



# CROSSHILL NEWS



**Crosshill  
School**

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**WINTER 2024**

## A WARM WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Acting Headteacher of Crosshill School. I feel extremely honoured and privileged to have been chosen to continue to develop this fantastic school onto the next stage of its journey. I am a parent and as a parent my goal has always been to ensure my child is happy in life and achieves their potential. This is the philosophy that I bring to Crosshill School. My goal is to ensure that all children who attend Crosshill School are happy and provided with all the necessary opportunities to be the best they can be, both socially and academically.

As we approach the Christmas break, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all staff, governors, pupils, parents and carers for all their hard work and support this term. The whole team is working exceptionally hard to ensure the best outcomes for all of our students and for that, thank you.

All pupils have been working extremely hard in the run up to the end of term and have been involved in a range of activities. The Christmas fair was a huge success, with all classes in school preparing and running enterprise stalls. Thank you to all those that came along and supported the event, we raised over £1000. This will go towards improving facilities for our students and the school is currently thinking about how this money can benefit the students directly. Further festive activities have included a range of educational visits, Christmas video challenges, pantomime visits, Christmas meals and Christmas jumper days.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming all of the students and staff back to school on Monday 6 January 2025. But until then I wish everybody a happy, safe and restful Christmas break.

Best wishes  
Nicola Pemberton  
Acting Headteacher



## FUTURE ARTISTS!

Students in our drawing enrichment group continue to amaze us with their talent.

In term one they were asked to draw a character of their choice and then in term two, a drawing of Darwen Tower. We think you'll agree that they have done an amazing job.





## POST 16 UPDATE

This term has been incredibly busy for Post 16, so much so we could have filled the entire newsletter! Here's a snapshot of what we've been up to.

### LEARNING IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS

Post 16 students have been attending Height Nook to practise their cooking and cleaning skills. They have been learning about hazards in the kitchen and how to maintain a clean, safe environment when cooking. They have also been learning about which products and equipment they need when completing household cleaning tasks.

### RE:FRESH PROGRAMME

Students have been working closely with Claire and Freddie from Blackburn with Darwen Council's Re:Fresh. They have taken part in a weight management program, where they have been learning about healthy and unhealthy foods and how to check this through food labels. As part of the program students have also enjoyed a range of physical activities to promote the importance of exercise.

### KEEPING BLACKBURN TIDY

This term students have been learning about their local area and have taken part in the 'Keeping Blackburn Tidy' initiative. As part of this, they have been litter picking at Audley Sports Centre, a community facility they use on a regular basis.

### CHRISTMAS MARKETS

The students worked so hard on their Christmas market stall at Blackburn Market. They sold a range of gifts, which they had handmade in class. All proceeds are going towards the Post 16 enterprise fund, which helps to fund student activities in the community. Thanks to everyone who bought from us.

### BENEFIT MANKIND

Students spent the morning at Benefit Mankind, learning more about the charity and helping to pack food parcels and winter care packages. These will be delivered to those in the local area who are homeless or to those who are struggling with the cost of living. It was a great opportunity for students to give something back to the community and learn more about those in need.





## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Our annual Christmas fair was a great hit again this year, with so many attending. Thanks to everyone's generosity we managed to raise over £1000 for the school fund, which goes towards improving our students' experiences at school.

All of the staff and students worked so hard making gifts to sell and sourcing donations for our raffle. A big thanks to them, plus everyone who attended, for making it a huge success.



## NEW WEBSITE

Last term we launched our new website. We felt that that the website was a little tricky to navigate so we have given the site a refresh and think you'll agree that it's now much simpler to find what you're looking for.

We have included quick links on our homepage to the pages that people tend to visit most, like term dates and uniform information and we are now able to post the latest news and announcements on the front page, making it easier for you to keep up to date with school news.



## OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our year nine students have had a wonderful time this term during their outdoor education lessons.

The children have developed their essential skills every week, taking part in craft activities, canoeing, orienteering and cooking on an open fire. Their behaviour has been outstanding and we are really proud of their achievements.



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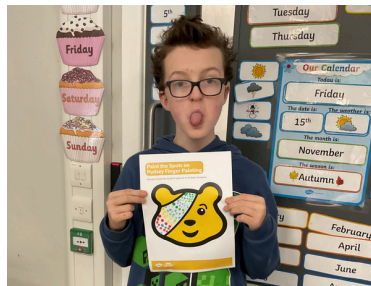


## CHILDREN IN NEED

Students and staff alike had a great time raising money for Children in Need last month.

A number of activities were planned for the students to participate in, including a silly hat/hair day. We were so impressed with the effort that everybody went to and loved seeing all of their creations.

Thanks to all the donations, we were able to raise £150 for Children in Need. What a fantastic achievement from all.



## RAINFOREST MODELS

Our key stage four students have been working very hard this term learning all about the rainforest.

As part of their learning they were challenged to make their own representations of the rainforest.

We think you'll agree that they did a magnificent job!



## FREE WINTER LUNCHES

Blackburn with Darwen Council will be giving free children's winter lunches from Monday 30 December to Friday 3 January 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



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

## GET IN TOUCH

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