



CROMWELL NEWS

SPRING 2018

Enterprise Day



SA



3C



AA



SC

On Monday 26th February, our pupils created their own healthy snacks for Enterprise Day. Not only did they create the snacks, but they also designed the packaging and posters advertising it – all ready for the judging. After lots of thinking over, our judges chose SA as the winners. SA's fruit kebabs will be sold as a summer special in the tea room. All of our pupils did a wonderful job and should be very proud of themselves!

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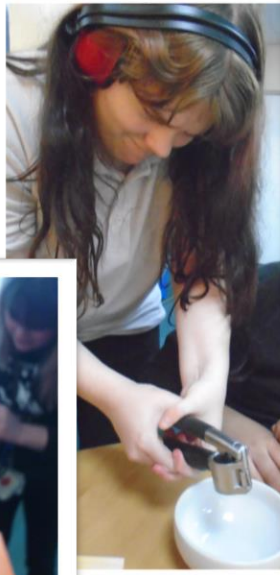


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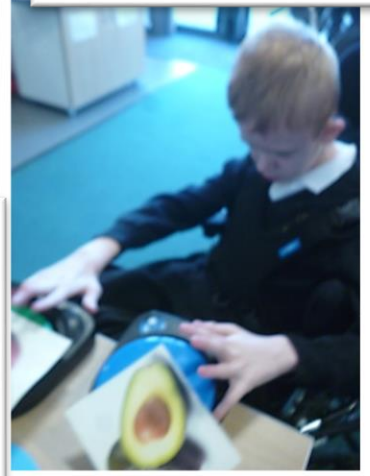


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More photos of Enterprise Day



Careers Day



On Monday 5th March, it was our annual Careers Day, organised by Jan Smith, the vocational/enrichment manager, and Christine Thomson, the Positive Steps career advisor. The pupils had the opportunity to discuss career pathways with various trade professionals. The pupils learnt that all the jobs could be undertaken by both men and women. In the afternoon, the pupils took part in their own mock job interviews after being shown two examples of how to behave in a job interview and how not to behave in a job interview by staff members Gemma and Ryan.

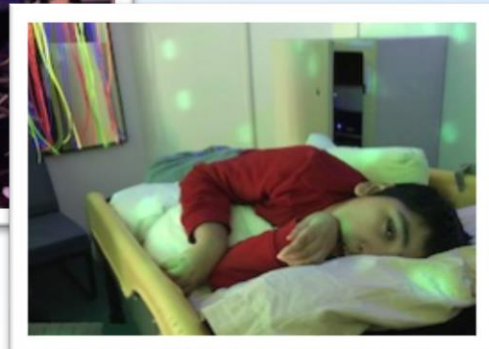
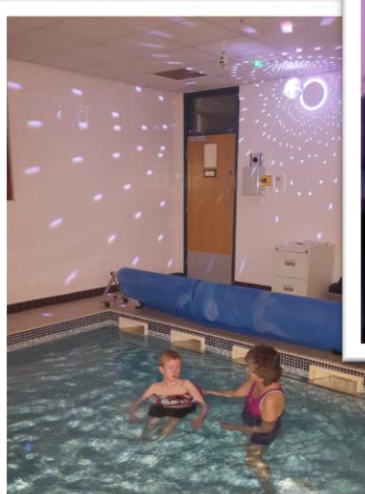




More photos of Careers Day



Hydro and Sensory Revamp



Our pupils are delighted with our new light and sound system in our Hydrotherapy pool and sensory rooms. In our pool, we have a large moving mural that lights up a wall, with illuminated fish, coral and deep sea divers; another wall is illuminated by a rotating disco ball, that constantly changes colour and sends sparkles across the pool. We also have a rotating disco ball in the sensory room. The students are enjoying this lovely sensory experience and are able to interact by pressing the switches to change colours.

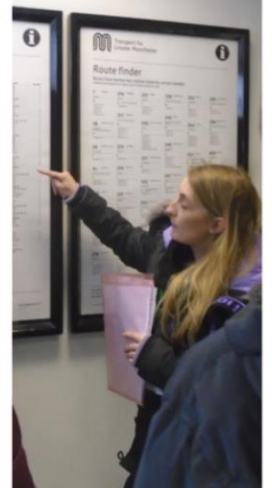
What we did on Enrichment

Spring term has been very successful yet again for Enrichment. The sessions have embedded what is being taught in the classroom in a fun, hands-on way. Our pupils have been working very hard on their individual targets and they should be very proud of what they have achieved. Lots of problem-solving, team work, communication and turn taking have been evident each week. Our pupils' confidence and resilience has exceeded expectations whilst taking on new challenges and achieving great success.



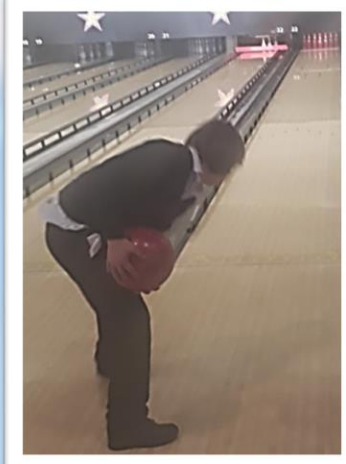
Travel Training

For the first time at Cromwell, five of our pupils have been learning how to travel independently through the support from Pure Innovations. The aim of the programme is to teach young people road safety, personal safety and problem solving; thus enabling them to gain the confidence and ability to travel independently. The training has been so successful that there is no doubt that we will continue to teach our pupils about how to travel independently and plan to support another cohort of young people through this programme!



Trips out

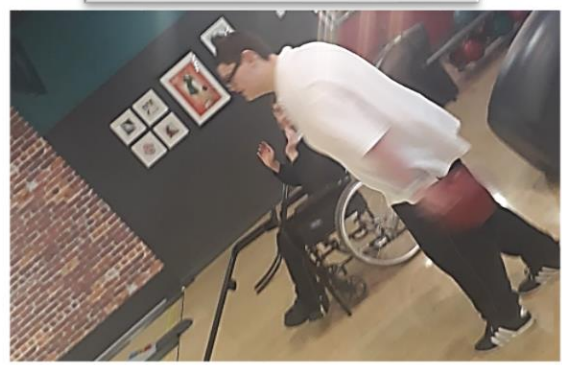
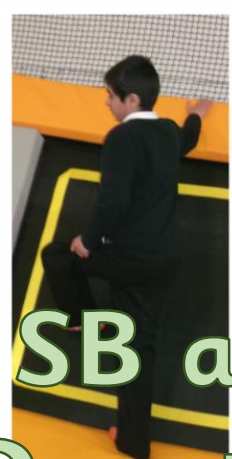
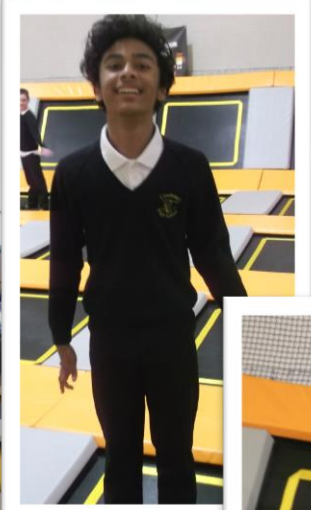
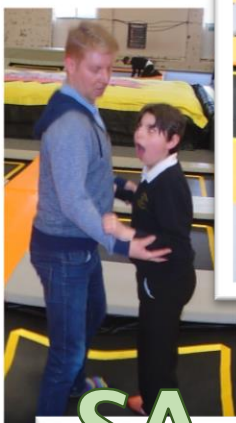
3D at Portland Basin



4C and 3D go bowling



SA and SB at Jump Depot



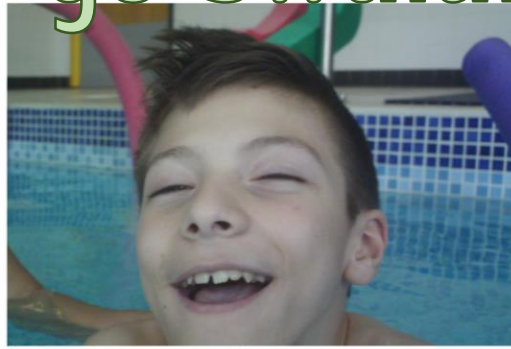


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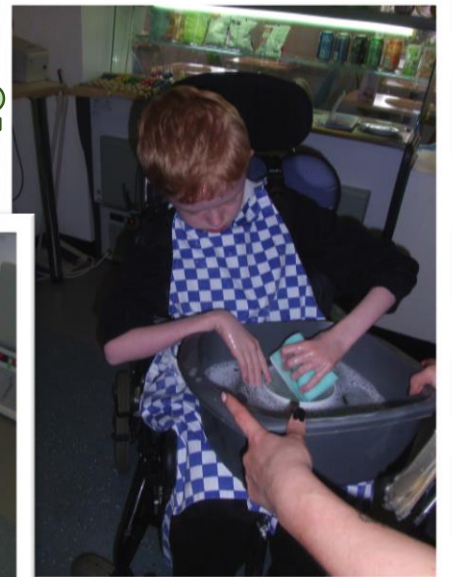
Our pupils go swimming at Copley, though some go swimming in our Hydrotherapy pool.



3C and SC go Swimming



AA in the Tearoom



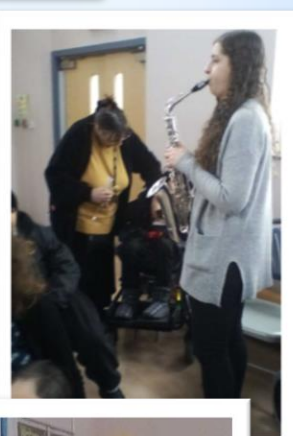
Performances



3D Watches Macbeth



For Chinese New Year, we had a dragon in school performing in front of our pupils.

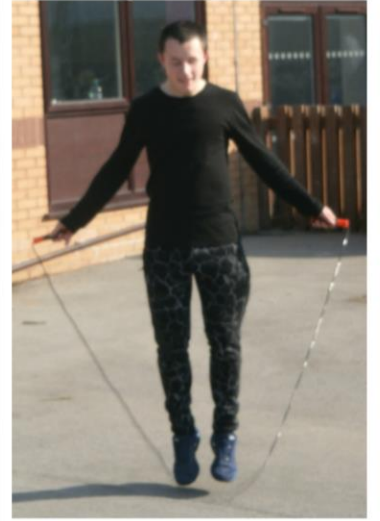


Polaris

On 20th March, we had a duet called Polaris come into school to perform. Our pupils interacted with them and Polaris let them feel the instruments and hear the music up close.



Sport Relief



For Sports Relief, our pupils took part in various fun sport activities like: hula hoops, bikes, walking round the playground, a disco and a students vs. staff football match. Each pupil was given a certificate congratulating them for their contributions to the charity.



Sport Relief



On the Friday, students and staff wore their own Sport Clothes and brought in £1 to donate.

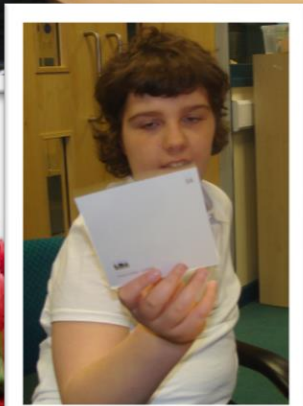


Tearoom



The tearoom has been a huge success yet again this term. Our pupils have developed their knowledge on food hygiene, safety and how to serve customers. We even celebrated all the important women in our lives for Mother's Day and did an outside catering event at Oakdale School for Mrs Lester's retirement. The pupils who helped out were ex-Oakdale students.

SALT



This term in speech therapy, our pupils have been working on lots of different types and areas of communication, whether it's been practicing using their communication device, or developing their understanding of spoken language. All our pupils have made really good progress!

Other Important

News

A huge congratulations to Hazel Stone on her new baby boy, Charlie!

Watch this space for next term's school play of **Jack and the Beanstalk**.

Our pupils have been rehearsing this term, which has gone really well.

There will be music, drama and a massive beanstalk with 76 leaves that represent each pupil at Cromwell.

Term awards

Pupils:

Kane – for his growing independence and taking a speaking part in a play.

Rodrigue – for his excellent use of PECs.

John – for his increasing vocalisations.

Staff:

We would like to thank **Janet Rothwell** for her quick reaction in a medical emergency.

Transition has begun

All Year 11 pupils have attended their local college and met with the career's advisor. Aspirations College are to visit school after Easter to observe pupils in the classroom. Individual timetables will be produced for transition, which will commence in May. Jan Smith is the point of contact for any parents who need support during this period. Some Year 10 parents are visiting colleges in preparation for next year with Jan.

Comings and Goings

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to **Bev Toovey**, who will be retiring, and **Christine Thomson**, who will now be working with a different school. We thank Bev and Christine for their amazing contribution to our school and wish them the best of luck in the future. We will be welcoming our new career's advisor, **Paula Courchene**, next term and Bev will in school to support the new welfare manager.