

CROSSHILL NEWS



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SCHOOL**

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SUMMER 2024

A WARM WELCOME

We have had another busy and successful term, with lots of events and activities taking place. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the things we have been doing.

As we approach the end of another year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for all your continued support. By working together, we can ensure your child continues to thrive at Crosshill.

Whole school attendance has been consistently above the national average this year. We know the importance good attendance has on improving children's experience of school and their future outcomes as adults, and so we must continue to work in partnership as we move into the next academic year.

I hope you all have an enjoyable summer; fingers crossed the weather improves a little! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 4 September.

Rachel Kenworthy, Deputy Headteacher



LONDON BOUND

Our key stage four formal class had a wonderful day trip to London. They spent many weeks planning for the trip and visited Buckingham Palace, Houses of Parliament, Westminster Bridge and Big Ben.

Whilst there, they walked along Whitehall to see the Cenotaph War Memorial, Downing Street, Horse Guards and finally Trafalgar Square. They then spent the afternoon on the grounds of London Tower and took part in a fun workshop that was organised for them.

The pupils had a fantastic experience in London, from seeing royal carriages, riding on the underground tube station and getting close to the crown jewels.

They were a credit to Crosshill as well, we were very proud of them all.





POST 16 UPDATE

The end of summer term is always an emotional one as we say goodbye to some of our students. However, we've made this term one to remember with lots of fun learning activities taking place in Post 16.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

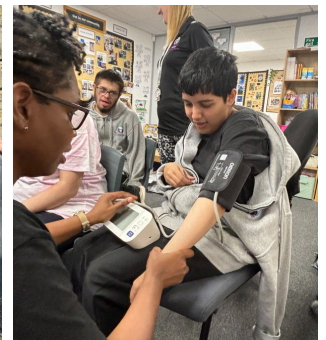
Post 16 students had a fantastic time on their Duke of Edinburgh expedition in June. The weather was on their side as they went geocaching around Wayoh Reservoir, using directions and clues from the map to find the hidden treasure. After map reading, games and dinner at Height Nook, it was time for bed for our tired students (and staff!). In the morning, they travelled to Canal Side to get the canoes ready. Students had learnt how to do this in their previous sessions, so it was time to put this into practice independently. Students paddled from Feniscowles back to Canal Side - we were so proud of them for being courageous trying new things.

CLITHEROE VISIT

Students from Post 16 had a wonderfully sunny day in Clitheroe as part of the year 13 leaving celebrations. They walked around the beautiful Clitheroe Castle grounds, enjoyed the stunning views and took a look around the Castle museum. They had a picnic together in the shade and an ice lolly to cool down. Lots of the students hadn't visited Clitheroe before, so it was lots of fun to explore somewhere new together.

HEALTH CHECKS

Post 16 have been working with BwD Healthwatch and the NHS on a health awareness project to improve healthcare outcomes for young people and adults with learning disabilities and autism. We have supported them in increasing patient and public engagement in their preventative health programmes, annual health checks and action plans. We have looked at different healthcare passports and taken part in an annual health check workshop and given our feedback on the effectiveness of these services. The pupils have really enjoyed this project and have found it beneficial. Annual health checks are available to all young people with a learning disability and/or autism from the age of 14 years - you can request one via your GP surgery.





CAREERS MONTH

Last month saw a big focus on Careers Month and our teachers planned lots of events and activities to help students experience and learn about a range of different careers and skills.

Our year eight formal and semi-formal students took part in a rainbow making workshop as part of an activity for careers month. Becky from Fred and Pearl supported our students in making their own rainbows to take home and spoke to them about her amazing business. The children asked some fabulous questions and they all really enjoyed the workshop.

Some classes also visited cafes in Darwen to gain an understanding of the hospitality industry, in preparation to host their very own breakfast morning. They then had a super afternoon setting up their own coffee shop and holding a party for their parents/family members. They all made their family members a drink of their choice and served it to them. So much more went on too, thank you so much to all of the teachers for organising such wonderful and informative activities.



OUR HEALTH DAY

East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust is hosting an open day for people with learning disabilities or autism and their families and carers.

'Our Health Day' will take place on 28 August from 10am-12 noon and 1pm-3pm at the Learning Centre at Royal Blackburn Hospital. There'll be lots of information and activities and the staff would love to hear about your patient experiences.

Tickets are required for the free event. Please contact Julie or Rachel on 01253 734307 to book yours.

MUMS & DAUGHTERS

Miss Whitworth and Mrs Zand hosted Crosshill's first Mother and Daughter session. This was a wonderful opportunity for parents and guardians to get to know their children's friends, as well as offering parents the opportunity to build friendships with each other.

It was a lovely afternoon, with the ladies enjoying HAMA beads, bracelet making and nail painting, accompanied by some treats and drinks.

Thank you to all who joined us. It was a huge success and we are now planning more for all students - we'll keep you posted.





TRANSITION DAY

Our whole school transition day was a huge success and the perfect way to ease students into their new classes.

The soon to be key stage four class enjoyed a day together with their new teacher, Miss Whitworth, getting to know the staff and the rest of the students in their new class. Students focused on target setting for the years ahead as they approach adulthood and the next stages in their learning journey. They also took part in a maths team challenge.

In the afternoon, students focused on STEM activities by designing and constructing pizza boxes and making their own pizzas, which we're sure you'll agree looked delicious! All the staff and students finished the day feeling excited for September and their next chapter.



FOND FAREWELL

This week we will be saying a fond farewell and happy retirement to Mrs Robins.

Mrs Robins has been with us for almost 30 years as a support assistant. She has been such a valuable member of the team and has helped so many students over the years.

She will be greatly missed by both students and staff alike and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Don't forget to stay in touch Mrs Robins!



FREE SUMMER LUNCHES

Blackburn with Darwen Council will be giving free summer lunches from Monday 29 July to Friday 23 August between the times of 11.30am-1pm at the following family hubs:

- Family Hub Livesey
- Family Hub Darwen
- Family Hub Shadsworth
- Family Hub Little Harwood
- Hancock Street Children's Centre



To register call 01254 585000 or drop in to a centre.

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