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**CROMPTON HOUSE
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DECEMBER 2024



Record crowds and rave reviews, Grease was truly electrifying!

Thousands of lines, hundreds of hours, dozens of rehearsals, all leading to two incredible headline evening shows of Grease.

With capacity crowds in attendance, both nights had bigger audiences than any other previous productions and the performers made sure each and every one of them got a show stopping display.

From an insider's viewpoint it was hugely impressive to watch as the cast and crew refined their skills and processes from the beginning of rehearsals to the condensed matinee performance for the CHS Trust Primary Schools to the two brilliant evening shows. The live band were flawless throughout the performances and ensured every song, scene and dance flowed with ease.

The set featured a replica 'Greased Lightning', scaffolded platforms, bleachers, an American Diner, and retro artwork to help set the scene and truly temporarily transport you to the Thunder Road!

The T-Birds and Pink Ladies framed much of the story with performances as strong as the American accents they managed to hold throughout the show. A special mention has to be made for the outfits featured in these groups, the team did a great job of visually creating each character.

Within this edition of the newsletter we have included some brief questions from a few members of the cast for you to learn a little about what they thought of the show too. We would have loved to include something from everyone if there was space, each and every performer earned the right to be celebrated for their parts!

From the rhythmic rush of 'Born To Hand Jive' to the solemn solo of 'Hopelessly Devoted To You' the broad and challenging performances were captivating and shone a light on the incredible work of the drama and music departments in creating a school stage show that could truly rival the big stage.

The huge ovations suggest so, but we really hope everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed the show as it means a lot to everyone involved to see so many happy faces watching their efforts. The teams who brought you Grease will be back towards the end of the academic year with another production that's sure to be just as good and we look forward to welcoming you all back alongside hopefully even more!

Thank you again to everyone who attended, and to everybody responsible in any small part for putting the show on and helping to make it the excellent spectacle it was.

Colour us impressed!

Impressed, but not surprised, as our ever-inspiring Sixth Form students helped orchestrate a whole school fundraiser for Children In Need this half term.

With a host of activities on offer around the school from face painting, to a game of guess the bears name, plus a vibrant bake sale, and more in and amongst it.

The day was of course hugely visibly represented by our Sixth Form students wearing their pyjamas for the day as they encouraged people to donate what they could to an incredible cause.

CHILDREN IN NEED DAY



2024

Meet the cast: The following two page spread features some short questions and answers from a few of the fantastic Grease cast.

Tomas / Danny Zuko



My favourite part about playing Danny was getting to work with a wide range of cast members such as Sandy or the T Birds.

My solo was my biggest challenge but I overcame it well with the help of Mrs Bird.

It was amazing to work in the show with all of the cast members and a great opportunity for me to portray a really famous character... I loved it all.

Tomas M

My favourite part about playing this role was embedding a little bit of my personality into my performance and adding that level of joy and enthusiasm to my role. I enjoyed bringing Sandy to life in the way I had imagined her to be.

My biggest challenge playing Sandy I think was the pressure of the solo and having to do it straight after another big dancing number. I have never done a solo before so I was quite nervous.

Grease was SO much fun and I am proud of everyone in the cast and backstage; an amazing show to have as my last at Crompton House.

Gabriella

Gabriella / Sandy Dumbrowski



Darce Rizzo

My favourite part about playing Rizzo in the production was how it brought me closer with all the drama community.



My biggest challenge playing Rizzo was holding the Brooklyn accent throughout the whole show.

To everyone reading from the show, I'd like to just add that I love you all so so much and I had so much fun working with you and I'd love to do it all again.

Darce / Betty Rizzo

Arin

My favourite part of playing Kenickie was probably his mannerisms of his "bad boy" persona and probably the relationship he has with Rizzo.

The biggest challenge from playing the role was probably how overly masculine he was and specifically during grease lightning from how low his voice was.



Arin / Kenickie Murdoch

Losika / Roger Putzie



My favourite part of playing Roger was getting to be the comedic one out of the T birds and getting to say such funny lines.

My biggest challenge playing Roger was singing the song 'Mooning' because at first I really struggled with the song but after some practice with our musical director, Mrs Nixon,

we were able to work around it and found what suited me.

When it comes to Roger I tried to adjust the character a bit to suit me especially when it comes to appearance. All of the T birds are known for there iconic slick hairstyle and for me that was not possible because of my afro hair. After some time thinking about it I decided to where a durag as not only did it make me feel comfortable but it gave other young black boys who saw the show a chance to believe that people like us can still achieve such accomplishments.

L.G. Zechner

I loved playing this character as it gave me the opportunity to try a comedic role, and meet so many new people!!

One thing I found a challenge in the role initially was that I struggled with finding the perfect timing for my lines to create comedic effect, but by the time the shows came, I was completely prepared, thanks to the drama department!!

Overall, it was an incredible experience and a show that I will remember for many years to come!!

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Mathilde / Patty Simcox



Charlotte / Marty Maraschino



My favourite part about playing this role in the show was adding personality to the character of Marty meaning I was able to make her my own and explore ways of showing this.

One of the challenges playing her would be handling the props involved in my solo- including the troublesome veil falling off my head 2 times!

I really enjoyed working with the whole cast and I made many new friends.

Charlotte S
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My favourite part of playing Vince Fontaine was his dramatic one liners.

The biggest challenge of the role was the darker side of Vince, he is not all bright and cheery!

I would like to say I loved being part of this production and all my drama and comedy within it, and the accent was very fun and I encourage all students to participate in future shows.



Will / Vince Fontaine



Ethan's on target!

Recently Year 10 pupil Ethan took part in a Clay Shooting Event scoring a brilliant 73/100 and earning himself the 'Sporting Colt' award in the Lancashire Champion Class. The score represents great consistency at what is a challenging discipline. Congratulations Ethan from everyone at Crompton House, keep up the good work and we look forwards to hearing what's next!

Rising Star Renae

Year 10 pupil Renae has found herself in the success stories once again! Amongst other things, Renae has recently been on shoots for Natwest Thrive alongside Manchester United star Marcus Rashford and UK Breakdancing star Kid Karam. Renae doesn't like to show off her achievements but we all think it's very impressive!



Our Mini-Brass Band spread the festive cheer!

Accompanied by the ever enthusiastic Mrs Bostock, twelve talented performers from our Year 7 and 8 Brass Band visited a local residential care home to perform a catalogue of Christmas carols for the residents and staff.

The time and effort they gave was greatly appreciated by everyone in attendance as they joined in with the music, dancing and singing along throughout. It was a pleasure to watch them welcome in the Christmas spirit!

Following the performance the pupils handed out chocolate treats to the residents and chatted with them for a little while before heading back to school.

MR DOUGLAS, HEAD OF GEOGRAPHY

WorldWise Quiz!

On Wednesday 5th December 3 Year 11 Geographers represented the school at The Manchester Geographical Association's WorldWise Quiz held at MMU.

18 schools competed including most of the local grammar schools.

MGS won but Crompton House came a respectful 7th beating a lot of the independent schools. Congratulations to Evie Marsden, Noah Small, Daniel Smith for a splendid effort. An enjoyable evening for all.

I am recruiting now for a team to go back and win next year.





Our Markets brought Santa to town!

It was a wild and windy day on the 7th of December but Storm Darragh didn't dampen our spirits, the gusts did blow Santa in to town though! Our PTFA generously volunteered their time and efforts to help both organise and run our annual Christmas Market in the school. Despite the tumultuous weather, we welcomed in hundreds of guests to the markets as attendees took part in tombolas, raffles, shopped, and visited Santa's Grotto to name just a few activities! The guests were also treated to a festive on stage backing track from some of our school choir as they performed classic Christmas carols and songs. The funds raised from the event go directly towards improving pupil's experiences in school. For everyone who attended we hope you had a great time and hope to see you again next year. Finally, thanks again to the brilliant efforts of our PTFA, staff and students who volunteered their time.

Christmas Dinner Day

On the run up to Christmas each year the ever popular kitchen team prepare an incredible Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings for the students and staff. The succulent turkey dinner was joined with pigs in blankets, crispy roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables and bathed in gravy, there were happy faces right across the dining hall!

As is now tradition, the kitchen team are joined by the SLT including Executive Head Mr Newell to help serve the meals to the masses! Of course, no Christmas Dinner would be complete without the addition of Christmas jumpers - and Crompton House didn't disappoint! Students and staff were all welcome to wear their festive knits to school for the day and help spread some colour and cheer!



The Panto Comes to Crompton House!

Continuing the theme of spreading festive fun and cheer, our Year 7 pupils were treated to a high energy fun-filled pantomime visit from Chaplins Pantos in the main hall. The travelling show brought tonnes of seasonal cheer with the near 2 hour performance, with consistent interactivity with the audience throughout. The cast of five covered eight different characters to tell the classic story of Jack and the Beanstalk, with a few updates! I'm sure some of you will have heard all about it from pupils already, and others will have heard the roaring crowd engagements live! Thank you once again to Chaplins for visiting.



#WriteASmile Gift Hamper

Thanks to the kind hearted efforts of some of our pupils, raffle ticket purchasers and Mrs Cullen in the Learning Zone, we were recently able to raise almost £200 for the North Care Charity Alliance. In addition to this original donation from raffle ticket sales, the lucky winner of the hamper was generous enough to offer the hamper itself to North Care, so that they are also able to raffle the prize and raise even more for the charity. Further to this some pupils are showing incredible entrepreneurial skills and raising additional money through the sales of handmade bookmarks they have produced!

Fairy Tales Re-Written

As part of their 'Taking a Stand' theme in English, Year 8 have been exploring the genre of fairy tales and how some writers use this traditional genre and adapt them in order to take a stand against social issues. Our talented writers put this to the test by producing their own re-written fairy tales which take a stand against issues that are pertinent to them.

Once upon a time, in the heart of a lush rainforest, there was a 21-year-old woman named Red Riding Hood. She was on her way to visit her grandmother, who lived in a cosy hut deep within the forest. Wearing her bright red cloak, she walked along a winding path, surrounded by tall trees and colourful flowers. The rainforest was alive with the sounds of birds chirping, leaves rustling, and water flowing in a nearby stream. However, as she ventured deeper into the jungle, Riding Hood felt a strange tension in the air, as if something was watching her.

Suddenly, she caught a glimpse of something moving through the bushes. Red Riding Hood's heart began racing as she realised it was a Jaguar. She froze. The Jaguar stopped, staring at her.

It let out a sound that was a mix of a growl and a purr like a cat. Instead of being scared, she felt a connection to the animal. "I've seen trees and lives being destroyed," she said, her voice trembling.

To her surprise, the jaguar took a step forward, as if inviting her to follow. Feeling brave, Red Riding Hood said, "Are you trying to show me something?" The jaguar nodded.

Red Riding Hood followed, making sure not to upset the cat. They journeyed deeper into the rainforest, where the trees grew thicker. The jaguar looked back to make sure she was still there. After a while, they arrived at a hidden place in the forest.

In the centre of the opening there was a giant fallen tree, its roots sticking out and its trunk covered in moss and flowers. Red Riding Hood noticed lots of animals gathered around it, monkeys swinging from branches, colourful parrots perched above. This place felt like a safe haven, untouched by the destruction happening in the forest.

The jaguar sat beside her, and Red Riding Hood felt a wave of peace wash over her. "This is your home," she whispered, amazed by the beauty of the scene. "It's so precious." The jaguar then walked over to a small sapling struggling to grow in the shade of the giant tree, pushing it into the light.

Suddenly, Red Riding Hood noticed a group of men in the distance, chopping down trees and clearing the land. Her heart sank as she realised that they were destroying the forest for timber and farming. "This can't be happening!" she cried. "They're ruining your home!" The jaguar looked back at her, its eyes filled with stress. Red Riding Hood knew she had to act.

Feeling inspired, she turned to the jaguar. "I will do everything I can to protect this rainforest and its animals," she vowed, her heart filled with determination. After a while, she realised it was time to head to her grandmother's hut. As she turned to leave, the jaguar walked with her for a short distance, as if to guide her back safely. When they reached the edge of the opening, the jaguar paused and looked deeply into her eyes. Red Riding Hood felt a strong bond between them.

"Thank you for showing me your home," she said softly. "I will honour this place and tell others about its beauty." The jaguar nodded one last time before slipping back into the dense plants, disappearing as quickly as it had appeared.

With her heart light and her mind racing with ideas, Red Riding Hood continued on her way. She knew she had to share her experience with her grandmother and the villagers, encouraging them to respect and protect the rainforest. She promised to be an activist for the rainforest and its creatures.

When she finally arrived at her grandmother's hut, Red Riding Hood excitedly retold her incredible encounter. Her grandmother listened with wide eyes, clearly proud of her granddaughter. "You've learned an important lesson today, dear," she said. "The animals of the rainforest are our allies in the fight to protect this amazing world."

From that day on, Red Riding Hood became a strong protector of the rainforest. She organised efforts to save the land and its inhabitants. She taught others about the beauty and importance of the rainforest, sharing the story of her meeting with the jaguar. The bond they shared reminded everyone that every creature plays a vital role in the balance of nature.

By EBD

Once upon a time, there were three pigs that had a mission: a mission to combat climate change.

The first pig was youngest and the most excited. The second pig was also filled with hopes as well as ideas, Yet the third pig was wise, calm and planned his ideas carefully before making big decisions.

Unsurprisingly, the first pig immediately got to work. He planted trees and bought solar panels. However, he soon realised that he didn't know a lot and that it would take an immensely long time. This realisation discouraged the pig and he stopped helping the cause. In addition, he started doing things that hindered the cause like getting energy from fossil fuels which was much easier than using solar panels.

The second pig followed in the footsteps of the first, staying motivated for only one week longer. These pigs hadn't done enough so when the Lumberjack (someone who didn't believe in climate change) arrived, he saw how easy it would be to dispose of their work. He did this easily and the pigs had to flee.

With the third pig, things were a little different. He had a gargantuan decision on his hands: leave the issue to others to solve or push to save the planet which he knew would be no easy feat. After deliberating the matter, he settled on the idea that he was going to give it everything he had. Primarily, he planned for high walls so that he could keep his work safe. The walls were dark grey and as strong as iron. Other things he planned were, solar panels, planting trees and minimising meat production. Contrary to the others, the third pig put his plan into action and his dedication drowned out his demotivation.

With the help of the first two, it was hastily finished and the pigs were finally able to admire their work.

Next morning, the pigs awoke to the sound of the Lumberjack at work. He wore a red and black shirt with a beard as black as space. He tried to knock down the wall. Consequently, he dented the wall and damaged his axe. However, the Lumberjack was smart and used his ladder to climb the wall. He approached the first tree but it was too strong and his axe was blunt. Out of frustration he swung at the tree again but it bounced back. He was killed with his own axe.

Now the threat was gone, the three pigs lived happily ever after.

Sam Flowers – Yr 8



GCSE Presentation Evening

On a picturesque snowy November night our annual GCSE Presentation Evening was held to a full house in the main hall.

The evening is a great chance to share some words of wisdom, good wishes, and congratulations to the recipients of GCSE certificates and awards to last year's Year 11 pupils as their friends and families watched on.

The evening was welcomed in with an introductory speech from our Chair of Governors, before a presentation from Mrs Hegarty full of recaps and nostalgia for the pupils.

Following the presentation was a speech from ex-pupil and now accredited actress and dance teacher Simone Holmes.

Simone shed some light on her post-school and career experiences, encouraging the pupils to never give up on their dreams, before presenting each pupil with their certificates and awards afterwards.

On our news and events blog on our website you can find a short gallery of some pictures of the evening, and we would like to say a huge congratulations once again to our incredible GCSE alumni!



Remembrance Day Service

This Remembrance Day, alongside our in school memorials and assemblies Crompton House was proudly represented at the Crompton and Shaw Remembrance Day Service.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl, Sam and Destiny, laid a wreath at the War Memorial during the service.

They were accompanied by one of the organisers of the service Mrs Atkins who said they were a credit to themselves and to Crompton House.

The 500 Club

The 500 Club has been running since 2003 and in that time has continued to raise funds to support the work of the Parent Teacher and Friends Association at Crompton House School.

There is an annual fee of just £12.00 and every member is allocated a number. You can have as many numbers as you'd like if you want to increase your chances! Each month the draw takes place, First Prize wins £60.00, Second Prize wins £30.00 and Third Prize wins £20.00. Every member has the opportunity to win whilst supporting Crompton House School.

The annual fee can be paid via Parent Pay, or if you have family and/or friends who would like to join the 500 Club, but who do not have access to Parent Pay, they can still join the Club by emailing 500Club@cromptonhouse.org

The winners in December were:

First Prize of £60.00 goes to Ms Roberts with number 94

Second Prize of £30.00 goes to Ms Morgan with number 231

Third Prize of £20.00 goes to Ms Selby with number 147

Good luck to all the members for the January draw!



Year 7 Disglo Lights Up The November Night!

Early in November the main hall played host to our annual Year 7 Disglo event which has always been excellent opportunity for the pupils to enjoy a night singing and dancing whilst socialising with the other new Year 7s. The event is organised by our brilliant school PTFA with them volunteering on ticket, glowing accessories and refreshment sales with some excellent choices available. The music for the evening was provided by local DJ Kev Williams who remains a popular choice with the pupils! As you can see from the few pictures here, the event was a real success with all!

Updates from the Learning Zone



Oldham Parish Church Tree Festival 2024

The #WriteASmile postcard project created by our Student Book Council is going from strength to strength. Students wrote festive messages of kindness, support, and encouragement which we used to decorate the CHS tree donation which was on display at the church.

Visitors to the Oldham Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival were able to take a card to keep and hopefully raise a smile whilst enjoying the wonderful carol services taking place during the festival.

Word Count Winners!

Forms that have read the most words

7S1 - Mr Musgrave	3,406,975
7F3 - Mr Pearson	2,787,625
8F2 - Mrs Ritchie-Holland	3,352,075
8F1 - Mrs Holt	2,524,727
9S1 - Mrs Pearson	4,208,170
9F2 - Mrs Whittington	3,488,565

Pupils that have read the most words

Y7 - Lewis M.	615,018
Y7 - Jack H.	532,706
Y8 - Jason C.	1,423,134
Y8 - Thoryn E.	863,547
Y9 - Matthew M.	1,007,105
Y9 - Poppy J.	743,906

Accelerated Reader Successes

Each term we are monitoring and rewarding student achievements on the Accelerated Reader Reading for Pleasure platform.

This relates to students who have read the most words within books and therefore becoming ‘Word Millionaires’.

This also includes students who have accumulated the most points during quizzing on the books they have read.

Next year we will be including ‘Most Improved Students’ within reward criteria, so watch this space.

More information on the Accelerated Reader program can be found through the school website.

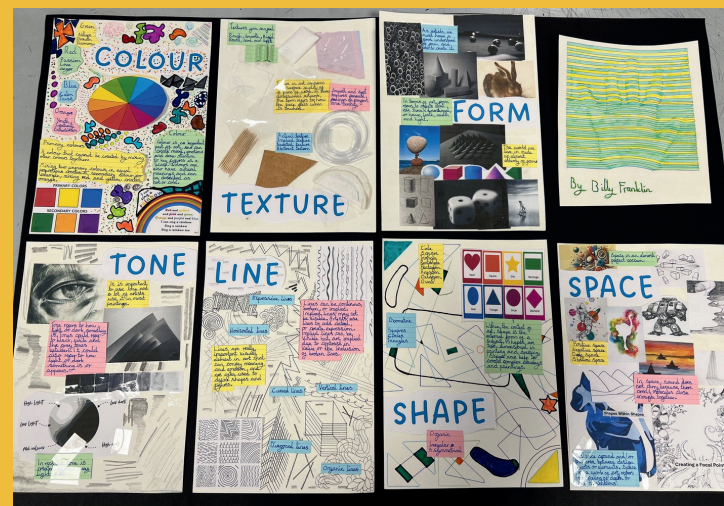


Scholastic Book Fair










In November, we once again hosted our annual Scholastic Book Fair and students had a great time browsing new books from our Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to parents, carers, staff and students, book sales were around £750 raising over £300 towards free books for our wonderful school library! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair this year! If you are looking to gift books this Christmas, you can continue to support us by purchasing from the Scholastic online shop and nominating our school when making payment. A percentage of the sale again contributes towards free books for school.



AUTUMN TERM PUPIL'S ARTWORK



JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2025

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Upcoming evening and weekend school events:

7th January — School Re-Opens for all Pupils
8th January — PIE - Iceland Trip 2025
16th January — Year 13 Parents Evening
30th January — Year 9 Parents Evening
2nd February — Maths Trip to Disneyland Paris

5th February — Year 9 Parents Evening
7th February — Year 11 Geography Trip to Iceland
14th February — School Closes for Half Term
24th February — School Re-Opens for all Pupils
25th February — Sixth Form Music Recital Evening

Further details for each event will be communicated by the usual channels.



Merry Christmas From all of us, to all of you.
from Crompton House Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all back in January.

Thank you for reading!



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