenges have included: Wildlife detecting, Habitat Heaps, Big Schools Birdwatch, and fundraising plus many more at Linnet Clough. As part of social life this term, the topic has been fundraising/helping in my community, where the pupils have become RSPB pin badge holders, and have been out and about selling pin badges- raising a total £51.40 for the RSPB.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

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17 of our Sixth Form students have commenced some work experience opportunities in both internal and external settings this term. These placements are designed to prepare the young adults for greater independence in adult life, as well as employment or further training. This has proved to be a great success and will continue next academic year. Well done to the students who took part!



PRE-SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP

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In preparation for adulthood, two of our students, Jack and James, in our Sixth Form attended a Pre-supported Internship Programme through Active, which took place over a four week period. This involved half a day at Tameside College and half a day in a working environment. Jack and James should be very proud of themselves!





EXPLORING THE OUTSIDE WORLD

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Studying 'Physical World', AA1 went to Pets at Home in Ashton-Under-Lyne to look at different animals and what they need. They explored the different textures and sounds the items made as well as watching a variety of animals such as rabbits, guinea pigs and fish.

6A have been visiting the Trafford Centre as part of their Home Life - Shopping for Myself topic. The pupils visited a variety of contrasting shops where they experienced the different sights, sounds and participated in buying items. The pupils enjoyed visiting the food court as part of their Professional Life 'Fast Food' topic, where they chose their own lunch and even participated using the self service machines. On their last visit, the pupils completed a self-evaluation of each shop using their communication method to say if they liked or disliked the shops. We had clear answers showing who enjoys shopping and who really isn't a fan!



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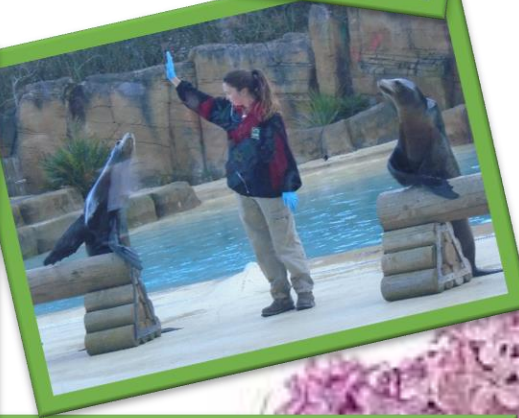
3D have been working with the Peoplescape Theatre group in collaboration with the Portland Basin Museum. The theatre group came into school doing workshops with the children for 3 weeks then presented their work in a final performance at the museum on Tuesday 21st March. The play was set in 1923 and performed on the 1920's street, where some of the exhibits were used to create a lifelike experience for the children. The performance was very interactive and the children were involved from start to finish. Esme made us laugh being a very strict teacher and teacher, Christine had to wear the dunces cap! The children shouted 'That's not fair!' at the mill owner who paid the men more than the women and Riley worked out that Bertie had saved his farthings to help Auntie Stella get grandad's watch out of the pawn shop. The performance ended with all the children and the actors dancing the Charleston to celebrate. They all joined in and were great at knee swinging as we had practised this in the workshops!





BLACKPOOL ZOO

AA1 had an amazing time at Blackpool Zoo on Monday 27th March. They enjoyed seeing all types of animals, including elephants, giraffes, otters, sealions, primates and even dinosaurs!

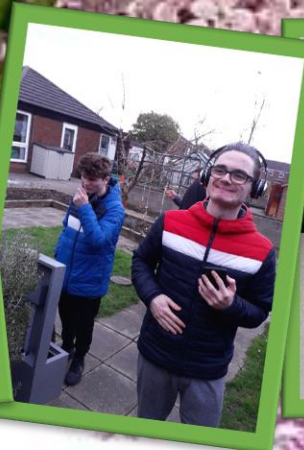




CHILDREN'S ADVENTURE FARM

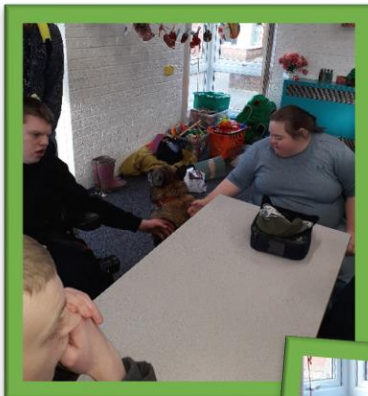
AA2 had a lovely day at the Children's Adventure Farm! We hope to return again soon. We saw and fed the alpacas, the goats, the ducks, the sheep and the donkeys. AA2 were able to present to them a donation of £125 to support their amazing work. Thank you for all your support in helping in AA2's fundraisers.





TOGETHER CENTRE

6C and 6D have been visiting the Together Centre. They had their lunches there, created different arts and crafts and listened to an Elvis tribute act.



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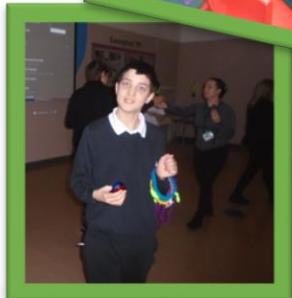
Our secondary school pupils celebrated Spanish Day on Thursday 16th February in an amazing fashion!

The Sensory Department pupils were smelling and touching some different Spanish foods including fruits, cheeses and tortillas. The Conceptual Department made collages, enjoyed tasting different foods. The Structured Department took part in a Spanish sensory story.

All the departments enjoyed going into the hall to experience a Spanish dance session, having fun with the ribbons and mastering the castanets.

All the pupils enjoyed a show in the hall where they listened to Spanish music which was accompanied by 2 special guests- our very own 2 Amigos (Mr Foord and Mike Doyle!)

A massive thank you to Symon who organised the day, Cath who did a fabulous sensory story for each class, Luke for organising the dancing and our talented musicians, Mr Foord and Mike.

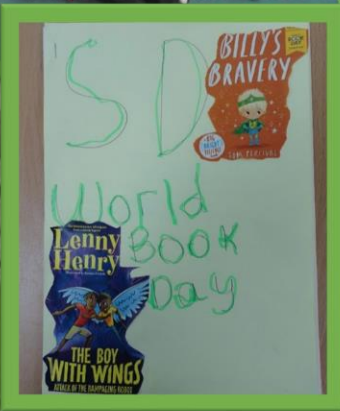
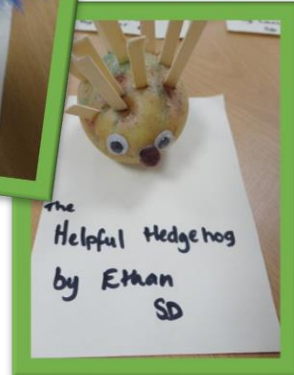
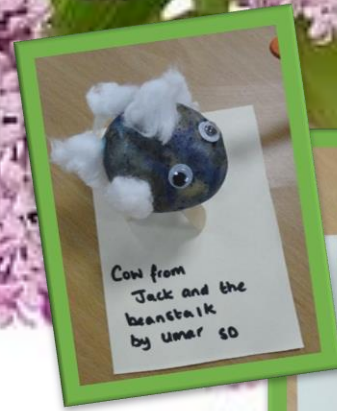


WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day in so many different ways this year! You can see SA being read their favourite stories and enjoying them.

Our Secondary school pupils were treated to a wonderful performance of Macbeth in the Hall by 3D (more on the play and Macbeth on the next page!)

Each pupil was given a potato to decorate and make into a character of their choice, e.g. animals, fairy tale creatures and superheroes. You can see the creativity and imagination shine through – it was no surprise our pupils wanted to show them off!



MACBETH

As part of our English curriculum, our pupils learnt about the Shakespearean play, Macbeth. This was taught through sensory stories, creating items from Macbeth and pupils have used PECs or written about the story.



On World Book Day, 3D performed Macbeth for the rest of secondary school to watch. A huge thank you to the pupils and staff in 3D – it was such a wonderful performance and it's clear to see that you've put so much effort into it!



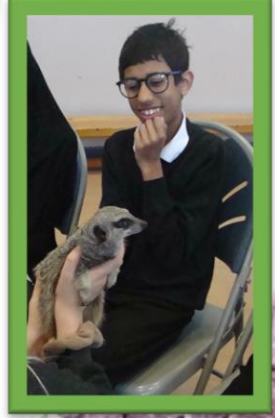
ANIMAL HANDLING

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On 23rd January, KS3 classes had the amazing opportunity to handle a variety of animals as part of their Physical World topic on pets and how to look after them. The pupils put what they learnt in their lessons into practice as they handled each animal carefully. Both pupils and staff enjoyed seeing and handling the animals and learning about them (did you know chinchillas take baths in sand instead of water as it's better for their dense fur?) – it was an experience that will remain with us for a long time!





CAREERS DAY

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This year, we were able to take part in the National Careers Week, which helps support our students in preparation for adulthood. 30 students across KS4 and Sixth Form took part and were able to find out about jobs within the Police, Fire, Nursing and Carpentry as well as more information about Supported Internships. A big thank you to the professionals who supported us with this day and George Allen who spoke about his pathway on the Supported Internship, which resulted in permanent work at Cromwell. The students seemed to really enjoy learning about various career pathways and asked lots of questions.



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This term, the Enrichment Curriculum in Key Stage 4 has been focused in our workshop. The students have made a variety of items, some to take home and some as part of our mini enterprise. The quality of the products is amazing and the improvements seen in independence, thinking skills, team work and overall confidence amongst the students has been remarkable. Bird houses and wheelbarrow planters are available to purchase if you want to support our mini enterprise. Bird boxes are £6 and wheelbarrows are £8.

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ACADEMISATION UPDATE

Thank you to those parents who attended, or sent questions to, our Parents' Briefing on Academisation and met, listened to and questioned the leaders of the Kingfisher Learning Trust. Staff also had a briefing on the same day.

The main news is:

- The Department for Education has approved the academisation in principle which means that we can begin the process of getting the organisation needed for academisation prepared.
- Kingfisher will visit school on the 4th May to better understand how we work for the highest standards of Teaching and Learning and Curriculum for our pupils.
- The academisation isn't confirmed until school governors sign it off just prior to the change over.

Questions and answers:

Q- *How does the academy affect transport provided by the local authority?*

A- There is no change to transport arrangements as these are independent of school

Q- *Is Kingfisher Learning Trust a charity or business?*

A- All academies are technically 'exempt charities'.

Q- *Will the local authority have any say after academisation?*

A- The Local Authority (or the child's Local Authority) remain responsible for all the EHCPs of all the pupils in school. They retain control of who attends our school and it is their job to work with parents to satisfy themselves that the provision and outcomes of each EHCP are being met.

If you have any further questions as the process proceeds please email to

admin@cromwell.tameside.sch.uk marking the Subject "Academisation Questions"

Comings and Goings:

A fond farewell to Angela Shaw who has been supporting our young people for over 18 years! Best of luck in your promotion at Oakdale! Helen Tuey who has been so fantastic in our structured department for nearly 9 years is also leaving along with Nathan Bagnall one of our Sixth Form tutors who is moving to a position in a mainstream school. Thank you all for everything you have done for our pupils.

A huge Cromwell welcome to:

New Teacher: Terrie Phillips New Sixth Form Tutor: Georgina Quinn New TA 1 Jasmine Rodgers

A big thank you from Macmillan!

Thank you so much for holding a cake sale and raising an amazing £94 for Macmillan Cancer Support. We hope you all enjoyed it and that you'll pass on our thanks to everyone who helped make it a success. Your enthusiasm and generosity will allow us to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can, providing physical, financial and emotional support.

Thank you once again for being a part of Team Macmillan.