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Crompton House C of E School Newsletter

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PREPARING FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS

It's not long until Crompton House student Yasmin Booth makes her way to Berlin for the Special Olympics World Games, the largest event for those with disabilities.

Yasmin's enthusiasm for golf began early, playing in her grandparent's back garden. Since then, Crompton House has followed her journey, from winning overall at the Harpenden Common Nationals Competition to making the selection for the Special Olympics Team GB.

Over the last few weeks, Yasmin has had regular full team sessions with the full squad, learning about the SOGB (Special Olympics Great Britain) values, events and travel arrangements to the Special Olympics. There's also been a full squad weekend, with back-to-back events and fun, along with getting measured for the team kit.

Yasmin has a golf team training session in March, then another full squad session in April. In addition, Yasmin and all the athletes are participating in Strong Minds training, centred around breath work, yoga and positive strategies to help calm nerves in stressful situations. All of these foundations are critical life skills, the Special Olympics GB is well managed, and we're extremely proud to see Yasmin take part in the World Games Berlin 2023.

Yasmin was recently featured as athlete of the week on the Special Olympics channel and is currently raising funds for the SOGB team and Greater Manchester region. If anyone would like to donate, please go to <http://bit.ly/3EId2wr>



17th Century History Armour



Our young History Club members have had an exciting month travelling back in time to the 17th century by putting together a suit of armour in mid-February. Kindly donated by Crompton House parent, Mr Pollard, who worked for the Royal Armouries Museum, the suit gave our young Historians a fun and educational insight in what it must have been like to be a 17th Century warrior.



Oonagh Wins at Heaton Park

On Saturday the 4th February Oonagh McManus, a Year 8 student, won the Greater Manchester School's Cross Country Championships at Heaton Park. Competing in the years 8 and 9 combined race, she gained selection for the Greater Manchester team in the English Schools Championship in Nottingham which will take place on the 18th March.

It was a fantastic performance on a gruelling and muddy 3K Heaton Park course. After a great start, she held a comfortable 3rd place for most part, moving up into 2nd with around 400m to go, taking first place on the final hill and sprinting home to victory with a comfortable 20 meter gap at the finish.

Oonagh has been the Oldham School's Cross Country Champion for 5 consecutive years, so to finally win the Manchester Schools representing Crompton House and Oldham was a dream come true.

It was also great to see Oldham do so well overall with some brilliant performances throughout the day. None of this would be possible without the teachers, volunteers and the Oldham School's Games who organise the qualifying events and Oldham Championships at Chadderton Park.

It was also great news for our other students who also took part in the Cross Country race. Year 7 students Agatha Wragg came 9th, Lyla Hannan came 11th, and Jessie Leyden Mellor placed 18th.

Sports hall championship

Our Year 9 Student Joshua Clowes also had a successful month when on the 22nd of January, he competed in the Greater Manchester Sportshall Championships with his club Rochdale Harriers. Sportshall brings together several Athletics clubs from Greater Manchester to race against each other in various indoor track and field events. Competing against athletes from 11 other clubs, Josh managed to secure himself an individual Bronze medal in the Standing Long Jump for the under-15 boys and also helped secure an overall Bronze award for the under-15 boys team for his club.



LGBTQ+ Month

This month Crompton House celebrated LGBTQ+ history. Pupils in all year groups received an assembly, where they found out about the life of Alan Turing. They also learned a timeline of how far we have evolved with regards to LGBTQ+ rights and the problems and struggles which still exist around the world for the LGBTQ+ community. We featured a display of LGBTQ+ books in the library, pronoun and flag badges were on sale and the Diversity Ambassadors found out about influential LGBTQ+ figures in different sectors in their Thursday group by playing a fun card game.



Sixth Form Fundraising

Our lovely Year 12 aspire students organised a fundraiser to support the disaster relief charity - The British Red Cross - to aid victims of the catastrophic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria on Friday 3rd March.

A bake sale was arranged, during both breaks, and a charity leg waxing, participated in by teachers and students including Mr Newell, Mr Pacey, Mr Raynerd, Mr Leyland, Mr Pearson, Mr Foss, Mr Collins and Mr Power. As you can see from our pictures, many of our staff struggled to cope with the leg waxing.

Overall, we raised a massive £370 for the charity! We are so pleased with how the day went and very thankful for everyone who donated or took part!

We would like to thank our sixth form students who organised the fundraiser: Amy Jakeman, Maddie Bamford, Anya Ferguson, Eve Brannick, Liv Greene, Mcpartland, Hannah Bailey, Harry Fenwick and Niamh Brown who organised the events along with the assistance of Dr Pannell, Dr Whitworth and Mrs Atkins.



Maths Awards

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

Year 7: Zaara Hussain, Haydar Shazhad, Jayden Harland, Lucy Robinson, Noah Myddelton, Markus Wong, Ellis Lees, Dalton Navesey, Laiba Ali, Tyler Scoltcok, Layla Dowd

Year 8: Mateusz Ulanowski, Evie Hilditch, Freddie Sheridan, Olivia Bullock, Emily Thompson, Ava Howard, Halymat Adebayo, Teddy McHugh, Abigail Steel, Ishfaq Miah, Olivia Brown, Oonagh McManus

Year 9: Joshua Valentine, Nyanda Gibrillah, Ben Hague, Evie Barker, Harry Denson, Hamza Mukhtar, Freya Taylor Williams, Jayden Lenge, Charlotte Scull, Lauren Barnes, Olivia Skoropada

Year 10: Harry Wright, Cain Andrews, Liam Smith, Ben Greenwood, Joe Mushonga, Eva Dennis-Garrity, Oscar Whitmore, Leo Green, Lillie-Mai Whelan-Hilton, Sophie Thomas, Max Evans, Dwayne Wheeler, Sam McAllister

Year 11: Isabelle Simpson, Danish Ashraf, Olivia Shaw, Evie Clancy, Jenson Connell, Evie Smith, Matthias Taylor, Joshua Kaye, Ester Ereyemi, Grace Maddock

Year 12: Fajar Amir, Harry Wainwright, Imogen Hurst

Year 13: Harry McClean, Daniel Kelly, James Catanach, Connor Cooper, Daniel Kelly, Miyanwi Che

Norton Grange Hotel

Our Year 11 students visited Norton Grange Hotel on the 27th of January for half of a day of GCSE Exams and Revision tips. Organised by Mr Raynerd, students were given an examination goodie bag filled with pens, post-its, highlighters, revision cards, a water bottle, a lollipop, and sweets, before arriving at the hotel to learn core revision skills which could be applied to their GCSEs due to take place over the next few months. Our students learned how to use mind mapping, flashcards and post-it notes effectively and were given their examination timetables.



Children's Mental Health Week

#WriteaSmile Visit Oldham Children's Unit and Newman College



Crompton House students visited Newman College and Oldham Hospital Children's unit in early February with our #WriteaSmile project to share words of inspiration and kindness for Mental Health Week.

Both Crompton House School and Newman College have been using the #WriteaSmile project to focus on Year 7 and Year 11 children who may be struggling to adapt to change and exam pressure.

Postcards were hand delivered by CHS #WriteaSmile Ambassadors Courtney and Indiya. They exchanged with Newman Mental Health and Wellbeing Ambassadors Justina, Luke, and Ms Madeley, Newman's Assistant Mental Health Lead. Seeing our cards featured on Newman College's large televisions was amazing.

At Royal Oldham Hospital Children's Unit, Kaya and Olivia exchanged postcards with nursing staff to give to parents and children on the ward. We also presented the children's unit with a £200 cheque to buy books for the children's ward.

Overall, the day was special for school as our #WriteaSmile project continues to grow throughout the community.



Task Master Challenge

During mental health week, Crompton House teacher Mr Leyland set teamwork tasks for our student contestants to complete. We had so much fun seeing students compete for the best dance, creating the best rainbow, and of course, designing the best self-portrait.

Taskmaster, Mr Leyland, explained, "I have been very impressed with the quality and creativity shown by our pupils, with all year groups (including 6th form) trying their luck to impress me and earn points. It was very tight entering the final task, and the winners rightly deserved their place on the podium (especially considering their superb chicken dance entry!)"

Well done to the winners from Year 7: Scarlett, Annabel, Starr and Rachel.



We visited Austria!

February half-term saw a group of 42 students plus staff take a first Crompton House visit to Zell am See, Austria, for a fantastic week's skiing. The long 2-year wait was rewarded with a homely hotel on lake Zell and some great snow and blue-sky conditions.

Students have five full days of lessons and development at a range of levels. Complete beginners tackle the nursery slopes for the first day or two before progressing to higher slopes and levels. Those with greater experience have many routes and 'fun parks' across the Alpine Amade range to explore. One of the highlights was our visit to the Kitzsteinhorn glacier, which at 3,000m, ensures amazing views and ski conditions.

All students had a great time, and they developed their skills fantastically.

We are now looking forward to next year!!

Take a look at our Instagram page for more photographs located here: <http://bit.ly/3YH6ANO>



MFL Crepes Decorations

On the 6th of February, our Modern Languages department ran a crepes decorations workshop for years 7,8 and 9 to celebrate Chandeleur, the last feast of Christmas. We had some fantastic creations from our creative students. Take a look at the designs below. Well done to everyone who created a crepe! I hope they tasted as delicious as they looked!



LGBTQ+ HISTORY READS

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





Our Year 11 Iceland Trip

By Emilia Jaskowska



To help strengthen our physical geography and fieldwork knowledge for our GCSE geography exams, the Geography department organised a trip to Iceland- a volcanic island in the Arctic Circle. As part of the trip, we took this time to study the country's natural landforms and enjoy most of our time in and around Reykjavik, the most northerly capital city in the world.

On our arrival, we visited the Reykjanes Peninsula and the Bridge between Two Continents - a place on the Mid-Atlantic Ridge believed to be between Europe and North America. Later, we walked to Gunnuhver, Iceland's largest bubbling mud pool - where steam from a geothermal reservoir mixes with surface water.

On our second day, we visited a selection of mesmerising waterfalls (Foss in Icelandic) - my favourite of which was hidden in a cave! Furthermore, we went on a glacial walk as we took in the stunning views and learned more about the impacts of climate change as the glacier is retreating. We also got to use ice axes at the top of the glacier and drink some pure glacial water too!

On the third day, we began by visiting the LAVA centre in Hvollsvollur to build up our knowledge for our tectonic hazard unit for our Geography GCSE and educate us on Icelandic volcanoes such as Hekla and Eyjafjallajokull. We then visited Gullfoss, the Golden Waterfall, where we saw one of Iceland's most amazing and impressive views. Later in the day, we saw the famous Strokkur geyser, the most active geyser in the area. Finally, we walked around the UNESCO World Heritage Site Pingvellir as we looked at where the North American and Eurasian plate is. To top the day off - the Northern Lights appeared late at night - teachers knocked on our doors to get us out to see them.

On the final day of our trip, we went to the Hellisshiedi Geothermal Power Station to advance our knowledge of green energy in Iceland. We then visited the famous Blue Lagoon spa, where we had a relaxing and enjoyable time before visiting Reykjavik and its Hard Rock Café.

Overall, the Iceland trip served as a great learning experience for our examinations in the summer and a fun experience spent with friends! Seeing the Northern Lights was the most memorable part of the trip, serving as a once-in-a-lifetime experience that anyone will enjoy. Thanks to all staff involved.



New contact In Radio Club

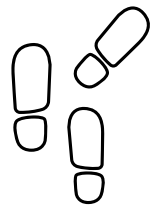


In Mr Haigh's radio club we have some exciting news to share. Year 12 student Owen had successful contact with a fellow radio enthusiast based in Lincoln, Pete G0CEG.

Owen also made contact with Marcus Hodge (call sign KF5WFX), who is based in Hobbs, New Mexico, just under 5,000 miles away from Oldham. Similar to Owen he is on his first tier licence, which is called technician licence in America which is similar to our Foundation licence. Foundation licence is what our students are working towards this year.



Bronze Duke of Edinburgh



On Saturday, 25th February, our Spring Group encountered their first Duke of Edinburgh walk. We all met at the car park at Ogden at 7.50 am for an 8 o'clock start. All students were well prepared with maps, a compass and a whistle as they walked alongside staff who gave up their time to supervise and help them. Our groups walked different routes walking for approximately five miles. Students were asked to use the skills they had learned in lessons, listening to the environment around them, looking at symbols, pinpointing exactly where they were, doing four and five-figure references and having turns on navigation. All students did fantastically well for their first attempt and arrived back in plenty of time, where they were then allowed to eat their chocolate rations! Well done everyone!



DESIGN TECHNOLOGY COMPETITION



Well done to our 3 winners - Lucie Clegg, Jack Davies and Oonagh McManus. Students had to design a postcard to be used in Design Technology to send home to celebrate success in the subject. The three students produced great designs, which have now been made into a postcard. Well done and Thank you! The DT department



ARTWORK

of the week



Livia (Y11)



Ella (Y9)



Lily (Y10)



Jack (Y7)

Best of Luck, Caroline!

This term we said goodbye to Caroline Lees who has worked at Crompton House for 8 years. Caroline has been our Assistant Head of Year 9 for the past 3 years, but previously worked in our Sixth Form and with Year 11 as an Academic Tutor.



Goodbye Julie

On Friday, 10th of February, Crompton House said goodbye to our science technician Julie Owens after almost 17 years of working at the school. We wish you all of the best for the future.



We raised our flag



We stood in solidarity with Ukraine on Friday the 24th at 11am for a National one minute silence. Classrooms sat in silence and the Ukrainian flag was held high as we remembered all of the brave people in Ukraine.



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