



CROMWELL NEWS

SUMMER 2019

Forest School

One of the most recent developments for Cromwell was the introduction of the new Forest School. With Nicky leading, our pupils get the opportunity to learn outside in the school grounds, working with natural materials, cooking food on an open fire as well as learning how to use equipment (e.g. knives, drills, etc.). Our pupils really enjoyed this new experience.



Residential at Ghyll Head

Our second residential took place in July. Like our last residential trip, it was based in the heart of the Lake District at Ghyll Head Outdoor Centre. Six pupils with complex needs stayed two nights. This was a major achievement for them and they all achieved at least one personal milestone. Activities included kayaking, zip wires and sensory walks/activities. From the experience and opportunities that the pupils encountered, we are sure this is an event that the pupils will never forget. Thanks to all the staff and parents who took part to make this trip possible.



Tea Room

Our Tea Room has been very busy this term with so many events, which have all ended successfully and been a benefit to everyone involved. Here is what we have been up to.

Moravian Church Fun Day



On Friday 10th May, we collaborated with the Moravian church to organize a Fun Day. The whole event lived up to its name! Thank you to the Moravian Church, who gave us £25 back for our contribution. We used that money to help fund our new Breakfast Club in the Tearoom.



Tea Room

Alzheimer's Society Cupcake Day

Day



The Tea Room hosted a Alzheimer's Society Cupcake Day. There was even a cake baking competition, where our winner was Olivia. Overall, we raised £163.39.

Thank you to everyone donated.

Dementia Warriors Afternoon Tea

Here are the Dementia Warriors having Afternoon tea with us. There was also music being played by our pupils.



Tea Room



Breakfast Club



This term, we introduced the Breakfast Club. It has been a success and has allowed pupils from different classes to interact with each other and get the day off to a good start.

On Thursday 4th July, it was the Family Bingo Night. There was also a tombola for toys and chocolate. Overall we raised £200.

Bingo Night



Enrichment

A fantastic end to our Enrichment curriculum. The pupils worked very closely with a selection of farm animals, learning how to look after them. This was a very therapeutic experience for our young people and proved to be a very calming and sensory experience. Most pupils had the opportunity to sit on a horse and be led round a paddock. The pupils also worked on their life skills/independence skills at Linnet Clough, with some pupils experiencing a one night camp over (see the next page).



Enrichment Photos



Camping

At the end of the Enrichment activities at Linnet Clough, 4C put into use all the skills they had learnt into a one night camp over. They worked as a team to erect their tents and individualising their living areas. Lots of problem solving/thinking skills and working together with their friends was evident. This was an excellent opportunity for the class to spend time together before they embark onto post-16 provision. Toasting marshmallows, sipping hot chocolate and singing round the campfire was a real treat for both pupils and staff.



Important Visits



Year 6 Coffee Morning

As part of our Year 6 transitions, we invited the Year 6 parents over to Cromwell to learn more about our school, its departments as well as what we can offer (e.g. Speech and Language Therapy, Hydrotherapy, etc.). Here are some of our parents asking staff questions while enjoying food and drink from the Tea Room.

Jonathan Reynolds (MP) and Leanne Feeley



Jonathan Reynolds (MP) and Leanne Feeley were given a tour through our school. They got to see our pupils learning and saw how our staff understood their needs and made sure they are met. It was a pleasure to show them around.

Important Visits



Fire Brigade



We are grateful to have the Greater Manchester Fire Brigade teach our pupils about their jobs, how their fire engine works and some pupils even got the chance to sit in it.

Therapy Dog



This is a new experience for us at Cromwell – a therapy dog. This chap was very popular with our pupils and not only a happy experience for them, but also calming and enriching. The dog is called Mo and will visit every Wednesday morning from September.

Ramadan & Eid- Al – Fitr

Here at Cromwell, we understand the importance of other cultures and religions and we teach our pupils about them. This term, our pupils learnt about Ramadan and Eid-Al-Fitr through Art and Social World. Here is SC having a party to celebrate.



Dance Festival



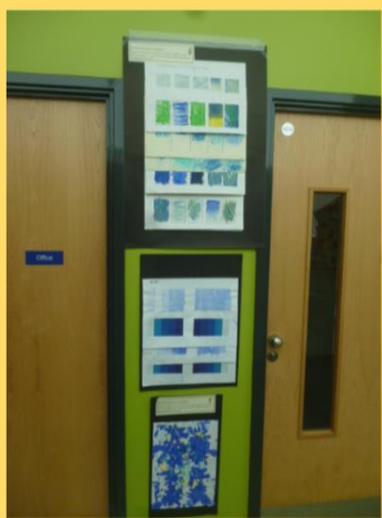
Cromwell visited Oakdale Primary School to take part in the annual Dance Festival. Groups of pupils danced to a variety of music genres (Samba, Musical, hip hop, etc.) At the end, we all got a giant tent to wave around to 'The Greatest Show', lifting up giant bouncy balls and balloons all over the hall. As a finale, we all did the limbo.

Thank you to everyone for their contributions to the whole event. Our pupils had so much fun.



Thomas Ashton Art Exhibition

In June, we had our annual exhibition 'Retreat to the Exhibition', which was held at Thomas Ashton School. It was great to see all the creative and imaginative artworks by pupils from Cromwell and local schools. A big thank you to Bernice, Tracy and Chantelle who helped to display our artworks.



These are cupcakes that our pupils made and donated to be sold at the Arts event at Thomas Ashton. The money made from the cupcakes was donated to Reuben retreat.

Sports Day

On Wednesday 17th July, our pupils went to Astley Sports Hall to have their Sports Day. They had many activities such as Boccia, running, egg and spoon race, etc. Even our staff took part and had a race themselves.

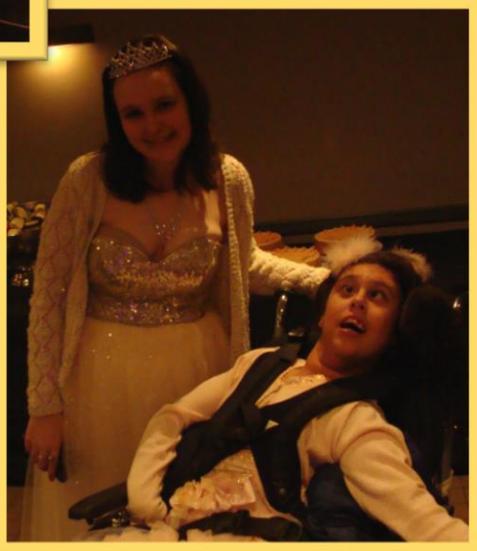


Thank you, Chantelle and Scruff, for helping Gemma take photos of the event.

Year 11 Prom

On 26th June, it was our Year 11 Leavers Prom. It was at The Village in Hyde. We celebrated with music, dancing and a wonderful cake alongside staff and parents.

Thank you to our Year 11s for your amazing time here. Good luck in college – we know you'll do great.



Celebration Assembly

On Thursday 18th July, it was our Celebration Assembly. We had the Oakdale Sing and Sign choir perform 'A Thousand Years', the Inspire Academy sing 'A Million Dreams' and a video of our pupils signing to 'Fight Song', made by our Speech and Language Therapist, Lizzie. We also gave out our awards for Most Enthusiastic, Hardest Work, Greatest Progress in Maturity, Most Progress and Greatest Contribution to PE. Year 9s and Year 11s were awarded their Record of Achievements and their ASDAN certificates. A big thank you to Oakdale, Inspire and our pupils for this celebration. Also a big thank you to Tracy, Jo and Craig for presenting the Kindest Pupil of the Year and the Pupil of the Year trophies.



Other Events

As part of their learning, 4C ran a car wash for the day, hoovering and washing staff members' cars. Here they are implementing what they have learnt to a high standard. Well done, 4C.

4C Car Wash



Riding the Rapids Graduation



Congratulations to our parents for successfully completing the Riding the Rapids course. We hope you all had fun and learnt so much.

Other Important News

Term awards

Pupils:

Max for increased independence

Henry for increased progress

Staff:

Helen Tuey for continued hard work to support our pupils both on transport and in school.

Ali Syed who supports by greeting pupils and doing playground duty and transport when required.

Luke Davenport for leading Sport provision to a high standard in his first year at Cromwell.

Thank you to Derek for creating this lovely water feature made from recycled materials.



If you would like to read the most recent policies, they are available to read on the school website.



We have a new volunteer working in the Tea Room – Ashley, who was also a pupil here at Cromwell.

Everyone at Cromwell wishes you all a fun and safe summer. We return for the new academic year on **Wednesday 4th September**.

Comings and Goings

We are sad to see **Heather Jones, Adyn Quinn-Davies, John New** and **Gill New** go for new employment and retirement.

Thank you so much for your contribution to this school.

We would like to welcome teachers: **Melissa, Michelle** and TAs: **Lyn, Emma** to Cromwell.

We would also like to welcome **Annette, Cheryl, Melanie** and **Cassandra**, who will be joining our care and cleaning team.



Congratulations to Antonia, who has finished her internship at Cromwell and worked two days in the Tea Room. She will continue working on the Tameside Education Scheme with us in September.