

STAY IN TOUCH

Crompton House C of E School Newsletter

"God raised up the Lord and will also raise us up by his power"
(1 Corinthians 6:14)



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Success in Muay Thai Boxing

Our Year 13 student, Ella Hayward, has been training hard over the last five years in Muay Thai Boxing. The sport is known as the art of 8 limbs, as you can punch, elbow, knee and kick, while also being a sport about respect and discipline.

Ella trains five times a week for fights alongside studying 3 A Levels in Biology, PE and Psychology. She hopes to gain a place at York University after her exams in the summer.

Initially, she joined Thai Boxing as a form of self-defence when she was 12 years old, but she soon began fighting in the biggest shows in the UK, becoming a Muay Thai World Champion, a K1 World Champion, Majestic Opens Champion, Sandee Open Champion, European Champion, as well as ranking number 1 in the UK.

Ella fought in Italy for two world titles and in Ireland on one of the biggest Thai shows last year. Ella now coaches and teaches Thai Boxing to a junior class to help them achieve what she has achieved. She does this three times a week and trains them in self-defence and how to win fights in the ring. Well done, Ella! We are all very proud of what you have achieved.



Year 8 Flag Spotted in Antarctica!

You may remember in our December edition of Stay in Touch, our Year 8 students studied the topic of Antarctica, concluding with a design a flag competition. The overall winner was Erin Wild in Year 8, with her stunningly creative design. Since then, the flag has finally made it to Antarctica! Engineer James Veale took the flag aboard RRS Sir David Attenborough (SDA) (BoatyMcBoatface) and has sent us a picture.



Ramadan at CHS

It's been an important month for our school's Muslim community. Ramadan began on Wednesday, the 22nd of March, and is a time for reflection and prayer. Assemblies focused on this important event, students were provided with prayer space, and Mrs Khan ran Ramadan club, taking part in fun activities such as making sparklers using their chemistry skills.



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World Book Day

Drop Everything and Read!



Our school celebrated National World Book Day on the 2nd of March. Seeing so many students arriving in their favourite character costumes, from Harry Potter to Sherlock Holmes and Willy Wonka, was fantastic.

There were lots of fun activities happening around school, with library lessons focusing on students solving a murder mystery in groups featuring school staff. In addition, teachers and students read inspirational stories inside classrooms, and crime-themed activities took place.



Our school loudspeaker played in the corridors at 12:10 PM, alerting classrooms to drop everything and read accompanied by our brand new World Book Day video. A competition ran for the best-dressed staff department, with each department given a book genre theme. Outside, a book box created by Design Technology Teacher Mr Sellers stood outside containing free books for students to take home and read to promote reading for pleasure. Overall, the day ran wonderfully from start to finish.



We hope everyone enjoyed celebrating this special day with us! Don't forget to take a look at our social media pages for more photographs of the day, and you can also view our World Book Day video here:

<http://bit.ly/41FKsp2>



Fish for Heroes Project



We were delighted to be one of 250 schools in the UK that received Alaska pink salmon, courtesy of the Food Teachers Centre and Alaska Seafood UK - 10,000 salmon fillets were sent to schools, and we were one of the chosen.

The fish were distributed to schools as part of the Fish Heroes project, which encourages young people to learn, cook and taste fish. Pupils also learned about the health benefits of fish in their diet (did you know that we are all recommended to eat two portions a week?) and aspects of sustainability. Unfortunately, children in the UK eat just 84g of fish/fish products a week, of which only 21g is oily fish - way below recommendations.

Crompton House pupils cooked fish pie and other dishes, learning new food skills which they will be able to use in the future. They also tasted the salmon dishes they prepared as part of the lesson. Perhaps your child will be inspired and cook for you at home too?

It has been an amazing experience - from the delivery, cooking and tasting of Alaska pink salmon. Pupils have really enjoyed their time and have learned many important life skills.

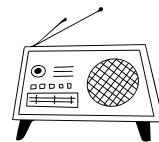
If you want to find out more, go to:

<https://foodteacherscentre.co.uk/fish-heroes/>

<https://www.alaskaseafood.org>



Long distance radio call for Owen



It's been an eventful month in Radio Club this month. On the 14th of March, Owen made contact during lunchtime with a fellow radio operator, Roger (KQ4EUX), from Foley, Alabama (4,300 miles). Owen learned that Roger is originally from New Zealand and runs a business bringing back independence to severely disabled people in the US. On the 15th of March, Owen also successfully contacted Sasanka "Sasanka" Boruah (VU3INI), a radio amateur in India, during a lunch club session based in Guwahati, which is approximately 5,000 miles away.

Owen also made contact on the 16th of March with Gus (AA4GH) in Punta Gorda, Florida, who is similar to Owen and is fairly new to the hobby, having passed his exam in November 2021. They had a fascinating conversation about Detroit, where Gus lived before recently moving to Florida, and its perception in the media before moving onto Florida and the local geography.



Boys' Choir Workshop

On Thursday, 2nd March, our Boys' choir attended a 'Boys Sing' workshop at Halle St Peters. It was a fantastic workshop involving over 100 boys, run by Halle Youth Choir's Stuart Overington.



International Women's Day

International Women's Day takes place every year on the 8th March. The purpose of this day is to celebrate women's achievements and to come together and work towards equality for women all over the world. This year pupils took part in a treasure hunt finding and learning about inspirational women in each subject. Our fantastic winner was Harley Novak in year 7. Pupils also bought sweet treats and stickers with inspirational quotes and messages at break time to raise money for the Pankhurst Trust, a Manchester based Women's charity. We raised £70 in 30 minutes! Mrs Cullen also set out a great display of books. The book of the month Fight Back by AM Dassu features a strong female protagonist. Thanks to all involved!



Careers Week at CHS

This month saw a great turnout of Parents/ carers and students for our annual Pathways and Futures Fair. It was a great opportunity for our Year 9s to get vital information from subjects they are interested in pursuing. Employers and colleges packed out the school hall with information stalls on some of the many career pathways (both specific and general) that studying GCSEs can lead on to.

Representatives of Post 16 & Post 18 education were in attendance along with Nurses from the NHS, members of the armed forces, Electricity North West, AECOM, Oldham Council Leisure services and many more.

We provided a wide range of support for our students to encourage and help them make the right choices for their future and we wish our students success in completing them.



Sport Success

It's been a fantastic month for our Crompton House girls' football team.

The girls went into the game feeling confident, with only one defeat so far within the English Schools Cup, Greater Manchester Cup and the Oldham League. They all worked together as a team, with positivity and encouragement and played some amazing football between them. They dominated the entire game and there were fantastic goals by Jess, Ava and Olivia to secure the win.



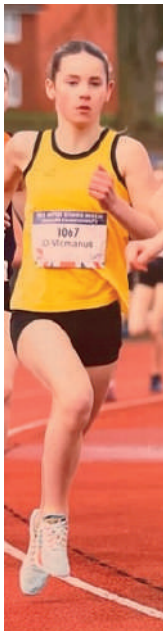
Prefect Awards

Miss Landells and the Year 11 prefects have been working extremely hard over the past few months in an attempt to raise money for STARS charity. STARS is a charity that supports people who are affected by Syncope and Reflex Anoxic Seizures, and it is a charity that is very important to our year group. Students have hosted a bake sale and sold candy canes at Christmas to raise funds. The prefects have demonstrated excellent leadership skills and have shown real commitment to helping a great cause. The money raised will go towards educating, advising and supporting people with Syncope and Reflex Anoxic Seizures. The prefects are a real credit to the school and have received a certificate from the charity for their thoughtfulness and generosity. Well done Year 11 prefects!



Oonagh Wins British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championship in Redditch

Also this month, Year 8 athlete Oonagh won the British Schools' Modern Biathlon Championship in Redditch. In an exciting race, Oonagh managed to beat her personal best in both the 1600m run (5:19) and 100m swim (1:05), which she was delighted with. We didn't expect her to do quite that well because on the Saturday she represented Greater Manchester in the British Counties Cross Country Championship in Loughborough and finished an amazing 12th place out of 466 girls. Plus the course was a mud bath and she said her legs felt dead after the race but it obviously didn't affect her too much.



Oldham Sixth Form Visit

On Tuesday, the 14th of March, seventeen students from our school visited Oldham Sixth Form College to see award-winning author Dean Atta following LGBTQ+ History Month.

It was an exciting session in which Dean shared his personal life with our young people.

Dean talked about his own struggles with identity and what inspired this journey in becoming an author.



British Army Diversity Session

On the 17th of March saw The British Army Diversity Engagement Team visit Crompton House school. Major Ram Bahadur Pun, a member of the Royal Gurkha Rifles, Warrant Officer Deborah Penny, and Sannat Gurung, a Military Personnel Assistant, all shared their life stories with our Year 9 students, discussing their role in the army, and how anyone, regardless of their gender or race, can succeed in the Armed Forces.



Comic Relief Day

Lots of fun activities arranged by our Six Formers happened around our school on the 17th of March to raise money for comic relief.

A bake sale, face painting, guessing how many sweets in a jar, and a wet sponge throwing event all took place throughout the school day.

Despite being a deeply traumatic event (see the photographs) for some of our staff, you'll be pleased to know no teacher was hurt and lessons continued.

A total of £348.13 was raised on the day!





Totally Vocal



Our school put on a spectacular display on the 22nd of March when we welcomed parents, carers, and friends of Crompton House to watch our Totally Vocal concert.

Deputy Headteacher, Mr Dunkley, gave a welcome speech before our talented students came into the spotlight, singing (and performing) hits from the past and present.



We caught up with Harrison Houghton, who performed in the boy's choir. He explained: "It's great that we can do musical events like Totally Vocal. It was very enjoyable and showcased the talent of Crompton House school students."



We want to thank everyone who attended, including all of our fantastic staff, from Mrs Nixon, who helped our students to shine on the stage through hard work and dedication in rehearsals, to sound engineer Mr Thompson for helping the evening to run smoothly. And of course our singers and audience! You all helped to make the night super magical.





Duke of Edinburgh Awards Night



On Thursday, 30th March, we held our annual DoE Presentation evening, the first since before the pandemic.

The evening was a real success, celebrating 180+ awards/certificates being presented to acknowledge our students' achievements. We also welcomed our guest speaker Mr Shaun Sherwood (SAS Who Dares – finalist & motivational speaker), who gave the main speech, which was very insightful and inspiring, sharing his personal journey and the impact the Duke of Edinburgh Awards have had on his own life, and his beliefs that: **"A winner is a loser that never gave up"** and **"sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory. Learn from the past, but don't live there."**



Students who attended the evening were from Years 10-13. Many had taken part in the awards during the pandemic and therefore completed the award 'with a difference'. The Duke of Edinburgh Awards always requires determination, resilience and a real positive mindset, which, at this time, was an even greater challenge.



Having to complete the volunteering, skill and physical sections, along with CHS providing the expeditions (day walks but no overnights) to ensure completion of the full award, meant the students had to be extremely resourceful as well as dedicated, and they did this brilliantly.

'Mother nature' also provided certain groups with some of the hottest conditions we have ever encountered, whilst other groups had some of the wettest (monsoon-like) weather. All in all, every student deserves a massive congratulations. We hope they are as proud of their achievements as we are of them for showing their fantastic qualities.



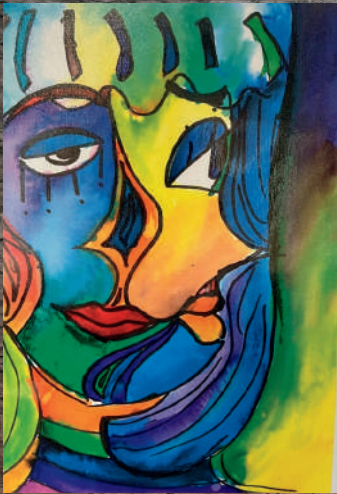
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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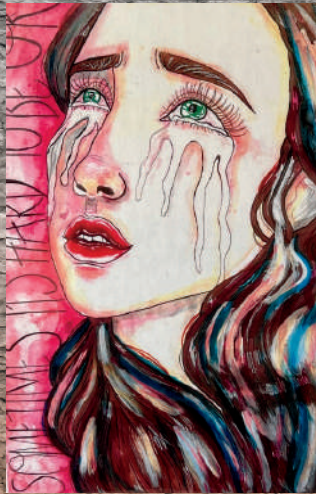


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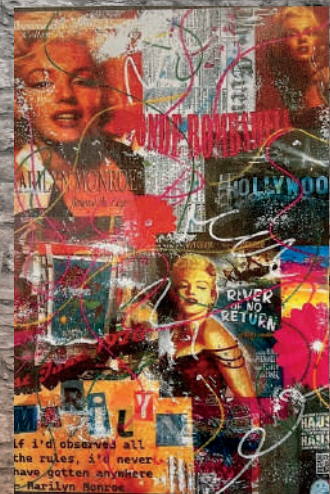
of the week



Molly (Y8)



Bella (Y10)



Sarah (Y11)

Travel Survey



We are asking parents and carers to complete a survey which will look to improve the health and wellbeing of the school's student, staff, and local resident. This short survey can be completed at the following website: <https://bit.ly/3HLOWIm>

ALL STARS CRICKET



This is the perfect introduction for all boys and girls aged 5 to 8 years old, new to cricket. We deliver 8 weekly sessions packed full of fun and games where your child will learn fundamental movement skills including catching, throwing, and batting.

For more information please visit:
<https://bit.ly/3KjbVWX>

Farewell Tina

This term we said our goodbyes to Tina who worked in our school's Finance Department.

"I came to Crompton House School in November 2012 initially on a 3 month contract. 10 years later- it's time to move on to pastures new.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I will miss the staff and pupils dearly. In all my time here I have never woke up not wanting to come to work. Which to me speaks volumes of the kind of place it is."



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