

Happy New Year

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Crompton House C of E School Newsletter

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" (Luke 1:30-3)



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A Concert to Remember



Stars of Crompton House took to the stage to end the Christmas term in style

As the lights dimmed, Crompton House school came alive for our Christmas Concert. Our fabulous students made their way into the hall, each holding a candle. Year 7 student Evie Mayhew sang 'O Little Town of Bethlehem', and Crompton House Headteacher Mr Newell gave a welcome speech to our parents and carers.

Choirs sang their hearts out, musicians played their notes perfectly, and our audience showed their timing skills by sitting and standing in time to a Christmas song. The evening from start to finish ran perfectly. We want to thank everyone who attended. You made our evening magical.



Our Brass Band Went On Tour.

Our school brass band went on a festive tour to three local primary schools in December. Students at Beal Vale, St Mary's and St Paul's welcomed our brass band who played a list of traditional Christmas songs (some with a comedic twist). All of our young audiences couldn't help but smile. Thank you to the pupils and members of staff for making the tour a huge success.



Cross Country Champions

The Crompton House Cross Country team already knew they had to try and keep hold of the championship title we won last year.

It is amazing to say that every single runner put in 100% effort to help their year group take home a medal. All four girl teams placed between 1st - 3rd, and so did 3 of the boy teams, which meant that overall, Crompton House were the Oldham Cross Country Champions. Two of our pupils held the two fastest times from the day, Oonagh McManus for the girls and Ben Green for the boys.

Speaking to athlete Oonagh McManus, who was previously in the spotlight with her biathlon success in Greece last year, she explained: "The Manchester area cross country is where you do a series of races, and the person with the least points wins. Cross country can be more competitive than biathlon. People can be more brutal. In biathlon, you have two events, whereas, in cross country, you only have to be strong in one."

Year 8 student Otis Kershaw, who also participated in the event, explained that preparing for the event meant running twice a week. "I came third this year and second last year. I love running, and my dad got me involved in cross country because he was a good runner."

A massive well done to everyone who took part!



We visited Beal Vale's Christmas Fair



It was wonderful to see a packed-out hall at Beal Vale on Friday, 9th December, for their Christmas Fair. Headteacher, Mr Ball, welcomed parents and pupils to see stalls selling beautiful charms, keyrings and delicious food. Younger children had the opportunity to see Santa's grotto, and there were lots of fun games to stay entertained. The school also had a surprise visit from Louie Hamblett, Parish Counsellor of Crompton.



We Raised £4000 at Our Christmas Fair



We, too, got into the festive spirits in early December at our own Christmas Fair. We had a fantastic turnout which helped to raise over £4000. Parents, staff and visitors (human and furry) came together to run stalls filled with goodies. Stalls sold freshly baked food, jewellery, books, cakes (and Santa's Grotto). Crompton House staff ran a raffle, children had the chance to play fun games like hook a duck, and #WriteaSmile was in attendance, offering a lucky person the opportunity to win a hamper in their raffle. We want to thank everyone who came to support our school.



We Visited Berlin



Our Year 11 Historians had a great month when they visited Berlin on the 9th of December for a weekend full of history and sightseeing.

Their trip began in style with a shopping trip in the glamorous Mall of Berlin on the first day, where students stocked up on some Christmas presents for their families.

Students also visited the Topography of Terror Museum, where they discovered how the Nazis used 'terror' and the secret police to control the population of Germany. In the afternoon, our guide, Ryan, joined us for a walking tour of Berlin to take in some key spots - including Checkpoint Charlie, the Berlin Wall and the Brandenburg Gate. We finished the evening with a visit to the Reichstag building - an amazing glass dome built on top of the German Parliament.

Day two kicked off with a visit to a Stasi Prison where the Communist leaders of East Berlin kept political prisoners. It was fascinating to hear about the mental and physical torture the prisoners experienced, reminding us how lucky we are to live in a democratic country.

Next, students visited the Berlin Wall Memorial, where they learnt about the experience of people living in Communist East Germany and their attempts to escape. The evening was spent at the Christmas Markets, getting everyone in the mood for the holidays with some hot chocolate and other festive treats.

Finally, on our last day in Berlin, we visited the Wannsee Conference House, where the plans for the 'Final Solution' (the mass extermination of the Jews) were made by leading Nazis. Students were fascinated to learn about the systematic way plans were made to solve the 'Jewish problem' by leading Nazi officials.

It was commented on by several museum staff and guides how wonderfully behaved our students were. A real credit to CHS!

Our Christmas Dinner



On the 14th of December, Crompton House students gathered in the hall for their Christmas Dinner. Joining our students in the dining area was Crompton House senior leadership team, helping to serve food. It was nice to see so many smiling faces in one place, and as you can see, our students couldn't wait to show off what they had on their plates.



Our Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas jumper day took place on Friday, the 9th of December this year and what a fun day it was.

Students and staff arrived at school wearing their best Christmas jumpers, helping to raise over £200 for the charities Stick and Step and Save The Children, which provides support to disadvantaged children.



Christmas at Bake Club



It's been a busy December for our Food department. At the beginning of the month, over dinner and after school, Key Stage 3 students created a selection of Christmas bakes (including chocolate wreaths and chocolate cake pops). The results were fabulous, and everyone took home a selection of Christmas goodies.



Science Visit The University of Manchester



Students from Crompton House also visited the University of Manchester. Excitement filled the room as Kids loved seeing some amazing, bright and very loud reactions and represented our school fantastically.



Fantastic Cake Sales

Crompton House's elves Mrs Owen and Mr Leyland were busy in December selling cakes to members of staff. We raised £54 for the Alzheimer's society.



Maths Half Term Award Winners



Well done to the following students for achieving the half term maths award before Christmas. Students were chosen by their class teacher for recognition of their hard work and achievements. Well done!!!

YEAR 7: Evie Jobey, Phoebe Fitzpatrick, Isaac Crossley, Linden Naylor, Harley Duffy, Stephanie Storto, Archie Robertson, Lucy Robinson, Christine Yang

YEAR 8: Thomas Birks, Charlotte Statham, Oliver Corbley, Millie Smith, Joe Ash, Molly Silvock, William Chapman, Clarissa Wilcox, Sophie Burton

YEAR 9: Lauren Daubney, Evelyn Sheridan, Ellie Pendlebury, Lola Wilkinson, Thomas Ward, Zoe Cheung, Alfie Radford, Thomas Zach Ward, George Maguire, Emilia Sutcliffe, Neve Ashcroft

YEAR 10: William Dennis, Lucy Mayhew, Laila Barry, Freya Addison, Theo Wright, AJ Henning, Freya Shillito, Terezia Kovalova, Poppy Thompson, Lola Hogan, Alicia Cooke

YEAR 11: Naomi Nixon, Grace Wilkinson, Daisy Fay, Thomas Heaton, Rebecca Markham, Simon Hand, Jack Duffy, Natalia Aikenhead, William Fedden

YEAR 12: Fajar Amir, Robyn Matthews, Max Renfrew

YEAR 13: Daniel Kelly, Aaliyah Day, Oliver Cocker, Zach Woodward

Our Diversity Group

Our diversity group were busy learning some exciting skill including basic greetings and alphabet in a sign language workshop. The session, led by Ms Starr, was part of the Diversity Ambassadors' weekly lunchtime meet ups.



Christmas Card Winners

Well done to everyone who entered the Christmas Card competition. We had some amazing entries. The winners with the best designs (from left to right) were Bella Cullen, Cori James-Gynn, Keiron Pickering and Renae Williams.



Reading Zone

#WriteASmile Postcard Project

The #WriteASmile postcard project created by our Student Book Council is going from strength to strength. Students have been sending festive message of kindness, encouragement and thanks to their teachers, friend and family, and Oldham Parish Church as part of their Christmas Tree Festival. Special cards were also hand delivered to very excited year 5 students at St Paul's Primary school in Royton.

CHS students Kaya (year 9) and Courtney (year 11) our #WriteASmile Ambassadors, came up with the idea to raffle a Christmas hamper with items donated by our Student Book Council to raise money to buy new books for the children's ward at Oldham Hospital part of the North Care Charity. Students managed to raise £125! Thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket from our #WriteASmile stall and well done to the winners. For more information on the #WriteASmile project you can view our video <https://bit.ly/3M8dXj2>



NorthCare Charity Christmas Card Project

Inspired by the #WriteASmile postcard project, Jessica Pollard from the NorthCare Charity at Oldham Hospital asked if CHS students would write a charity Christmas card to NHS staff and patients that would be working or spending time in hospital over the festive period. This would hopefully go a little way towards making their Christmas easier as part of their 'Care This Christmas' campaign. Many of our students decorated cards and wrote lovely kind festive messages and poems. Jessica said:

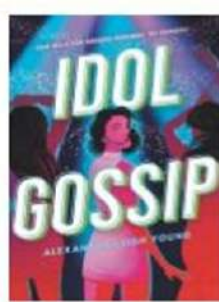
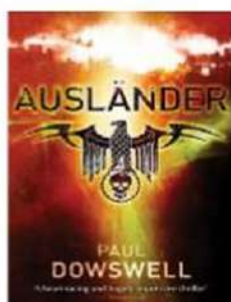
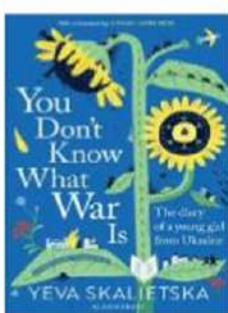
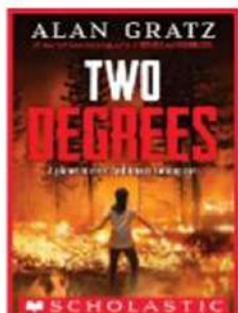
"It was a pleasure to meet Kaya and Izzy, pupils from Crompton House School, back in May when they delivered their school's #WriteASmile postcards for our patients at Royal Oldham Hospital. Our team at NorthCare Charity were inspired to reach out to local schools to encourage them to decorate and write a festive card for our patients and staff as part of our 'Care this Christmas' campaign. The cards we received from Crompton House and other schools have been so lovely and will bring a smile to the patients and staff this festive season.

As well as writing cards for Care this Christmas, the pupils at Crompton House School have gone above and beyond, raising £125 with their #WriteASmile hampers at their Christmas Fair to purchase new books for the Children's ward in the New Year."



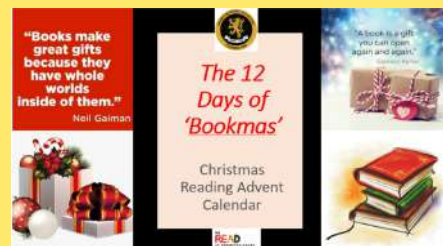
JANUARY READS- NEW YEAR NEW READS

RECOMMENDED BY MRS CULLEN - FIND THEM IN THE LIBRARY OR ON SORA...



12 Days of Bookmas

Students have enjoyed our '12 Days of Bookmas' reading for pleasure advent calendar during the last days of term. Each day, form tutors have shared the book blurb for a recommended read with their class and one lucky student has won a copy of the book to take home and keep. Early Christmas presents!



Christmas Movie Night

Students had a great time at our annual Christmas Movie Night which took place in our school library. We watched The Christmas Chronicles and ate popcorn, chocolate, and savory snacks along with hot chocolate and marshmallows. It truly was a magical evening.



Next month is... LGBT Month

Year 8 Antarctica



In Year 8 Geography lessons, students have been exploring Antarctica. To conclude what has been a brilliant topic, pupils entered the UK Polar Network's competition to design a flag representing the issues surrounding the continent. Each class had a winner and the overall winner was Erin Wild. Erin's flag (see above) was sent off to Antarctica and will be displayed and photographed by scientists.



Reaching for the STARS



Between the 5th and 9th December Crompton House students have been selling personalised candy canes. The event was set up to raise money for the STARS charity which helps diagnose and treat those who have been diagnosed with syncope. Our students raised a massive £264.45



Supporting the Homeless

Teaching Assistant, Miss Katsoulieri has been helping the homeless. Cold Hands Warm Hearts is a Greater Manchester based charity providing clothing to help people on the streets. A passion for this lovely cause has been recognised inside and outside school, from appealing for knitted gloves, scarves and blankets, to receiving notes of kindness for the hard work. To learn more about the charity and to donate please visit: www.chwh.co.uk



January Speech Night



It was a proud night for Crompton House when we celebrated the achievements of former and current students during speech night. Mr Holt, Mr Smith and Headteacher Mr Newell gave welcome speeches to our audience in the hall. A special guest speaker, award-winning journalist for The Sunday Times, and a past student at our school, Hannah Al-Othman, took to the stage to congratulate and give awards to students. Hannah shared her personal journey from leaving school to attending Salford University to gaining work and solving criminal cases as a journalist. We would like to thank Hannah for attending speech night and sharing her inspirational journey with us. Congratulations to our students, and thankyou to parents, and members of staff who came and made this night special.



CH Students walk 40 Km for PAPYRUS

It was a cold, dry start on Saturday, the 21st of January, when students from Crompton House began a 40-kilometre sponsored walk from Boundary Park to Old Trafford.

The event was organised to raise mental health awareness and to fundraise for the charity PAPYRUS (Parent Association for the Prevention of Young Suicide). For Year 9 student Daniel Horn, the walk was also special to remember a family friend who had sadly lost his life last year.

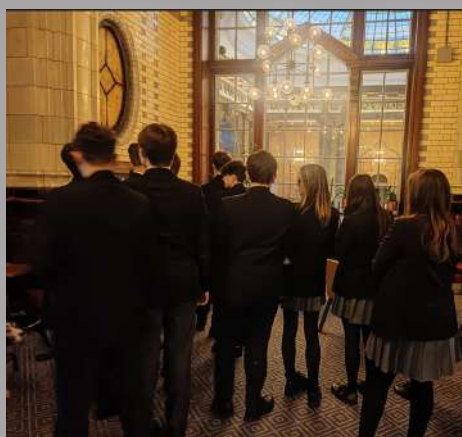
Speaking to Daniel, he explained, "I did it with my mate, my dad, and a few of my dad's friends. It felt longer than I expected it to, but it feels good to finish. The 40 kilometres was set as that is how old he would have been. I have raised money for a good cause and made my godfather proud. It's a big challenge as he would have been 40 this year."

Daniel and his fellow students completed the sponsored walk in 8 hours and had initially set a target of £4040. The event has by far exceeded this, raising over £22,500. A huge well done to Daniel and everyone involved!

To keep the memory of his godfather alive, he explained, "Every year, we are planning to do something for the charity."



Year 10 Visit Kimpton Clock Tower



On Friday the 20th, the Hospitality, Catering, and two Food preparation and Nutrition groups visited the Kimpton Clocktower hotel. Students were shown around the hotel and all the departments, which was great for all the students.

The hotel provided a fabulous lunch, followed by a Q&A session. The students gained valuable industry knowledge and obtained details on how to start their own careers, from information on qualifications, experience and qualities needed to what the hotel looks for in interviews.

It was a great day, and the students did the school proud, with the hotel commenting on how well-behaved and respectful they were. Well done, Year 10!



ICC NORTHERN CHAMPIONSHIP SCHOOL DIVISION WINNERS

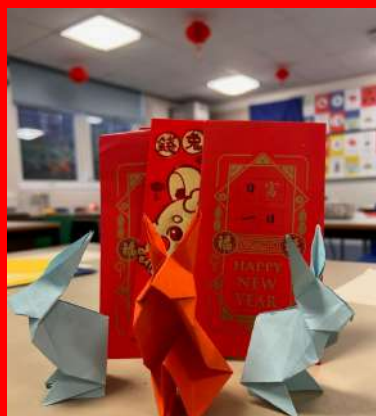
This weekend 19 girls from years 7-11 competed in the ICC National Championships Cheerleading competition. All of our team performed exceptionally well, achieving zero deductions on the judges' scorecards. At the end of the day, our team lifted the trophy to celebrate becoming ICC Northern Championship School Division WINNERS! We are super proud of the girls and what they have achieved in their first cheerleading at a competitive level. Well done to everyone who took part in the competition. We are very proud of you all and can't wait to hear about your success in the future.



Chinese New Year with Mr Ross



This month, a talented group of year eight linguists have been learning about Chinese New Year traditions in Mr Ross' Mandarin Chinese Club. They decorated one of the language classrooms with decorations and window art, opened fortune cookies, exchanged traditional 'Hong Bao' red envelopes with Chinese greetings and money, and created origami rabbits to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. One student, Sam Partington, has even used his 3D printer to create the words 'Xin nian kuai le', which means Happy New Year, in Chinese characters.



Food Bank Collection

Well done to Crompton House Headboy, Josh Barnett, and Headgirl, Danni Hall, who have been collecting food from Crompton House staff to take to the local food bank. Great work Josh and Danni!



Stunning CHS Performance at Manchester Cathedral

On Friday, 13th January, Chapel Choir made their annual trip to Manchester Cathedral to participate in their Evensong service. The day was full of rehearsal, both at school in the morning and when they arrived at the cathedral after lunchtime, before the service in the evening. Many weeks of hard work in after-school rehearsals led up to the day, as shown by how well the choir sang in the service, with many people commenting on their wonderful sound. This year's service saw a return to the choir stalls in the cathedral, as the past few services the choir has participated in were socially distanced.

Year 13 student Abby Brown described the event as: "Evensong is a highlight of our year as a choir. Singing in the cathedral is always beautiful. The way your sound bounces off the walls makes it feel like the building is speaking back to you."

If you'd like to listen, please go to: <https://bit.ly/3RgKgb4>



Crepes Decorations

Our Modern Foreign Languages department has organised a crepes decoration for students to celebrate Candlemas, the presentation of Jesus to the Temple, which is the last feast of the Christmas cycle.



PSHE and MacMillan Coffee Morning

In early December our students learned about the cancer charity MacMillan, helping them to understand the emotional and mental impact behind the disease. Later in the week fundraising took place in the classrooms where students bought cakes and drinks to raise money for the charity. We raised an amazing £158.85! Well done to everyone involved.



William's radio contact

Year 7 student William Scarlet has been attending Mr Haigh's Amateur Radio Club. On Friday 27th January William made contact with an amateur radio operator, callsign E77LDS, Domagoj "Dom" Ledic, from Herzegovina. Great news William! We can't wait to hear who else you make contact with in the near future.

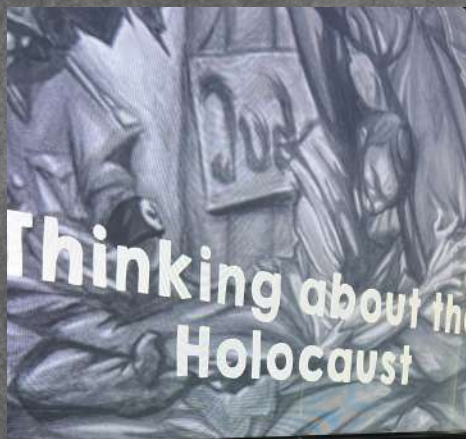


Holocaust Memorial Day

How we paid our respect



On the 27th of January, students and staff came together to remember the victims of the Holocaust. Over the last two weeks, Assemblies shared information on the Holocaust, stories of survival, and ways in which students could remember the people who had died.



In the morning, our senior leadership team had their candles lit during their meeting. In form time, candles switched on to remember the lost and light the darkness against hatred and discrimination.



A book review on Once by Morris Gleitzman featuring a discussion between a Crompton House student and a member of school staff was played at the start of lessons and on the television screens around school. You can see the book review here:

<https://bit.ly/3Y3UmhG-ONCE>



ARTWORK

of the week



Isobel Dawson



Izzy Hart



Max Patoman



Oliver Jones



Harry Hague



National School Attendance Award

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Goodbye Mrs Owen!

Crompton House says goodbye to our Science Technician, Mrs Owen, after sixteen years of working at the school. We wish you the best of luck for the future!



Good Bye Mrs Rankin!

We said our goodbyes to Mrs Rankin at the end of last term. We wish you all of the best in your new role assisting our inclusion team in the Hub.



Best wishes Mrs White

This term we said goodbye to our Assistant Head of Year 11, Miss White. After spending two and a half years working in the Hub, Maria has changed careers and has chosen to pursue a career in recruitment.

"I would like to thank each and every one of my colleagues and the students I have worked with. I have learnt so much from you in my time at CHS."



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