



Crosshill School Newsletter



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Summer Term 2021

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Have a wonderful and Safe Summer!

Our last newsletter was in December and time has just flown these last six months with all the changes in Covid restrictions and progressing to life going back to “normal”.

During this time we have been working towards moving to our new premises at the Sunnyhurst Centre. We had hoped to be starting the new school academic year at the new school. However, due to circumstances out of our control and Covid restrictions the move has been delayed until further into the Autumn term. We shall keep you informed and will advise you in advance of the move. We can confirm your child will have the same uniform and the school day times will remain the same. We are excited about the move with more spacious premises and surrounding woodland area for our students to enjoy. We will also be starting Forest school.

We are now looking forward to finally preparing for “normal” school life with our students no longer in bubbles from September. This period of time has been one of the most challenging times for all of us and I take this opportunity to thank our whole school community including students, parents and staff for their hard work, dedication and flexibility during these last months. The children of Crosshill have shone as always even with the challenges they have faced, doing it with a smile!

The support from parents has been overwhelming. This has helped students to make progress even when learning remotely. We are looking forward to this support continuing into next academic year.

During Spring and Summer we have been able to welcome back into school the music service, play therapy and our PE specialists to provide top quality lessons and therapy provisions for our students. We have been able to start going out on local trips which is a fulfilling and fun experience for our students. Learning outside the classroom is paramount for our students learning experience for their sensory needs and developing their life skills. KS3 and KS4 Informal enjoyed a day trip to St Anne’s for their end of term trip, a number of classes have visited Blackburn Museum and the formal classes have been enjoying going swimming. KS3 Informal and Semi formal have also started visiting the allotment each week. Their main task has been weeding and preparing the ground

Despite the Covid restrictions we have been able to celebrate our Year 11s and 13s leaving. The Year 11s enjoyed a party after school with a disco and pizza and the Year 13s enjoyed a celebration meal. We held our Leavers’ Assembly virtually through Teams so that parents were able to share the occasion. Our Year 11 students are continuing their education at various higher education facilities including Blackburn

WHAT BEEN HAPPENING THIS TERM

College, Myerscough College and Crosshill Post 16. We wish them all the best for their future.

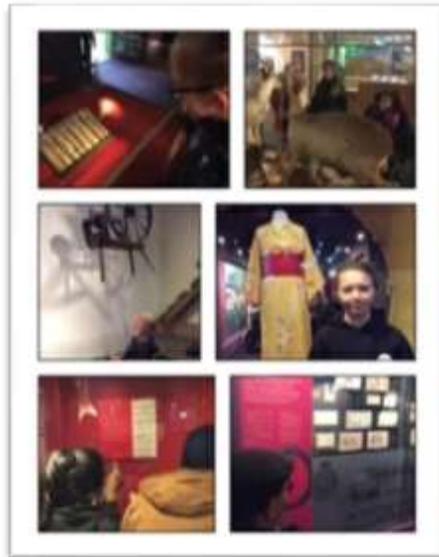
We hope you have found our school Facebook page, Twitter and Youtube channel enjoyable and useful. They are all updated with weekly reports and articles of activities your children are enjoying and being part of. Progress on the Sunnyhurst Centre renovation will also be posted there.

Unfortunately the Friends of Crosshill family activities during this period have been cancelled. However, we hope to be able to host events again soon and will have a full calendar up and running in the next academic year. We cannot wait to see you all again soon!

We would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back at the current Haslingden Road site on Thursday 2 September 2021.

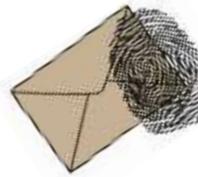
Rachel Hadfield
Acting Head Teacher

Day at the Museum



KS3 Semi Formal visited Blackburn Museum for a fossil workshop. They learned about Ammonites. Ammonites lived during the periods of Earth history known as the Jurassic and Cretaceous. Together, these represent a time interval of about 140 million years. They were also treated to a tour of the museum. Blackburn Museum and Art Gallery houses a rich and fascinating collection of paintings, Japanese prints, Christian icons, medieval manuscripts, natural history specimens, Egyptian artefacts and of course the local and social history of its hometown, Blackburn.

Detective Work at Crosshill



KS3 Formal are learning about forensic science and are looking at the work involved in a crime scene investigation including the equipment used and the protective clothing worn during an investigation. The students learned how evidence is a physical or chemical substance left behind by someone at any given moment. However, it matters most at crime scenes. Once this is gathered by experts, the items or facts are usually presented in court to reflect an accurate account of what happened in a situation.

Post16 Revidge Allotment

Congratulations to Post 16 for winning the Best Community Allotment Plot. The award was chosen by Revidge Allotment Association. The students from Post 16 and KS4 informal and semi formal have worked hard on the allotment weeding and growing vegetables.



Learning Outside the Classroom

Life skills in our local community

KS3 Semi formal have visited local areas to enhance their life skills development. They walked to our local supermarket and practiced road safety and crossing roads and using a zebra crossing. They visited the supermarket café to buy drinks and enjoyed time in the café socializing with their friends.

KS3 Semi Formal also visited the new school premises site at Sunnyhurst Centre to look outside at the grounds and the work being completed to prepare our new school for Autumn. They concluded their visit with a walk and picnic at nearby Sunnyhurst Woods.



Day trips to the park and beach

KS3 informal and KS4 formal have enjoyed visits to Witton Park and the beach at St Anne's as part of their reward trip. All the staff were very proud of how the students represented themselves with exceptional behavior on each trip.

The trips and learning outside the classroom are fundamental to our students learning development for helping with social skills, sensory requirement and to

Make **learning** more engaging. ...

Make **learning** relevant. ...

Nurture creativity and imagination. ...

Develop **learning** through play and experimentation. ...

Improve attendance. ...

Reduce behaviour problems. ...

Develop interest in the environment and wider surroundings.



Careers Week

In June we held our first 'Careers Week' and all our pupils took part in a variety of activities. We had visitors from the NHS and the Volunteer service. Some classes went out to visit places of work and also interviews were held for an admin position working in our school office. We had five of our KS4 pupils go out on work experience for a week and were absolutely fantastic.



Sports Fun At Crosshill



We have continued with our PE provision throughout the summer term and held our annual Mukhtar Sharif Memorial cricket game. Well done to Semi Formal for winning the match this year. Here are the winning team captains with their trophy. We have also had weekly swimming sessions which our students thoroughly look forward to each week.

Family Support over Summer

In my first year at the school I would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcomed. I have worked with numerous families at Crosshill and it has been a pleasure supporting the various needs of our resilient and amazing families.

The summer holidays will seem long and sometimes parents struggle to find any support services due to schools being closed. However we at Crosshill are still here for you. You can get in contact with me, Samir Khan – Family Support Worker via email on skhan827@crosshill.blackburn.sch.uk

Summer Holidays Club

Don't forget to enrol your child on the Summer Holidays Club <https://getstuckin.org.uk/holiday-clubs/>

Children from age 4-16 years are able to access 4 weeks of FREE activities from 2nd-29th August. They will also receive a grab bag full of quality nutritious food, enough for one meal.

Friends of Crosshill Forthcoming events Autumn

Due to the continuing Covid-19 restrictions Crosshill School and the Friends of Crosshill have not organised any face to face events currently this academic year. However, we already have the Christmas Pantomime booked for all the families to come and enjoy in our new school premises on Friday evening 17 December 2021. We are also hoping to hold our annual Macmillans coffee morning on Friday 24 September 2021.

Watch this space for more events and how to take part.

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