



CROMWELL NEWS

AUTUMN 2019



Enterprise Day

We got off at a great start with Enterprise Day, where all classes worked together to design T-Shirts. The winners were AA and their design was based on the environment.

Well done to all our pupils for your fantastic work.





Tameside Scarecrow

Competition

In October, we took part in the annual Tameside Scarecrow competition. Pupils in AA1 and AA2 worked really hard in their English lessons and had lots of fun designing and creating Ernest the Scarecrow. A big congratulations again to AA1 and AA2 for coming first place! We were also awarded with a £10 gift voucher from Asda.

The photographs also show some of the other Scarecrows that were entered from the competition, including Scarecrows from local schools.





SD Cycling



Boccia Event



AA1 Children's Adventure Farm

This term, AA1 went to the Children's Adventure Farm. To thank them for such a wonderful time, AA1 raised money for the facility with a cake sale.





Enrichment

Enrichment has been very successful this term. We have worked with Motor Ways again and have started doing a new activity: ceramics. We are really pleased with how our Year 10 pupils quickly settled into the activities and how our Year 11 pupils continue to develop the skills they gained during last year's Enrichment.

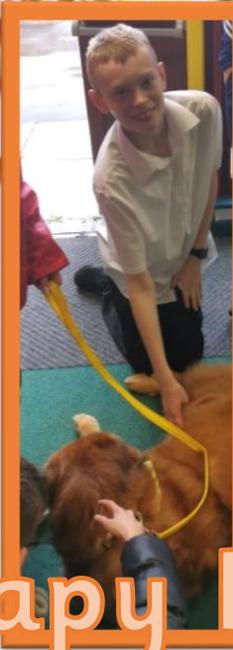


In November, The PTA organised a Fizz Ladies' Fashion Show. Thanks to everyone who attended – we raised £392.



Fizz Ladies' Fashion Show





Therapy Dog

This term was the start of weekly visits with the therapy dog, Mo. You can see from the photos that Mo is a very popular dog, who helps our pupils with relaxation and becoming more familiar with animals.

Remembrance Day

We commemorated Remembrance Day with an assembly, explaining how and why it is a very important day. Our pupils also helped to create many poppies as well as a podium.





Harvest Assembly

In October, we had our annual Harvest Assembly. Each class created a harvest box and there were many food contributions for the Moravian Food Hamper Outreach. There were also musical performances from all classes as well as a pumpkin carving competition, where each class designed and carved their pumpkin. Congratulations to 3D for winning the competition.





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WINTER 2019

Children in Need Sponsored Splash

To raise money for Children in Need, AA1 did a Sponsored Splash in our hydrotherapy pool. From this event, we raised over £300.





This half term, Group A worked with clay producing a variety of items. Group B continued working in this area, improving their skills. Both groups produced some lovely Christmas decorations.

Enrichment





Here you see pupils from AA exploring nature, planting their own trees as well as collecting leaves and cooking food on the campfire.

Tree Planting and Campfire

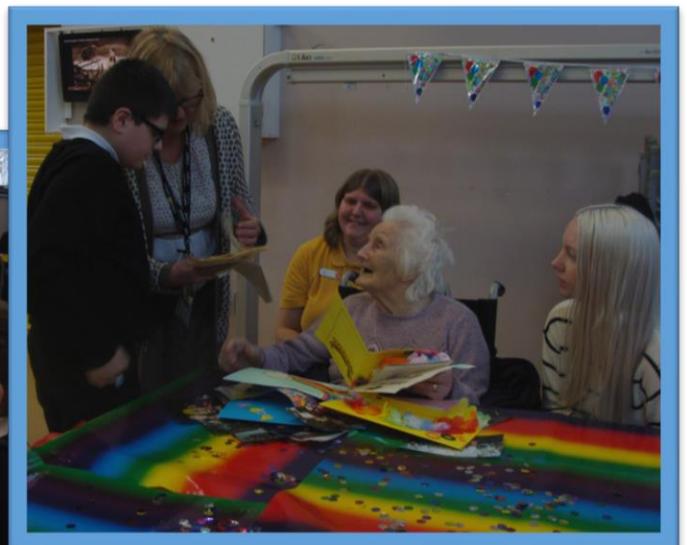




Catherine's 100th Birthday

This term, we worked along with The Beeches Care Home, with our Sixth Form students going over to visit and Catherine coming round to school to visit the pupils from 3D to talk about her life. In December, she turned 100 years old, and so to celebrate, we invited her round to Cromwell for a birthday party. Each class decorated their own table and made their own card to give to her. Because her favourite song is 'Somewhere Over The Rainbow', the theme for her party was rainbows.

Happy 100th Birthday, Catherine!





Cromwell Sixth Form

The introduction of our Sixth Form has gone extremely well this term. The pupils have been working on life skills, developing independence, confidence building and increasing their self esteem. They have worked very well together and worked with the staff to produce lunch for themselves each Tuesday. This is a very social time for the group and they seem to really enjoy the sessions. The last Tuesday before Christmas they produced a Christmas lunch and enjoyed this social/festive celebration. The Sixth Form pupils also enjoy going shopping each week to buy the ingredients for their lunch. They are exchanging money, making choices and socialising with the community. The Sixth Form Enrichment sessions have been based on projects around ceramics. They have worked on various techniques to produce some very individual pieces of pottery. Lots of choosing involved to add texture and colour to individualise their work. The group have also worked on a group project to produce a display for the Sixth Form room.





AA Ice Skating



AA Christmas Morning



Here are parents working on activities with their children.

AA2 Notcutts Garden Centre



SB Chill Out Winter Morning



SB enjoyed a warm spiced drink, toasted butter crumpets and some carol singing outside!



Christmas Fair

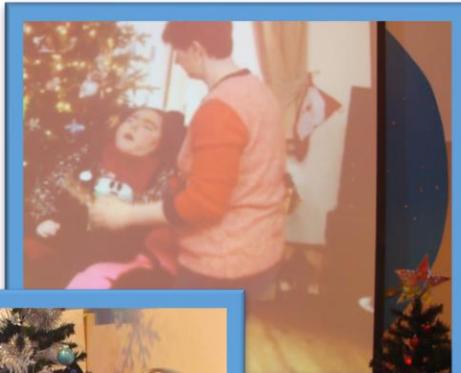
On Tuesday 18th December, we had our Christmas Fair. We had a disco, Santa's Grotto, two tombolas, three craft stalls and a Guess The Name of the Reindeer and the Snowmen. Thanks to our DJ Keith, here is his mobile number to book with – 0161 477 5790. Also thanks to Lyons Lido Beach Holiday Park, who donated a holiday for the raffle. Overall we raised £502 for our school funds. We hope everyone had a fantastic and fun time.





Christmas Assembly

On Thursday 19th December, it was our Christmas Assembly. We started off with the pupils from Dance Club, then the following: Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (AA – with a video of Niamh singing at home), The Twelve Days of Christmas with Numicon (SB), Oh Christmas Tree (SA), The Christmas Story (4C - narrated by AA), Jingle Bell Rock (SC), The Christmas Alphabet (3C), Last Christmas (3D) and Rocking Around the Christmas Tree (SD).



Well done to our pupils, we really enjoyed watching you perform.





Overall we raised **£424** for the Children In Need. Thank you to everyone who contributed for an amazing and important cause.

Important News

Term awards

Staff:

The staff governor award this term goes to **Richard Bonser**, who is a staff governor and has moved to working in SD from 3D and has worked hard settling pupils into their new group, and **Nicky Read**, who has taken on a new senior leadership role as Assistant Head and has excelled with all the new learning and skills needed in this role.

Pupils:

This term, we have two new pupils starting at Cromwell midway through the term. They have all settled really well and deserve a governor award. They are: **Lee** and **Keiran**.

Comings and Goings

In January, we welcome **Helen Hulme** as our new SALT at Cromwell and **Heather Hughes** as a new TA3. We look forward to working with them. We also welcome back **Lydia Seton** from maternity leave.

This December, we say goodbye to **Lynda Allison**, who has covered for Lydia's maternity leave. Watch this space – we are hoping to see Lynda again.

We also say goodbye to **Safwan**, who is moving to another school. Good luck, Safwan!

