

CROSSHILL NEWS



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SPRING 2024

A WARM WELCOME

Hello everyone and welcome to the Spring edition of our newsletter. It's been a busy term, with lots of progress being made by our students. World Book Day was a particular highlight, the effort that both students and staff went to was amazing and there was a real buzz in school.

I'm also pleased to be able to tell you all that our proposal to extend the age range of students at Crosshill has finally been approved. This means that from September 2024 we will provide education for students aged five, all the way up to 19.

I hope you all have a restful break and I'd like to wish you a happy Easter and Eid Mubarak to those observing Ramadan.

Lidia Gardner, Executive Headteacher

FOODBANK FUNDRAISING

Our year eight formal class has been focusing on charity and volunteering this term as part of Skills Builder. Students took on a project to support Blackburn Foodbank, as this is a charity accessible to people in our local area.

Firstly, students visited the foodbank to find out how it works and to have a go at packing a food parcel. They made soup for staff to sell to raise money, as well as taking part in a sponsored walk up Darwen Tower and collecting donations. The students have really put their heart and soul into the fundraising activities and thanks to the generosity of our families and staff, and hard work and dedication from the students, they managed to raise a whopping £630, as well as collecting lots of food and household items. Well done year eight formal!



OPEN DAY

**Wednesday 1 May
9-11.30am**

We are holding an open day for parents of year four and five students who have an EHCP.

Come and have a tour of our school, see what facilities we have to offer and ask any questions you may have.

To book an appointment please call 01254 666042 or email send@crosshill.blackburn.sch.uk.

Please note that this event is for parents only. To organise a visit with your child, please use the contact details above.



POST 16 UPDATE

Our post 16 students have had an incredibly busy term, spending lots of time out in the community, learning important life skills and how to become more independent.

WORK EXPERIENCE

They are currently undertaking work experience at Rummage Rescuers in Blackburn. They are travelling on the bus, using their bus passes and whilst there are cleaning the shelves, checking the price of books using an iPad app and general cleaning of the store. They are thoroughly enjoying the experience and their confidence has grown massively.

SPRING MARKET

Students held a stall on Blackburn Market to help raise money for their enterprise fund. They helped to make all the items and raised over £100. Thank you so much to everyone who came and purchased something.

FIRST AID

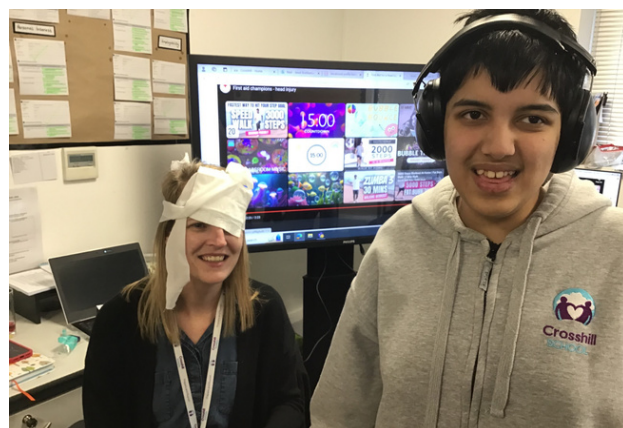
Throughout the term students have been learning about first aid, each week focusing on a different aspect. They had great fun learning how to apply bandages, especially when they got the opportunity to bandage Mrs Smith!

BREAKFAST SHOPPING

Some of our students have been exploring breakfast meals. After researching different ideas, they made a visual shopping list for their chosen option. They then planned a trip to the supermarket and used their shopping lists to select the ingredients. After buying their items, it was back to Post 16 to make their meals as independently as possible.

CLOTHES SHOPPING

Clothes shopping has been on the agenda for students this term. Something that seems like such an easy task, but actually a valuable lesson for our students. We've been teaching them how to pick items that fit them, explaining the difference between sizes, looking at price labels and so much more. Hopefully this will enable them to be able to shop more independently in the future.





WORLD BOOK DAY

The focus for World Book Day 2024 was 'Read Your Way', so we focused our activities around braille. Students practised writing their names using the braille code and making them tactile by using tinfoil, play dough and stickers. The students also took part in a decorate your door competition, fancy dress and an online seminar with Michael Morpurgo, who was discussing his novel, Butterfly Lion.

The excitement and competition built all week as each class and office decorated their door. Year eight semi-formal two were crowned winners by the public with their Alice in Wonderland entry and year eight formal were crowned winners by their fellow peers and staff with their Charlie and the Chocolate Factory entry. Everybody had a wonderful day.



RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to all staff and students who took part in 'Wear Something Red' day for Red Nose Day. We managed to raise over £100 for this important charity.



SOCIAL MEDIA

If you don't already follow us on social media, please do so. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening at school. We're on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, just search for Crosshill School to find us.

LIFE AFTER CROSSHILL

A former pupil, Billy, visited our key stage four formal class last week.

He talked about his experiences as a first year Blackburn College student. Billy is studying Level 1 Construction and possibly moving on to an apprenticeship course next year. He has just bought his first car and is hoping to pass his driving test in June.

Our pupils enjoyed his visit and were very much inspired by Billy's journey. Thank you Billy for raising aspirations!





ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

We took students from across the school on a weekend residential to Waterpark Lakeland Adventure Centre in the Lake District.

Over the course of the weekend we took part in activities such as Ghyll scrambling, climbing, canoeing and low rope activities etc. All the students had a lovely time, developed teamwork skills and took part in activities that they had never experienced before.

We were so proud of the way they all behaved and represented our school. Thank you also goes to all the staff that gave up their time to support the students and made sure that they had a wonderful time. It is very much appreciated.



GET IN TOUCH

This newsletter is for you as a parent, carer or supporter of Crosshill School. If there's anything that you'd like to see in a future edition then please do get in touch as we'd love to hear from you. Maybe your child is doing something in the community that you'd like to tell us about or has a sporting achievement?

You can email Stacy, our Marketing Officer, on sobrien@championtrust.co.uk with any ideas or suggestions you may have.

Happy Easter, we hope you have a wonderful break and Eid Mubarak to those currently observing Ramadan.

STUDENTS QUIZ LOCAL MP

Sir Jake Berry MP came to Crosshill to speak to our year nine formal, semi formal and key stage four formal classes.

He took questions off our students about the war in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza conflict, cost of living crisis and more funding for SEN schools.

He was blown away with the questions!

He then had a tour of the school and saw our facilities and promised to see what he could do to help us!

