



CROMWELL NEWS

SUMMER 2021

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF LEARNING

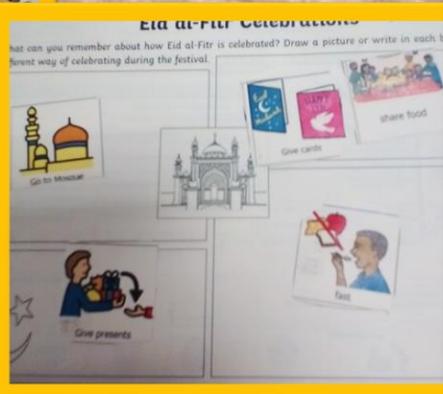
We at Cromwell High School would like to celebrate every one of our pupils' amazing achievements. This year has been incredibly difficult for everyone due to the Covid-19 pandemic, yet the milestones our pupils have achieved despite these obstacles are, simply put, what has made this year worthwhile. For example, really developing their ability to self-regulate and now fully seeking and engaging in appropriate sensory activities, pupils deciding to remove ear defenders to focus and participate to a greater extent and pupils developing their independence and completing tasks all by themselves. To say nothing of fantastic curriculum achievements in English, Maths, Forest School, PE, Art and across the full range. We are incredibly proud of our pupils – a huge thank you to our dedicated staff and families in supporting one-another throughout this challenging year.



EID AL-FITR



We celebrated Eid Al-Fitr and the month of Ramadan by having it as our main focus in Art and Social World. Below you can see class 3D answering questions about the celebration and making cards to give out. Above, you can see the variety of art our school has created, including a large poster that classes collaborated on.



ART LOCKDOWN LESSONS

We got very creative in the national lockdown during spring term through our Art lessons and some online lessons! Here are some of the artworks that we have created in school and at home. We created our artworks through different techniques, including: painting, printing, drawing, mark-making, collage and sculpture with inspiration from artists such as Picasso and Kandinsky. We hope you enjoy looking at our artworks and feel inspired too!



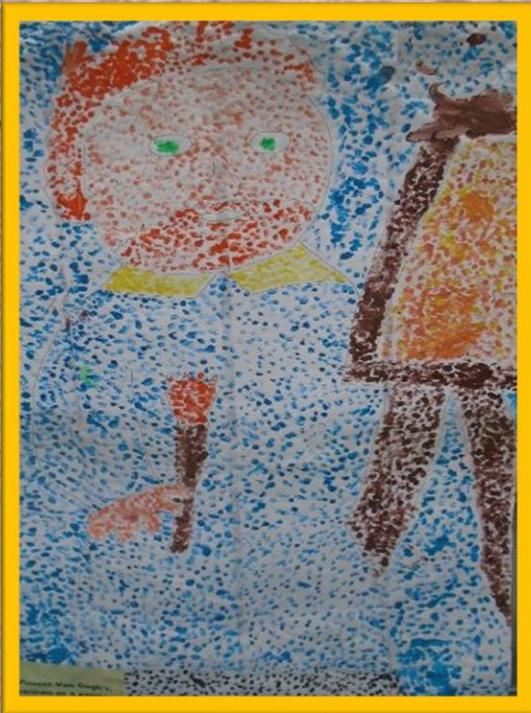
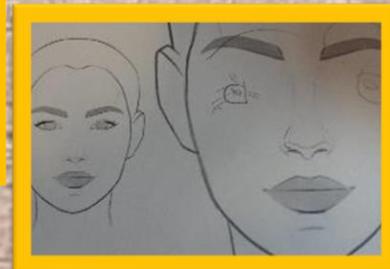
Papier mâché portraits by pupils in 4C.



Surrealist style portraits by pupils in 4C.



Portrait pencil studies and shading/sketching techniques by pupils in 3D.



Large-scale Van Gogh portrait painted by pupils in SD.



Decorated flower designs by pupils in SD.





Ice ornaments and Pop Art style portraits created by pupils in SB.



Here is Isabel choosing colours and here is Ruby exploring salt-dough. They created imaginative butterfly designs!



Here is Tish signing "yellow" and showing us her imaginative salt-dough creations!



Paintings inspired by the work of the artist Kandinsky

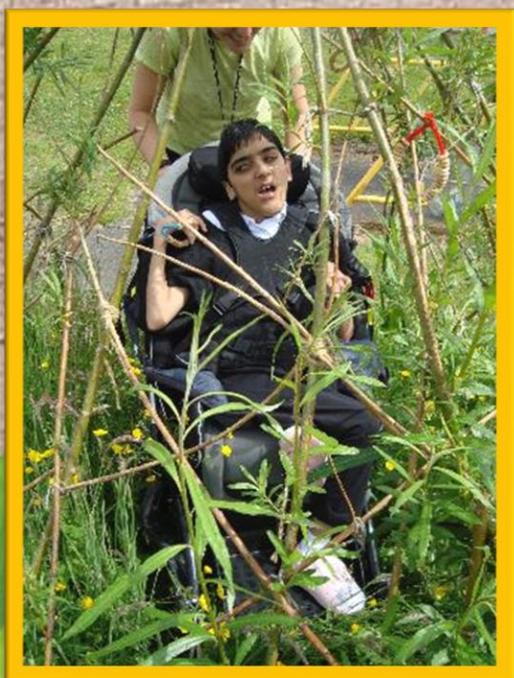
FOREST SCHOOL



We have been taking advantage of the lovely, sunny weather with our Forest School. Here is class SA, taking part in lots of different activities that promote physical and fine motor skills like making pine cone shakers and rolling logs. They were also able to relax in the hammock and the tarpaulin tent as well as explore natural materials in the mud kitchen. One of the most exciting aspects of our Forest School is the opportunity to learn how to use real tools safely, such as mallets, secateurs and hammers. SA have enjoyed using these tools, doing so a safe working bubble, with careful instructions on how to handle and use each tool.



The sensory department have also been participating in Forest School this term. They have prepared snacks to cook on the campfire, used tools such as a hammer and have enjoyed making bird feeders to hang inside a willow dome. Some of their reactions and focus has been a revelation! Clearly something to build on next academic year.



LINNET CLOUGH

School has entered into a long term partnership with Linnet Clough Scout Camp so that our pupils- especially our Sixth Form students – can learn to appreciate and interact safely with the natural world. We are looking for further ‘off-site’, ‘real-world’ opportunities to develop our Sixth Form curriculum for all learners.



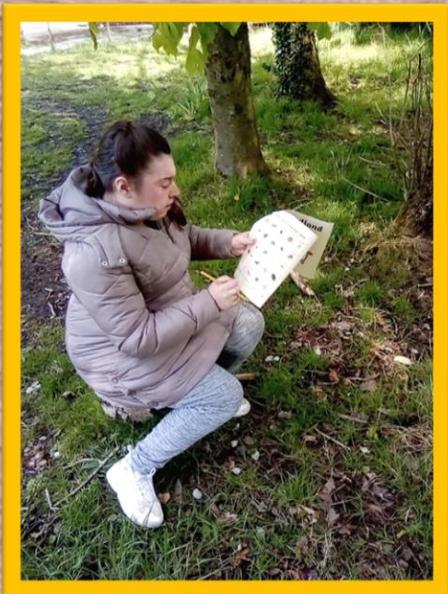
During the summer term, Sensory FE designed and created a bug hotel. Each week, the pupils explored different materials, choosing what to use. The pupils made bee houses for the Mason Bees, a bee hotel using milk bottles and natural items found at Linnet Clough, and went exploring in the rain for worms to fill our wormery. The pupils have really enjoyed being out in all weathers and have really developed their key skills, including communication, when out. The pupils found wild garlic, which we used as a topping when cooking our pizzas for lunch.



LINNET CLOUGH



Conceptual FE have also visited Linnet Clough, taking part in creative activities with natural resources as well as exploring the natural environment. They also observed the changes in the natural environment and recorded these changes through a range of different media. Before going to Linnet Clough, Conceptual FE created a large range of different meals in class to take with them to have as lunch, experiencing different cooking techniques and tools.



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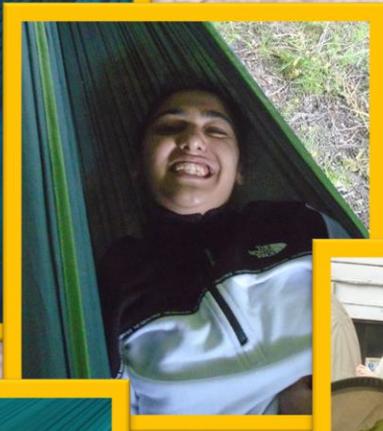


Structured FE also went to Linnet Clough, relaxing and exploring the natural environment around them. Even when they couldn't attend Linnet Clough, Structured FE still incorporated nature into their lessons by going on a picture hunt, finding pictures of things found in nature. At Linnet Clough, there is always a mixture of sunshine and showers, so the pupils explored the colours of the rainbow through different coloured spaghetti.



ENRICHMENT

This half term the two Enrichment groups have attended Linnet Clough Scout Camp and Activity Centre. This is situated on the Derbyshire and Cheshire border, which is on the edge of the Peak District National Park. Each group has taken part in group activities to improve their self-esteem/confidence and experienced learning in the great outdoors. They have all achieved personal challenges and should be very proud of themselves. We were hoping for a camping residential, and were all ready to go, when a covid bubble closure stopped it happening.



BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE

The pupils in the sensory department have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly by observing 12 caterpillars and how they change over time.



SPORTS DAY WITH SENSORY



HYDROTHERAPY

Luke has smashed his hydro Awards this year, showing fantastic enthusiasm, effort and perseverance. His hydro teacher, Lindsey, says, "he is a joy to teach, listens intently to instructions and is always willing to learn new skills. He is the first pupil I have taken in hydro who has achieved the Sting Ray Certificate! I am super proud of him and pleased to see his hard work is recognised and awarded. Well done Luke!"

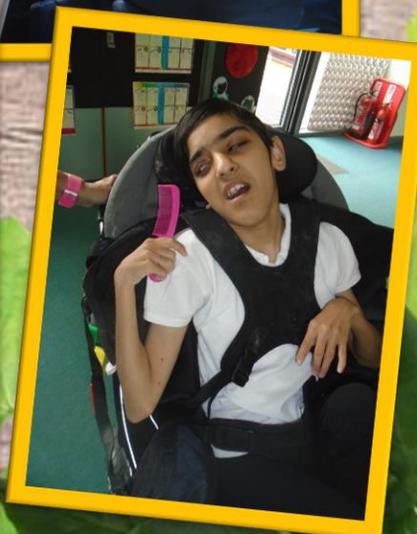
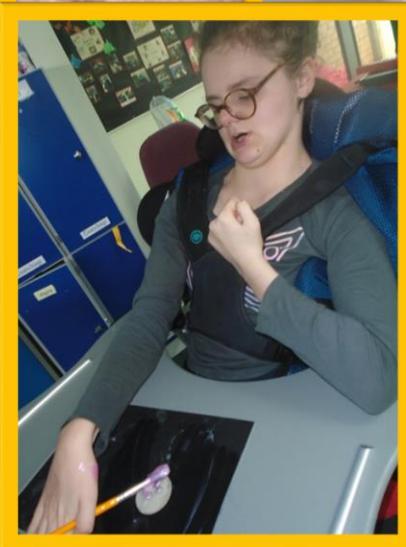


In sensory FE the pupils have taken part in a sponsored swim, to raise funds for the sensory festival day. The pupils were given a class target to complete 200 laps of the hydrotherapy pool over 3 weeks. Each pupil completed laps in various ways. By the end of week 3, all 3 pupils had worked very hard and managed a fantastic total of 206 laps. Kirsty and the pupils would like to give a special thanks to all the people who sponsored them; to Natalie, our hydro teacher, and Monika, who between them supported the pupils in the water and completed the laps with them. Well done to everyone involved.



AA2 ACHIEVEMENTS

Staff are incredibly proud of their students' achievements. Here you can see excellent usage of the mac switches as the pupils chose who they wanted to interact with, pupils exploring various objects, using tools such as paintbrushes in Art and really getting involved in PE. Some pupils also used their Klip and lift to walk. Well done, AA2, these photos show how much you have achieved this year!



CROSS-CURRICULAR ENGLISH AND ART LESSONS

As part of our communication activities and sensory exploration activities, the sensory department have been exploring colours and creating pendants made out of clay as well as tie-dye T-shirts. They enjoyed posing for the camera and showing off their designs! Pupils chose their favourite colours by eye-pointing or reaching out towards them. The clay was explored through different techniques such as pulling, rolling and twisting with their fingers and clay tools. Well done, AA1, for creating such amazing work – you should all be very proud!



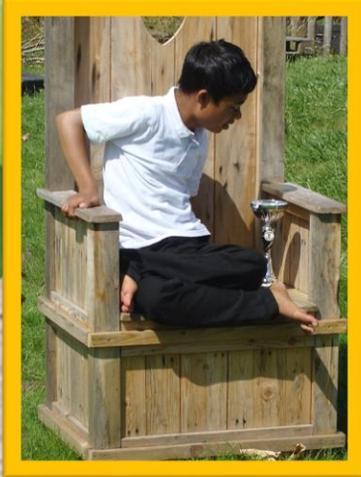
CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES

In order to meet the guidelines for social distancing, we had three Celebration Assemblies for each department. Not only did we congratulate our current Year 9s and 11s and give their Record of Achievements and Transition Challenges to them, we also congratulated last year's Year 9s and 11s due to their assembly being cancelled due to Covid. The whole school nominated and voted for select pupils for their hard work, personal achievements and their love of learning; this includes our Pupil of the Year. Well done to all of our pupils, you have much to celebrate about!



Conceptual Celebration of Achievement

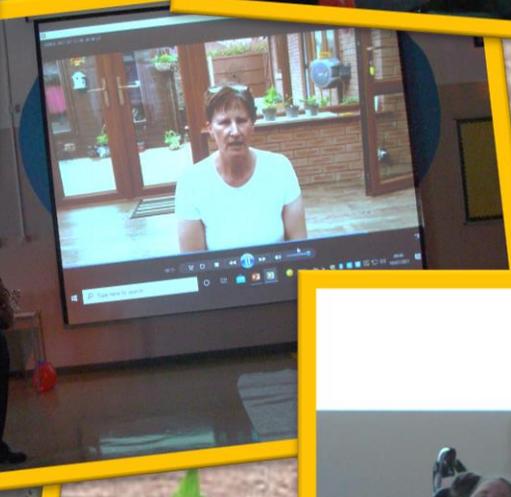




Structured Celebration of Achievement



Sensory Celebration of Achievement



OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

Our prom has been a massive success as not only did we have it outside on a warm, sunny evening, but the current Year 12s who couldn't have their prom last year due to Covid also attended! Everyone had an amazing time! Watch this space in the Autumn newsletter as we'll have the professional photographs available.

Comings and Goings

A fond farewell to Trish Lees, Joni Loughman, Lynda Greaves, Emma Cohoon and Sarah Williams, our Head of Conceptual Department. Thank you for everything you have achieved for our pupils and our school. Particular thanks to Lynda Greaves who has made a great contribution to Cromwell for over 18 years! Enjoy your retirement; so well deserved!

Congratulations to our staff who have achieved well earned promotions this year; Helen Tuey, Donna Sinclair, Katie Hardman, Amy Tuey, Leanne Cleaver, Stacy Brittain.

And many thanks for helping us out with extra responsibility in September; Helen Etches

A warm Cromwell welcome to our new staff who will introduce in September.

Important Notices

Pupils return to school on Monday 6th September with new school times:

Main School- Yrs7-11

pupils: arrival **8.40am – 8.55am**
finish **3.10pm – 3.25pm,**

Sixth form students: arrival **9.10am – 9.25am** finish **3.40pm – 3.55pm.**

School is open to receive medicines for pupils during the training days of 2nd & 3rd September

Please remember to lateral flow test everyone who is able to test in your household just before returning in September – ideally on Sunday 5th September. Detail on getting test kits is available from

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/rapidtesting> .



Happy Eid al-Adha

19th/ 20th July 2021