

# STAY IN TOUCH

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## A RIGHT ROYAL CELEBRATION!

**Crompton House commemorated Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee in style with plenty of Royal themed learning activities on the run up to May half term**

**School went red white and blue as we entered into the spirit of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, making it an occasion to remember!**

Students attended special assemblies and had fun taking part in a programme of activities across each curriculum area. The Catering Team served up a delicious menu of traditional British favourites in the dining hall and the Food Department held an inter-house *Great British Bake-Off* competition with some impressive entries truly fit for a Queen! Our creative master-minds in Art and Computer Science produced a range of colourful Jubilee inspired portraits and designs.



Top: Portrait by Poppy (Y8)  
Below: Corgi by Abigail F (Y7)



# Treats fit for a Queen!



Oonagh & Olivia were crowned queens of the Food Department's Inter House Bake-Off competition winning the prize for Ridley!



Oliver & Cameron created this amazing regal cheesecake in Union Jack colours for their entry



## The Queen's Green Canopy

**Green fingered students in Y7 and Y8 have been busy planting a variety of different trees in the school woodland as part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative for the Platinum Jubilee year.** The QGC is a special tree planting scheme that invites people from across the UK to play their part in enhancing our environment and make our spaces greener. A Jubilee wildflower meadow by the Quadrangle has also been planted and we eagerly await the appearance of blooms. Thank you to Mr Douglas, Mrs Gledhill, Mr Robinson and Mrs Owen and the tree planting team!

Thank you to our Catering Team who pulled out all the stops to create a special menu of British favourites served on the run up to the half term holiday





Royal 'Come Dine With Me' quiz in the Library



Drama students recreated some famous scenes from the Cambridge's family album



Music students performed at the Shaw Jubilee celebrations



Staff got into the Jubilee spirit



Photo (and above) courtesy of Fitchett's photography



The Site Team worked hard to put up all the decorations



# GOLD MEDALIST CALLUM REPRESENTS QUEEN & COUNTRY

**Y12 student Callum Fricker returned to Sixth Form with two international gold medals after representing Great Britain in the ISSF Target Sprint Grand Prix event in Lucerne, Switzerland earlier this month. Following the tournament, Callum is now ranked number one in the world in the Junior Men's category.**

Target Sprint is an exciting new sport that combines running with air rifle shooting. Athletes run 400 metres, shoot five knock-down targets with up to 15 pellets from an air rifle, run another 400 metres, shoot again, before a final 400 metre dash to the finish line.

In the intense heat of Lucerne, Callum secured first place with his team mate Emily Shawyer in the mixed event, and went on to shatter the British record of 4 minutes 26 seconds in the individual event, with a PB of 4 minutes 6 seconds. Congratulations to Callum on his amazing achievement and we wish him the very best of luck when he competes for GB again in Serbia soon.





# CARNEGIE SHADOWING GROUP

The Carnegie Greenaway awards are the UK's oldest children's book awards, recognising outstanding reading experiences created through writing and illustrating books.

Each year CILIP invites reading groups from libraries and schools to take part in the Carnegie/Greenaway shadowing process. This is a reading for pleasure initiative where young people read, discuss, and review eight books that have been shortlisted by librarians and vote for their favourite alongside the judges.

A group of Y8 students took part this year; they read, discussed, and reviewed a selection of books from the shortlist and created their own reading related activities linked to their favourite choices such as baking book cover with cupcakes! They then shared their activities online and voted for their favourites to win the Shadower's Choice Award.

This year our group voted for *Guard Your Heart* by Sue Divin, a modern day Romeo and Juliet inspired love story set in Ireland, against the backdrop of the Troubles.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience and some of their comments were:



Students enjoyed watching the awards ceremony live with a little celebration as a reward for their hard work

*"I liked listening to the opinions of others and how they differed. Not all books are for everyone but there is a book for anyone", "I felt a whirlwind of emotions", "I reviewed genres I wouldn't normally have picked up" and "I made new connections and friendships".*

The winner of the Carnegie Shadowing Award 2022 was **October October** by **Katya Balen**. Well done to the CHS Shadowers!

Mrs Cullen

## BOOK UNLOCKS AMAZING FAMILY HISTORY



Lewis, Lynne and Peter with a treasured photograph of Uncle Manny

When Lewis Bommer in Y9 joined last year's Carnegie Shadowing Group, he had no idea that the book he was given to read would unlock an amazing story from his family's past...

Lewis took the book *The Fountains of Silence* by Ruta Sepetys home to enjoy with his family and soon his Mum, Lynne, had recommended it to her Uncle Peter.

The book is set in the Spanish Civil War and through Peter's interest in their family heritage, they soon realised that his uncle, Manuel Surera, nicknamed 'Manny', had lived through this tumultuous period of Spanish history.

Uncle Manny had an incredible story of his own, having fought for the Spanish Republican Army, the French Army and ultimately for the Parachute Regiment in the British Armed Forces during the Second World War, before coming to England and spending the rest of his years in Middleton.

Lewis and Lynne have delighted in finding out more about his life from Uncle Peter, who is now himself writing a book about their family history.

Who knows where your next book will take you? *The Fountains of Silence* is available to loan from the Library and you can read more about Manny's fascinating story [here](#).





# CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

**CHS proudly flew the rainbow flag throughout June to show solidarity with LGBTQ+ communities and we celebrated Pride Month together as a school family**

**Our Diversity Group led by Miss Hollin, organised a rainbow bake sale and face painting event that raised an incredible £145 for LGBTQ+ charities: The Proud Trust and the Albert Kennedy Trust.**

Some students were lucky enough to visit Positive Steps in Oldham to watch 'Stand Accused' by Oldham Theatre Workshop; an immersive theatre experience on hate crime and hate speech. Mrs Cullen in the Library prepared a fantastic collection of LGBTQ+ recommended reads (see below) and students and staff brightened up their blazers and lanyards with Pride pin badges.

PSHE lessons have explored real-world events and social issues surrounding equality and diversity, such as the origins of Pride Month and how social action has influenced Equality Law.

We are proud to be an inclusive school and positively encourage students and staff to respect each others differences. Staff work hard to ensure Crompton House is a safe, tolerant environment where discussions can be had and people feel free to express themselves.



*"May everyone in our school community know that they are made and loved by God" Reverend Katy*



## LGBTQ+ READS

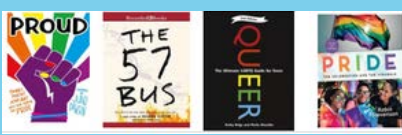
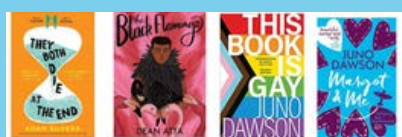


**Sora**

The student reading app

RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN IN THE LIBRARY!

Here are some of our recommended reads for Pride Month - pop along and loan one from the Library. Sora also have a great collection of E and audio books based on this theme. Why not log on and check them out... <https://soraapp.com/welcome>



### Students Choice - Featured Book for Pride Month



Charlie and Nick are at the same school, but they've never met ... until one day when they're made to sit together. They quickly become friends, and soon Charlie is falling hard for Nick, even though he doesn't think he has a chance.

But love works in surprising ways, and Nick is more interested in Charlie than either of them realised.

Boy meets boy. Boys become friends. Boys fall in love. A bestselling LGBTQ+ graphic novel about life, love, and everything that happens in between.



# Totally Vocal

Our musical superstars took to the stage on Wednesday 25th May for the annual 'Totally Vocal' concert. The programme included performances from a range of soloists, a duet, choral groups, the Musical Theatre and Dance group and Mr Housley's Guitarists. The audience were treated to a variety of songs from stage and screen, as well raising the roof with a selection of pop and rock classics. Well done to all the students who took part, both on stage and behind the scenes, to make the show a big success!

See all the photos on the [CHS website](#).



## #WriteaSmile IN THE COMMUNITY



Students Bella and Liam recently made a special delivery of #WriteaSmile postcards to residents and staff at Laburnum House Care Home in Shaw.

They personally handed out the cards written especially for the residents by young people at CHS. The students also had the pleasure of meeting the inspirational Veronica, a former teacher, who at 90 years of age had some great advice for them. They really enjoyed chatting together and Veronica said;

*"Never let anyone discourage you from reading, doing word searches or jigsaws - it is all learning. You have your whole life ahead of you, travel and say yes to opportunities - you can always come back home."*

# Y7 COLOMENDY ADVENTURE



Students in Y7 enjoyed a fun-packed few days of outdoor challenges and adventures away from school, on a two night residential trip to Colomendy in North Wales from 8th - 10th June.

They participated in a range of team building activities including high and low ropes, den building, climbing and abseiling. Toasting marshmallows on the campfire was another highlight!

The mud might have washed off but the memories will last a lifetime!

See more photos from the trip on the [News](#) page of the CHS website.



# SPORTS ROUND-UP

## ANYONE FOR CRICKET?



Y7 Boys are through to the Oldham Cricket cup finals after winning by 10 wickets in their game against Radclyffe. Well done lads!



**Caitlin McDonald** in Y12 has a busy summer of cricket ahead, with the Lancashire U18 team and her local club Springhead CC. She recently played for the Lancashire Women's team, taking two wickets for a win against Loughborough at Leigh Cricket Club. Caitlin has also been selected for the Womens XI team and also plays for the Thunder Academy; the top 15 girls across Lancashire, Cheshire & Cumbria counties. Keep up the good work!



Y8 Girls claimed victory in the Greater Manchester Schools Cricket Tournament and are now through to the Lancashire finals. Superb!

Young netballer Isabelle Jones in Y11 has enjoyed double success with the Bury squad. The girls were crowned National U16 champions and then went on to win the U16 England Cup, retaining it for a second year. Huge congratulations to the team - what an achievement!

Below: Isabelle and the winning Bury team lift the trophy after winning championship



## GO OONAGH GO!



Oonagh McManus in Y7 recently represented Crompton House in the National Schools Biatle, finishing in 4th place. CHS was the only school from the North and the only state school represented in the event. Well done - an excellent achievement!

Well done to Mr Collins and team who took part in an epic 50 mile charity bike ride and 4000ft climb to raise money for a group of local charities. They have raised £490 so far. If you would like to support them you can donate [here](#).

Left to right: Former CHS student and founder of Jolly Josh charity, James Kelly, Mr Collins, Dom Greenhalgh and Nick Cooke.



## KEEP ON RUNNING

Congratulations to our super sporty Mr Wroe who ran in the Great Manchester run Half marathon in May! He said:

"It was great to see some of our parents also running the 10k and half marathon. Dobbross Band supported the event - they were brilliant, well done to Ellicia Baker in Y10 who was part of the band."

Right: Each Monday and Wednesday students can join Mr Wroe and the 'Wroed Runners' for a 2km run outside school. All are welcome!





# ARTWORK

## of the week



Sarah (Y8)



Zoe (Y8)



Nikoleta (Y7)



## CHS is buzzing!

There was a definite buzz about the place last week as a huge colony of bees swarmed in and decided make Crompton House their home.

The situation was quickly brought under control with a visit from local bee-keeper and CHS parent, Mr Catanach, who safely took them away to a new hive. His daughter Isobel, who has gone on to study a degree in agricultural studies after leaving Sixth Form, also came to lend a hand. There really is never a dull day for our Site Team!

## Goodbye and Good luck June

On Friday 24th June, we said farewell to June Watkin who has worked with us at Crompton House for 48 years, for both the cleaning and the duty teams. June will be missed greatly by colleagues and students and we wish her all the best in her retirement. Please keep in touch!



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