



CROMWELL AUTUMN 2023 NEWSLETTER



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Here are some pictures of pupils' attending the Curzon Ashton Football Club home matches, using their free season ticket. A big thank you to Luke for organising the free season tickets for our students!

4C have been going to 'Tycoon Cheer and Dance' as part of their PE provision during Term 1B. They have been learning to follow a simple dance routine and communicate effectively with peers to work as part of a group.

4C invited pupils' from the Conceptual and Sensory department to watch a live performance of the dance and to show off their amazing dance skills.

A huge congratulations to all pupils' in 4C who did themselves and the school very proud.

Luke- PE



WHAT HAS SECONDARY SCHOOL BEEN UP TO?

3B



3B really enjoyed Forest School this term, exploring outside in the autumn breeze.



3C



3C have had a few changes this half term and have been joined by Cath as the class lead, who previously worked at Kingfisher School for many years. We are trialling a different learning model and, so far, all seems to be going well. One of the ongoing trials is called Maths for Life; it is an engaging maths scheme developed for students with additional needs, and there is a lot of information on the Maths for Life website if you want to check it out. In Physical World, we have done 'Ice and Fire'! We explored extremes of hot and cold, experimenting with ice and what makes it melt. We did fire safety and learned about the dangers of fire.

In Social World, we have been going live to Spain each week with Senora Alison, via Teams and learning some conversational Spanish, had a trip to a goat farm and a fruit orchard. Senora Alison picked avocados from the tree and brought them over, one for each of the students. We made Spanish toast, that was enjoyed by most of us!

3C always look forward to going into the hall and learning about sports and teamwork, PE with Luke every Thursday afternoon, fun at forest schools with Lynn and music with Cordelia. In Personal Growth, we have been learning about friendships and how a team works; we have created a quiet reading area and formed a class Choir to show what happens when a good team works well together!



3D

Rock on! Here is 3D having a go on an electric guitar. You all look like rock stars!



4C - I'M A CROMWELL STUDENT – GET ME OUT OF HERE!



Pupils in 4C have been reading Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling this term. We went on a jungle expedition to search for the characters that appear in the story. The pupils really enjoyed searching for them and later decided what they would take in their backpacks. They all wrote a description of the jungle setting, including what plants, animals and birds they would find there.



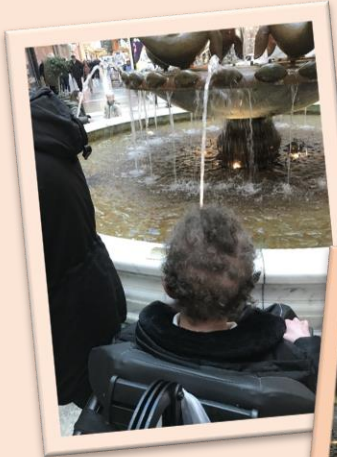
AA1

The pupils in AA1 have been working very hard on lots of skills, in particular, their mark making skills, tracking skills and understanding cause and effect.



AA2

AA2 went to the Trafford Centre, exploring all the shops and features. They particularly enjoyed the relaxing fountain and Christmas decorations.



SA



SA have been very busy this term: in Physical World, they learnt about appliances in the home, went to Forest School and took part in a sensory story about pirates!



SB

SB had a blast in PE, working very hard on their balance and rolling skills!



SC really utilised ICT in their lessons this term by using the keyboard to type their names or short sentences, using the Interactive Whiteboard to navigate around the local area on Google Maps and (while on a Treasure Hunt) using the camera to take photos of what treasure they found.

SC



SD

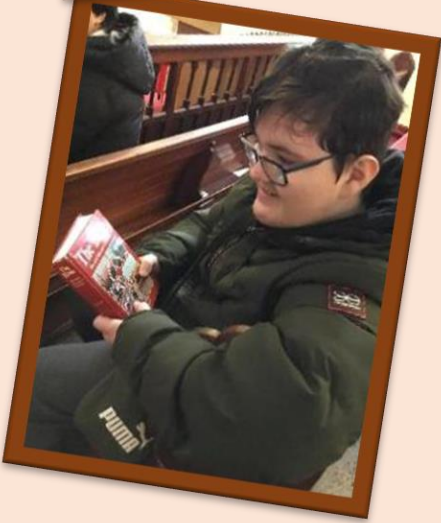
SD used the Interactive Whiteboard and paper to make sentences (using Who, Is Doing, What, Where) about their friends doing different jobs in school, what is happening in pictures, making requests and taking turns with friends.



WHAT HAS SIXTH FORM BEEN UP TO?



6A visited St Marys church to end the Christianity topic. While there, the pupils explored the church and listened to Reverend Sheila talk about different events that take place in a church. The pupils gave the church some of their own stained glass windows they had made in class.



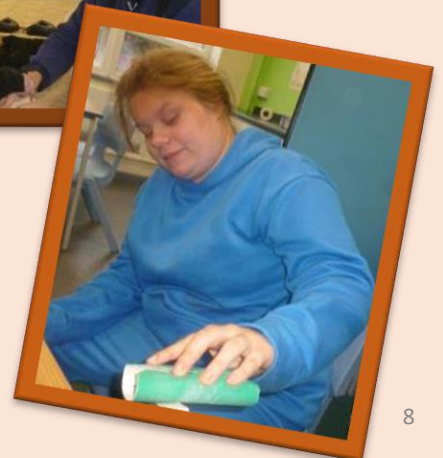
6A



6B spent a lot of time in our workshop this term, creating a variety of wooden items, including Christmas trees for our Christmas fair. They listened to instructions and used the tools sensibly.



6B



6C



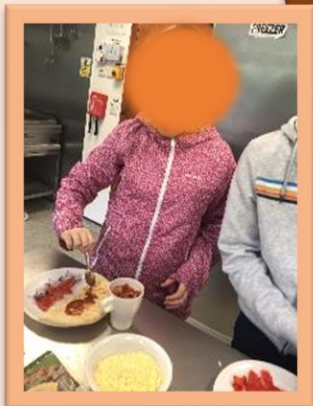
This term, 6C have started to visit The Together Centre. They have been planting various vegetables and have been exploring what they smell, taste and feel like. They have been really sensible travelling to and from, thinking about our road safety skills. In class, they have started working towards different accreditations, working really hard in all areas.

In Home Life, they have started a breakfast club where they have been exploring and trying different kinds of breakfasts from around the world. We have had toast and spreads, cereals, pastries and full English breakfasts!



6D worked really hard on their cooking skills. Here you can see that they've designed and made their own pizzas, using their tools sensibly and making great choices with the toppings. Well done, 6D!

6D



SIXTH FORM POLICE VISIT

To end our Professional Life topic, all of Sixth Form had a visit from PC Mark. The pupils sat and listened to him talking about his job, and asked some very interesting questions, like what equipment he uses. All of the pupils explored his jacket, baton, handcuffs and radio. Thank you, PC Mark, for visiting our students!



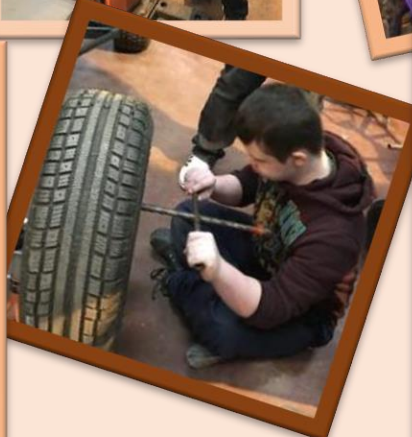
LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM - KEY STAGE 4 ENRICHMENT

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This term on Enrichment the students in KS4 have taken part in a variety of activities which include: Cycling, Motor Vehicle, Metal Art and Woodwork.

Students have worked on becoming more independent, developing their confidence, self-esteem and team work. Motor vehicle has provided an insight into the world of work; students have completed a mini service, car valeting and worked on basic car maintenance. Metal art has proved a great success; students have been able to explore their creativity and gain experience in the use of a selection of basic engineering tools. This term they have made a spider for Halloween and a Christmas tree.





Cycling has provided the students with an opportunity to get out into our local community and build their fitness. The number of laps around the cycle track that some of the students have completed is impressive! The students undertaking woodwork have been busy working on the mini enterprise for the Christmas Fair. They have used a variety of hand and power tools under the supervision of an adult. Their work is something that they should be so proud of.





Our other Key Stage 4 students in other classes have also had their enrichment. KS4 pupils in SB and 3B visited the bike cycle track, exploring Hyde Park and its café. KS4 in the Sensory Department has been going shopping, making a variety of items and doing woodwork in our workshop. Here they've developed their skills in how to interact with the world outside of the classroom, like being sensible and being aware of danger, ordering food at the café and interacting with pupils who aren't in their classes, as well as working on their gross and fine motor skills. Everyone should be immensely proud of themselves!



AUTUMN HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS

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HARVEST CELEBRATION

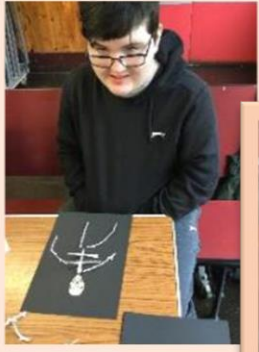


In the first half term, we had our annual Harvest assembly. Each class made and decorated their own Harvest Box (they were absolutely wonderful!) and filled them all to the brim with donations. Thank you so much for donating food items – they have been given to the Moravian Church to help those in need. Miss Pass attended the Sunday church service and everyone there was really grateful for the contributions to help others. Well done everyone.



SIXTH FORM HALLOWEEN DROPDOWN DAY

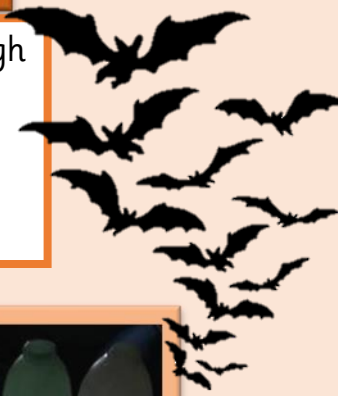
Trick or treat! Our Sixth Form had a special Dropdown Day where they studied the spooky season, learning about its origins and how it is celebrated around the world, as well as taking part in the traditions for themselves.



6A



6A went on a Halloween hunt at Linnet Clough where staff had placed pumpkins around for them to find and explore. The pupils also collected sticks to paint to create their own skeletons, and made their own pumpkins.



6B celebrated Halloween Dropdown Day with spooky home made milk bottle lanterns, a spooky sensory story and end of day party.

6B



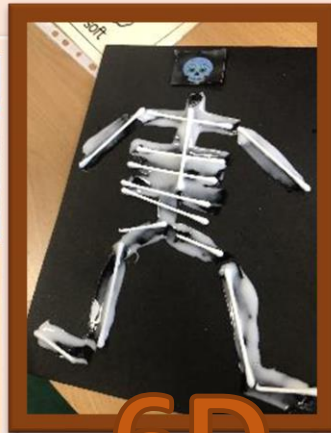
6C had their faces painted, decorated biscuits, carved pumpkins and listened to music.



6C



Boooooo!



6D



Class 6D had great fun celebrating Halloween. The students threw pom poms at the spider's web, searched for the Halloween treats in dried pasta & made cotton bud skeletons & Franken-cups!



DIWALI



Happy Diwali

Here at Cromwell High School, we promote celebrating many cultures, learning about why and how certain holidays are celebrated. SB learnt all about Diwali, participated in a social story and made some Diya lamps.



Supporting

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



The Sensory Department went to Morrisons to buy all the ingredients to make their cakes.

On the week commencing the 25th September, we baked and sold cakes to raise money for the charity Macmillan. The pupils worked very hard and learnt to read and follow instructions as well as how to serve customers and handle money. Overall, we raised over £110 – well done and thank you, everyone!

CHARITY WORK

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3D did an amazing job during the sale and made approx. £70. They loved making and baking and serving the customers.

We all wore green to commemorate the wonderful charity!





REMEMBRANCE



Everyone at Cromwell paid their respects to our soldiers for Remembrance, with an assembly and a minute silence. We've also raised money for the Royal British Legion by selling poppy products (a huge thank you to Presley, our receptionist's daughter, for crocheting many beautiful poppies to sell – we'll announce how much we've raised when we find out from the Royal British Legion).



3B did an amazing job, helping to make a cenotaph for Remembrance Day and adding all the poppies the classes have made to it. It looked amazing in our Reception area.



WATERAID



3D had a hot dog sale to raise money for the charity Wateraid. The sale went very well - we raised £38.30 for Wateraid! 3D loved preparing and serving the hotdogs. Thank you for all of the donations too.



CHILDREN IN NEED



We always have such a good time when it comes to Children in Need – here 3B painted their own Pudsey Bear!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The next few pages will detail what we got up in Cromwell for the festive period.



The sensory department had their annual Christmas Craft morning, with our lovely parents/carers coming in to join in with the creative festivities.

The Christmas fair was such a huge success this year. We had so many stalls, lovely entertainment and even a visit from Santa! It was such a magical time, seeing everyone get into the Christmas spirit! So far, we raised £1776! We are on our way to getting another minibus – thank you for all of your support!



We had an interactive pantomime of Jack and the Beanstalk this year from the Peoplescape Theatre. All of our pupils had an amazing time watching the story unfold, listening to the music and having a good look at the props. Thank you to Peoplescape – we all enjoyed your performance!



During the last week of term, we had our Christmas assemblies, with the Sixth Form having their own sing-along party. There was a lot of wonderful music, singing, signing and poems all done by our talented pupils and staff! You have all put us in the best mood for Christmas!



OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

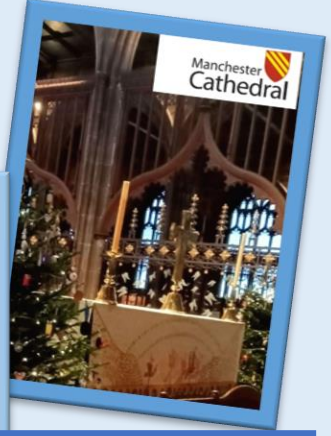
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Thank you to Marina, who has managed to get a donation of selection boxes for all our pupils.



Our pupils' made penguins decorations which have been put on display at Manchester Cathedral to help to support Baubles4beds fundraising. Aren't they wonderful?



We had a Christmas Door competition this year. All classes did a brilliant job – it was hard to pick a winner! Congratulations to 4C for winning 1st place with their Grinch-themed door and to SA for winning 2nd place with their reindeer-themed door.



Well! What an amazing term we have all had!

It has been a pleasure and a privilege getting to know everyone at Cromwell over the last few months. Everyone has made me feel so welcome and made my first term as Headteacher a really enjoyable and rewarding time. I have been so impressed by all the pupils; their effort and enjoyment in their learning is fantastic to see. So many cheeky characters shining through and a school full of amazing individuals. The staff have worked so hard to ensure all the pupils have everything they need to enable them to learn and thrive. Looking through this newsletter highlights many of the highs of the term but there have been many more on a daily basis that make me proud to be part of "Team Cromwell". Thank you to everyone, parents, staff and friends who have supported the school over recent months.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Suzanne Pass**

The following pages are from our PE teacher, Luke, detailing the activities that our pupils can access in the community.

Cromwell In the Community

Activities	Time	Day	Address	Cost
Football- Curzon Ashton	6-7pm	Monday	Curzon Ashton Football Club, Tameside Stadium, Richmond street, OL7 9HG	£3 Additional info: Over 16s only
Karaoke	3.45pm-5.45pm	Monday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	£5 Additional info: 18s + with support needs
Music	3.45pm-5.45pm	Monday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	£5 Additional info: 18s + with support needs
Drama & Makaton Sing Sign	3.45pm-5.45pm	Monday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	£5 Additional info: 18s + with support needs
African drumming	3.45pm-5.45pm	Monday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	£5 Additional info: 18s + with support needs
Musical Theatre Club	3.45pm-5.45pm	Monday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	£6; includes sandwich and drink!
Cycling	5-7pm	Monday	Tameside cycle circuit, Richmond street, OL7 9HG.	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Football- Stalybridge Celtic	6-7pm	Tuesday	Active Copley, Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge, SK15 3RR – the AstroTurf cages at the back.	Monthly membership fee. Additional information: 10-16-year olds only.
Dance activities	3.45pm-5.45pm	Tuesday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	FREE

Cromwell In the Community

Activities	Time	Day	Address	Cost
Multi-sports, cooking and swimming	5.30pm-7.30pm	Tuesday	Active Medlock, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7XU	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Dance activities	3.45-5.45pm	Wednesday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	FREE
Swimming	6.30pm-7.30pm	Wednesday	Active Hyde, Walker Lane, Hyde SK14 5PL	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Music activity club	3.45pm-5.45pm	Thursday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	FREE
Gaming Club	3.45pm-5.45pm	Thursday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	FREE
Cycling	5-7pm	Thursday	Tameside cycle circuit, Richmond street, OL7 9HG.	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Bowling, sensory play, gaming and yoga	5.30pm-7.30pm	Thursday	Lance Corporal Andrew Breeze Wy, Denton, Manchester M34 3RD	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Dance	6.30pm-8.30pm	Friday	Active Copley, Huddersfield Road, Millbrook, Stalybridge, SK15 3RR	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Dance- Tycoon Cheer and Dance	5.15pm-6pm	Friday	Academy HQ, Grosvenor Street, Stalybridge, SK15 1SD	Unsure.
Bike Club	10am-12pm	Saturday	Lower Bennett Street, Hyde.	FREE

Activities	Time	Day	Address	Cost
Gaming	10-12pm	Saturday	Tameside Arts Limited The Create Centre, 8-10 Market Street, Denton, M34 2XW	FREE
Cycling	1-3pm	Saturday	Tameside cycle circuit, Richmond street, OL7 9HG.	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Family Swim	5.15pm-6pm	Saturday	Active Medlock, Gardenfold Way, Droylsden, Manchester, M43 7XU	£3 children £4 adults Free with Everybody Can membership
Live football game at Curzon Ashton Football Club.	Usually 3pm kick offs	Saturday	Curzon Ashton Football Club, Tameside Stadium, Richmond street, OL7 9HG	FREE SEASON TICKET – already been sent home to all pupils! See fixtures: https://www.curzon-ashton.co.uk/teams/42677/fixtures-results Subject to change!

All activities listed are accessible for people with disabilities!

We all wish you a Happy Holiday and a Happy new year!

