



CROMWELL NEWS

AUTUMN 2018

It is our pleasure to announce that Cromwell High School has gained an...

Outstanding Rating From Ofsted!

Thank you to all of staff and families for their hard work and dedication towards our pupils' learning. Let us all continue to work together so our pupils can achieve the best.

'You have developed a strong team of leaders and staff who are highly committed and care deeply for pupils.'

'Leaders provide a rich variety of experiences that help pupils to learn about the world around them.'

'We saw lots of happy faces as we walked around the school.'

'Relationships between pupils and staff are a strength of the school.'

Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Wednesday 26th September, we had a coffee morning supporting Macmillan. Everyone, including parents/carers, came in to enjoy the delicious cakes and drinks. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and money for this very important cause. Overall we raised £167.55 for Macmillan Cancer Support!



Enrichment

This half term, our Year 11 and 10 pupils began their Enrichment. Group A went to Motorways to learn and develop their communication and team-building skills through mechanics and Group B went to Tameside Music Service to explore their creativity with different musical instruments.



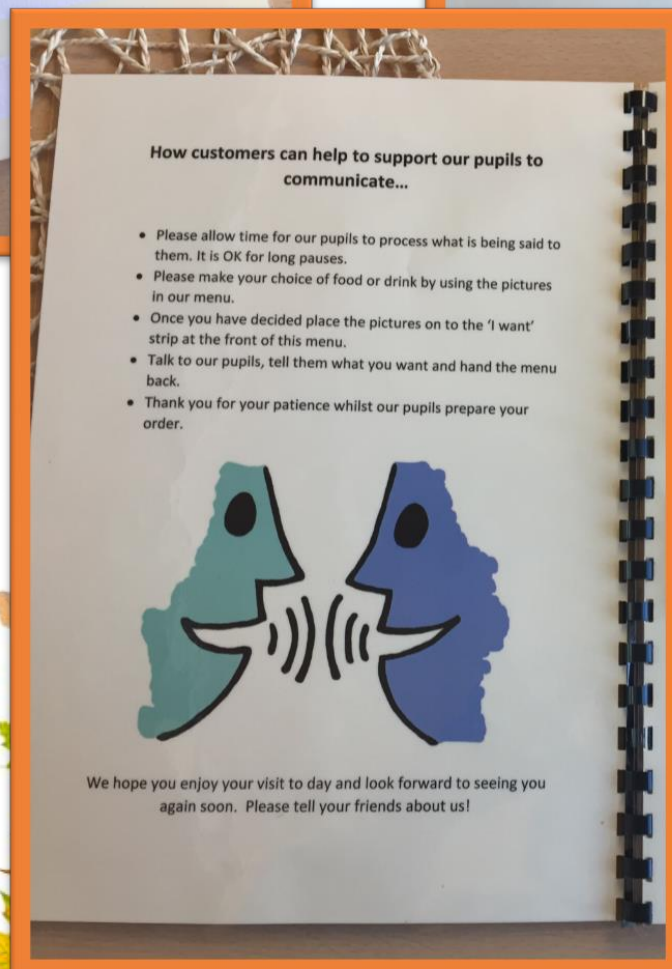
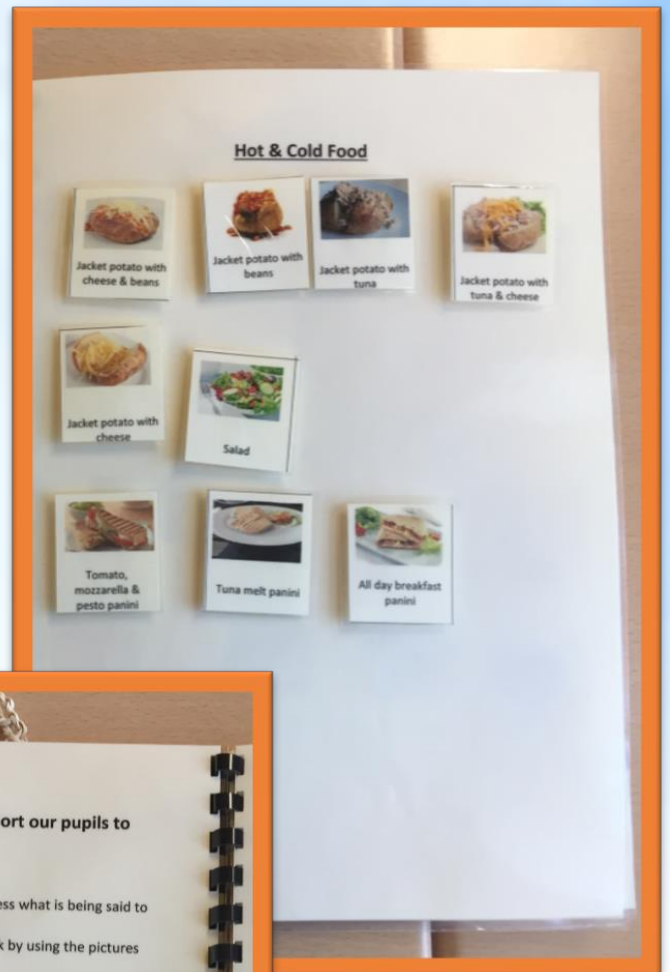
Internship

This term, Cromwell have been working alongside Scott, an Internship Development Officer from Active, to support an internship here at Cromwell. This is proving very successful for Cromwell students and also for George, our first internship who has been helping out with PE and Enrichment.



Tearoom

The tearoom has gotten off to a great start this school year with the use of Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) in their new menus. There is also a page informing customers how they could help support our pupils. This has improved understanding and communication from everyone involved. These menus have been used regularly by not only our pupils, but our visitors as well.



Trips Out



SA at Slide and Seek



SB in Hyde Park

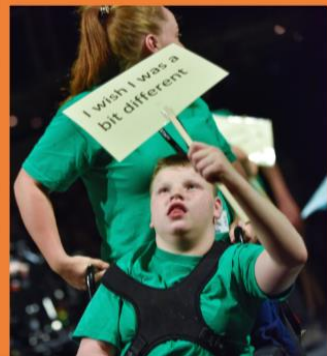


Trips Out

SC at Debdale Park and McDonalds



As some of you may know from last term's newsletter, 3C performed at the Royal Exchange Theatre as part as the Be Happy project. During the summer holidays, the staff from the theatre have kindly sent us more photos from that day. Here they are!



Variety Bus

We have received a new 'Sunshine' coach thanks to the Michael Josephson MBE. This coach will help Cromwell to enable our pupils to access more educational trips and days out. Michael himself attended a special assembly at our school to present the new coach to everyone as well as a surprise announcement - he promised to buy a specialist piece of equipment called an 'Eye Gaze' for one very special young pupil!

At the Summer Ball, £256,900 was raised for the children's charities Variety, the Seashell Trust and the Frost Foundation. £147,134.43 went to Variety, which was used to buy the coach. Huge thanks for Michael for his generosity!

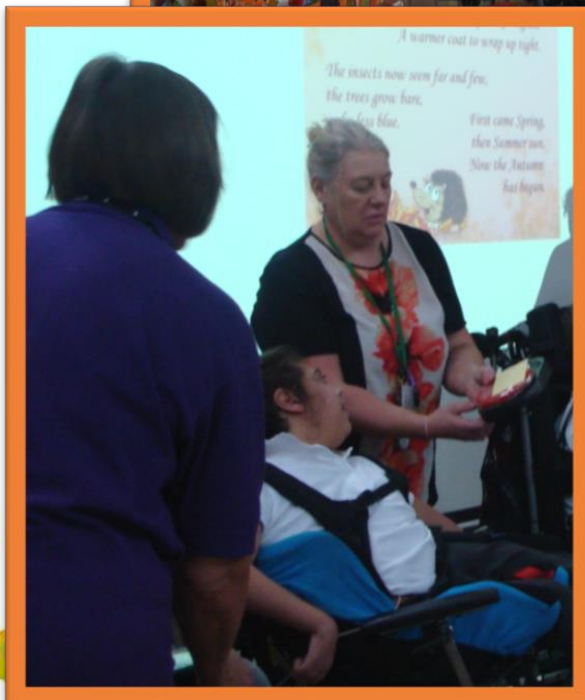


Harvest Assembly

On Thursday 25th October, we had our Harvest Assembly. We donated food and other items to the St Alban's Project and the Moravian Church, This is to help those who are homeless or are vulnerable. There was also musical and drama performances from our talented pupils. Well done to them for making these wonderful harvest boxes and performing so amazingly in front of school and parents/carers.



Harvest Assembly Continued





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NAS Certificate of Commendation

It was announced in June this year that Cromwell achieved the **Autism Accreditation Enhanced Practice Commendation** from the National Autistic Society (NAS). At the beginning of this half term, we have received the certificate, which is now on display in the reception area along with our NAS accreditation certificate. Congratulations to all Cromwell staff for their hard work and determination in ensuring the needs of our pupils with ASC are met.



Enrichment

We continued working with Motorways and the Tameside Music Service, only we switched the groups around. So this half term, Group A worked with the Tameside Music Service and Group B worked with Motorways.



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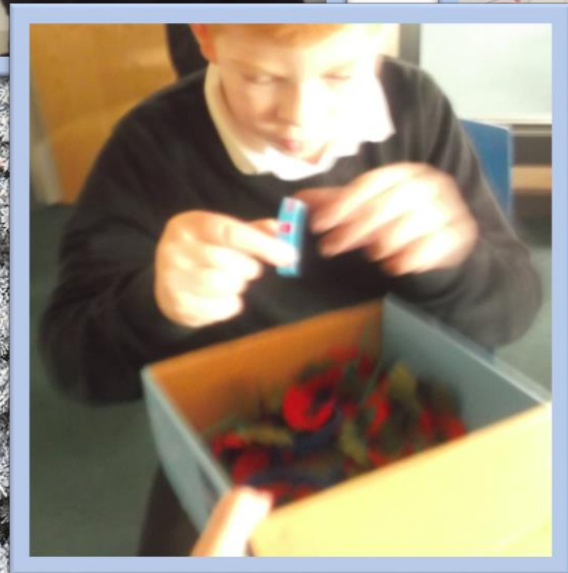
This term's Speech and Language Therapy focused mainly on the Year 7s as part of helping them to settle into their new surroundings. This has been done through many different activities such as Intensive Interaction, signing and speech clarity, Colourful Semantics, phonology, narrative therapy, Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) and Pragmatic Organisation Dynamic Display (PODD) Communication Books.





Remembrance

As many of you know, this year's Remembrance Day falls on the 100th anniversary of end of the First World War. To commemorate this Remembrance Day, our pupils created this wonderful podium. Thank you so much for your hard work!



On Friday 16th November, it was Children in Need. Both pupils and staff at Cromwell had non-uniform day and contributed to the cause through donations. On Wednesday 14th November, an ice cream van visited school and treated pupils and staff to ice cream. Donations were made to Children in Need.

Charities



Children in Need



Variety Charity

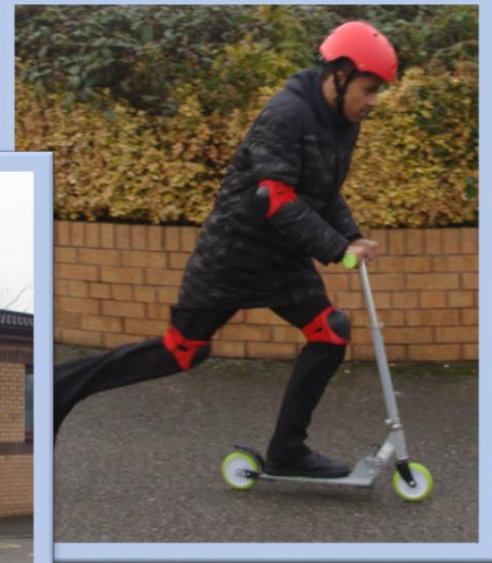


Huge thanks to the Variety club for giving each one of our pupils a Yoga Bear.

Every single one of our pupils created wonderful thank you cards for the charity.

New Lunchtime Clubs

Thanks to the money raised from parents/carers, we have bought new scooters and diddy cars for our new lunchtime clubs: Scooter Club and Diddy Car Club. The children really enjoyed spending time outdoors and getting some exercise.



NHS Christmas Song



Here, some of our pupils sang along with the school nurses about keeping healthy over the Christmas holidays.



Many Thanks

We are so grateful for all the help and donations this term, especially for our Christmas Fair, by not only staff and pupils, but also parents and carers. We would like to thank our staff for putting up the wonderful Christmas decorations in the reception area and corridor.

Thank you to Lynda Allison and the Education Group for the Christmas Bauble workshop.



Thank you to Marie Jones and everyone who donated towards the Manchester Homeless Christmas Shoebox appeal

Thank you, Cheryl (Bobby's Mum), and the company Sambro for your large donation of toys.



Thank you, Sheila Threadgold and John's mum, for your fantastic cakes. We had fun guessing the weight of them \t our Christmas Fair.

Christmas Fair

On Tuesday 18th December, we had our Christmas Fair. We had a variety of activities such as stalls filled with toys and treats, a raffle, a disco and Santa Claus, who came in specially to see our pupils. Thank you to everyone who contributed - whether it be donating items for the fair, buying food and items from our stalls or coming in to take part in the fun – it has been a wonderful time with lots of laughs and smiles! Huge thanks to our DJ, Keith Ingham, for doing the disco for free and putting on an excellent night. His contact is 0161 477 5790 for anyone who would like to book a DJ for an event. Overall we raised £795.

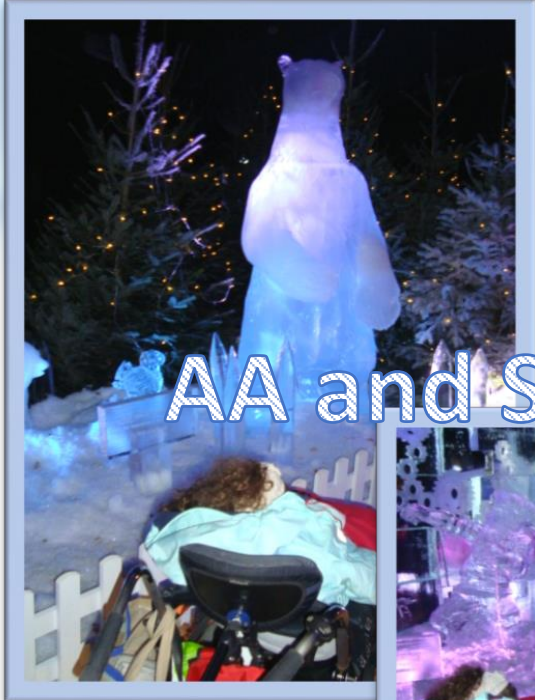


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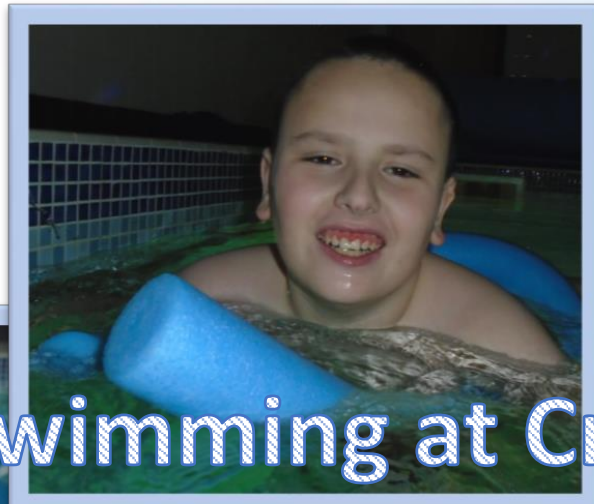
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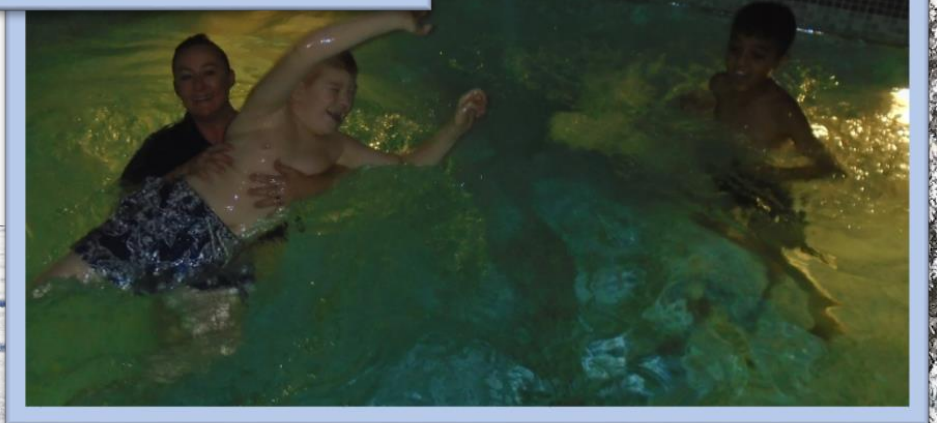
Trips Out and School Activities



AA and SA at the Ice Village

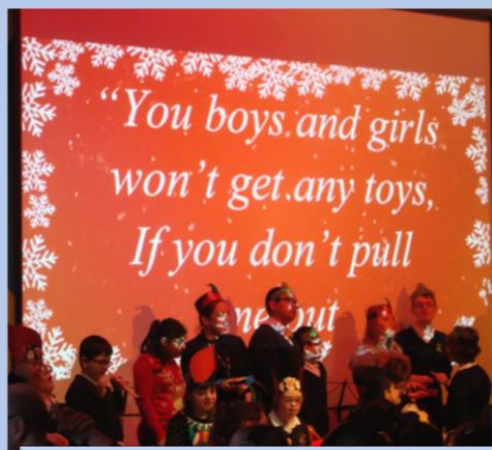


SC swimming at Cromwell



Christmas Assembly

On Thursday 20th December, we had our Christmas Assembly. We had a 'Who's Got The X Factor', where each class sang and performed in front of other pupils, staff and parents/carers. We also presented awards to Carol, Bernice and Gill for 20 Service at Cromwell. The NHS Christmas was also shown to everyone – the full version can be found on YouTube.



Other Important News

Staff celebrated achieving an Outstanding rating from Ofsted with a delicious curry.



Congratulations to Gemma, our Reprographic/Administrative Assistant for being nominated for the Tameside College Apprenticeship Awards!

Term awards

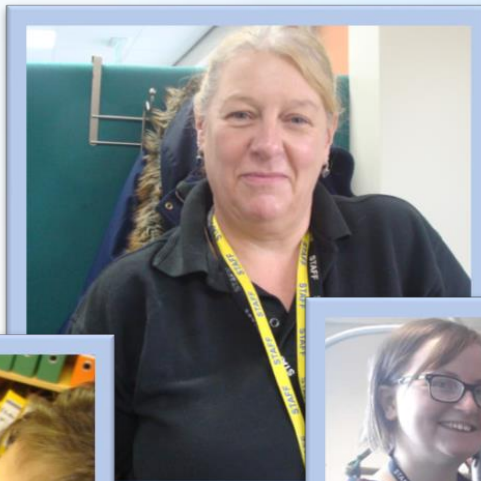
Pupils:

Zain – for his excellent work with his PODD system

Dominic – for his excellent work with his PODD system

Staff:

Lynn and Gemma – for all the work they have done covering for absent staff.



Comings and Goings

Lydia Seton has started her maternity leave. Good luck, Lydia!

Paula Welsh (TA2) has sadly left us to join Oakdale and Lauren Hubble (TA3 in the tea room) is leaving to join Thomas Ashton. We wish you the best of luck in the future!