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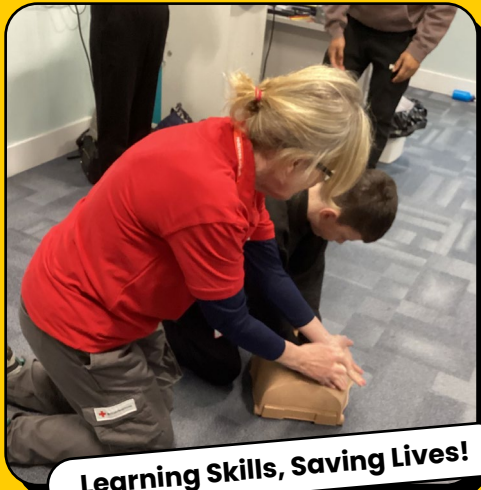
## Autumn Term 2024



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# Meade Hill

## Ready to Rumble



Our pupils have been getting a great workout in their boxing sessions this term! But boxing isn't just about physical strength - it's about strengthening the mind, too! Like so many other sports, it's a great way to boost our mental wellbeing and resilience.

Coach Lynch has been full of praise for students' focus and determination in every session. It's been great to see the progress they've made, and we look forward to watching their continued growth and success in the ring!

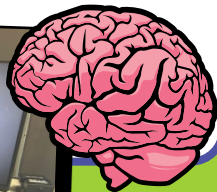


Rolling with the punches.

## Brain Training

Pupils have been enjoying their neurofeedback therapy sessions before lessons! By training the brain to respond more effectively, neurofeedback helps to improve their ability to stay calm and concentrated - skills that support children's learning and wellbeing in school.

We've seen lots of positive results so far and we're excited to see how pupils will continue to develop stronger focus and emotional resilience!

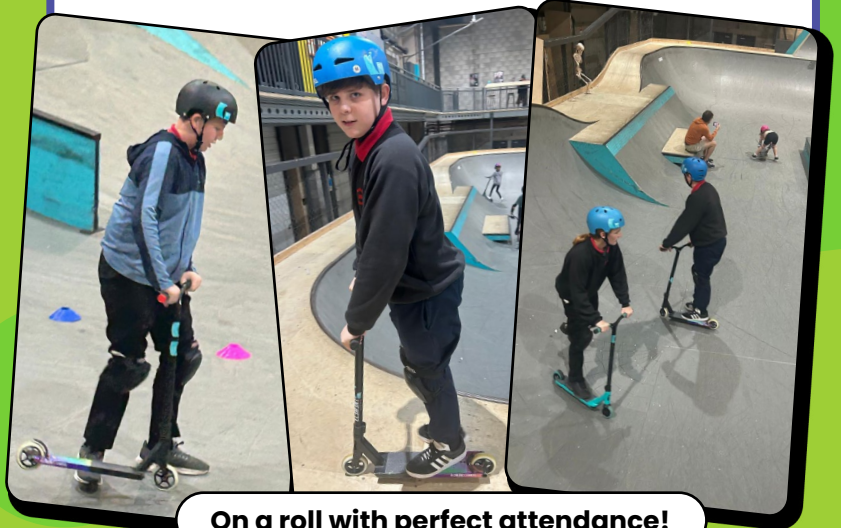


Locked in and ready to focus!

## Celebrating Attendance

To reward pupils for their exceptional 100% attendance, we treated them to a fun-filled day at Graystone, an action sports centre. Pupils had the opportunity to ride scooters up and down ramps, testing their skills and enjoying the excitement of the experience. It was an unforgettable day, full of laughter, adrenaline, and teamwork.

We're incredibly proud of our pupils' commitment to attendance this term! We hope this trip serves as a vital reminder of how important it is to show up every day, ready to learn and participate. Keep up the good work everyone!



On a roll with perfect attendance!

## Game On!

We've thoroughly enjoyed our time in Games Club this term! Game Club has become a popular spot for making new friends, learning how to collaborate, and, of course, enjoying some friendly competition. Whether we're playing board games, card games, or other team challenges, it's a great way to develop valuable social skills that brings our community closer together!

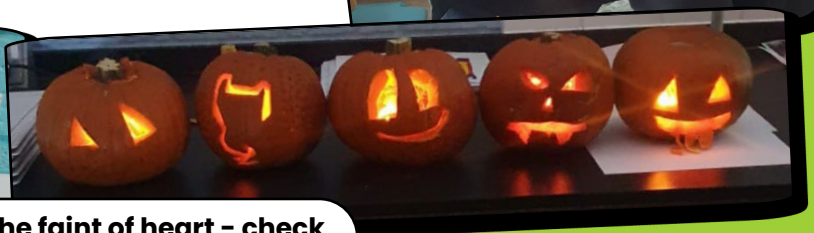
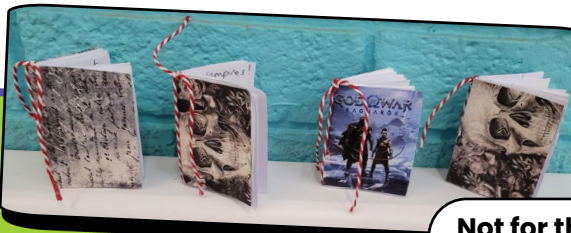


Playing our cards right in Game Club!

## Happy Halloween

We enjoyed celebrating Halloween this term. Year 10 took a fascinating journey into the Celtic origins of this ancient festival, learning how it first began and how it has evolved into the commercial celebration we know today. We had lots of fun creating our very own jack-o-lanterns to keep the ghosts and ghouls away!

Year 8 also embraced the spirit of Halloween as they learned all about Gothic literature. Inspired by the classic tales of Dracula and Frankenstein, pupils invented their own Gothic stories, which they presented in mini-book form. We still get goosebumps thinking about them! Especially one particularly spooky story that featured Gizmo the Vampire Guinea Pig - our class pet!



Not for the faint of heart - check out our creepy creations!

## A Festive Feast

Christmas lunch is a special tradition for our wonderful school - and this year's event was no different! A fantastic way to bring the whole community together to celebrate the festive season. It was a day filled with fun, laughter, and, of course, delicious food!

A heartfelt thanks to our incredible chef and kitchen assistant for preparing such a mouthwatering and memorable meal for the children. We'd also like to thank our lovely waiting staff for their attentive service and hard work! We couldn't have asked for a better way to finish off the term!



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



# Southern Cross

## Black History Month

In celebration of Black History Month, pupils carried out research to learn all about important figures and events in Black history. We uncovered so many inspiring stories of people who campaigned for equality and helped to build a brighter future for all!

Pupils worked together to create posters to raise awareness and celebrate the impact of Black History Month. Posters were entered into a competition and we were absolutely blown away by the incredible creativity and artistic skill on display!

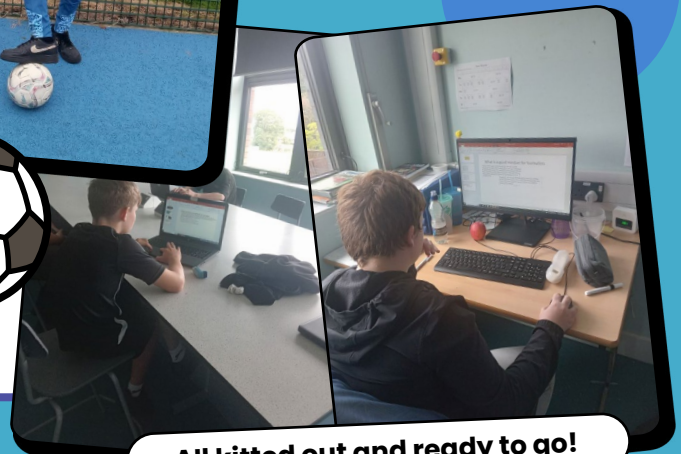


**Congratulations to our winners in Year 6!**

## Training Tomorrow's Champions

Looking good in our brand new football kit! A well-deserved reward for all our pupils' hard work, learning everything there is to know about football - from tactics and strategy to the importance of healthy eating and how to recover from injuries.

As part of their learning, pupils researched Winning Teams, Winning Players, and the all-important Winning Mindset, showcasing their findings in creative PowerPoint presentations. Their work highlighted how discipline, teamwork, and resilience play key roles both on and off the pitch.



**All kitted out and ready to go!**

## Leading the Way

Congratulations to our newly elected School Council members! From the start, they've shown excellent leadership skills and enthusiasm. It's been wonderful to see them working together to brainstorm ideas for enrichment activities, planning exciting school trips, campaigning for Anti-Bullying Week and more!

Already, our School Council members are proving to be incredible advocates, representing the voices of their fellow pupils at meetings. We're excited to see all their plans unfold and look forward to the year ahead!

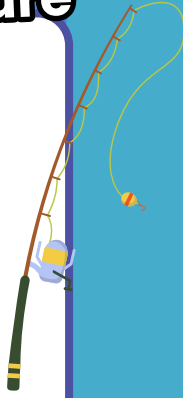


**Teamwork in motion at our School Council meeting!**



# A Fin-tastic Adventure

Over the past few weeks, pupils have been making great strides in their fishing lessons as they work towards earning their Fishing Award! They've progressed from learning how to cast a line and bait hooks to identifying different fish species and understanding safety practices. We're excited to see them reel in even more skills as they continue on their fishing adventure!



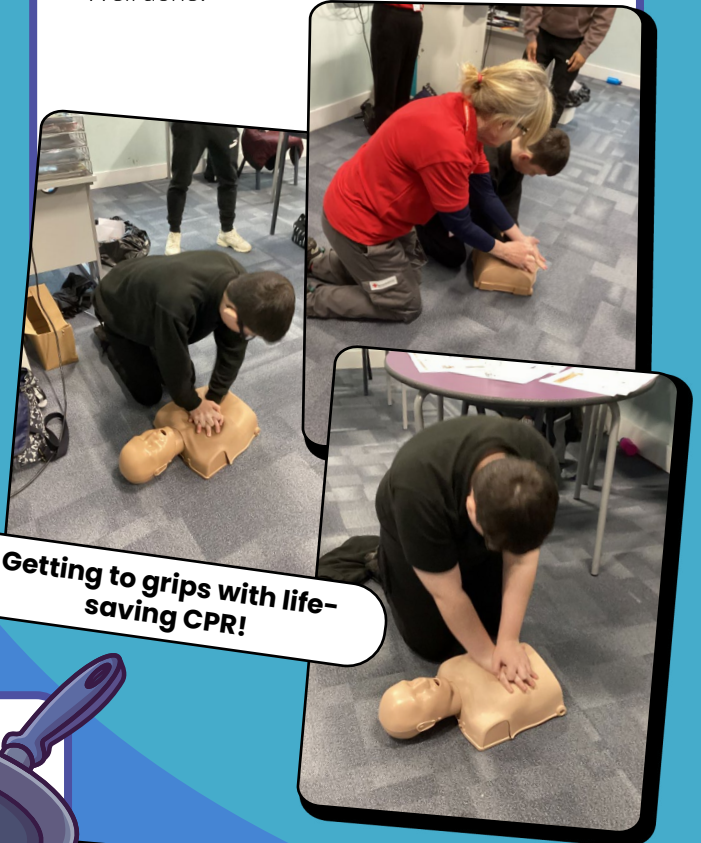
# Learning Skills, Saving Lives!



This term, our pupils had the opportunity to work with the Red Cross in first aid sessions. Through hands-on activities, they learned essential life-saving skills that could make all the difference in an emergency situation. From CPR techniques to helping someone who's injured, children gained confidence and knowledge that will stay with them for life. Well done!



**Pupils showing off the catch of the day - a reel big achievement!**



**Getting to grips with life-saving CPR!**

# Stirring Up Success

This term, students have been putting their culinary skills to the test in Food Technology, creating some truly amazing meals! From ramen noodles and apple turnovers to creme brulee, we couldn't get enough of the incredible flavours they brought to the kitchen - they taste just as good as they look!

Students have mastered everything from measuring ingredients to experimenting with new flavours. We can't wait to see what delicious creations they come up with next term!



**Cooked to perfection!**



# Castlefield Campus

## Beyond the Classroom

Forest School is an opportunity to take learning outside of the classroom and explore the world around us. This term, pupils discovered the importance of following fire safety rules to ensure everyone stays safe while enjoying outdoor activities. The best bit was putting our knowledge to the test by building a fire and roasting delicious s'mores! Yum!



Roasting marshmallows around the campfire.

## Woodland Wonders

Our GCSE Art pupils recently visited the spectacular Pendle Sculpture Trail, a fantastic outdoor exhibition in the heart of nature. We had lots of fun exploring the woodlands, full of marvellous sculptures and mythical creatures inspired by the history of the Pendle Witches of 1612. We enjoyed learning all about art, history and nature in this wild and wonderful corner of Lancashire. An incredible day that is sure to inspire some brilliant artwork back in the classroom!



One of the many friends we found in the forest!

## Running Wild

We've had an amazing time in our Bushcraft lessons this term! Bushcraft is an excellent opportunity for pupils to connect with nature, learn survival skills, and strengthen friendships. As we got ready for Bonfire Night, pupils had lots of fun bobbing for apples and making their own toffee apples in the spirit of the season.

They also embraced lots of hands-on activities, including building their very own swing - an unforgettable lesson in teamwork and problem-solving. We look forward to many more opportunities for outdoor learning and adventures!



Learning in the great outdoors!



# Curious Critters

Our pupils had a wildly exciting day during the Curious Critters workshop, where learning came to life - literally! We enjoyed the rare opportunity to come face to face with owls, spiders, insects, and other fascinating creatures. Some pupils showed astonishing bravery and even volunteered to hold them!

An amazing lesson that deepened our understanding of the natural world, whilst encouraging respect and fascination for even the smallest creatures.



**Facing fears and making friends!**

# Duke of Edinburgh

Well done to all our pupils taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh award! The award offers opportunities for pupils to embark on hiking expeditions and outdoor challenges, which equips them with essential skills for life, including problem-solving, perseverance, and leadership.

Pupils have enjoyed lots of adventures in the countryside, putting their map-reading and navigation skills to the test. We've been very lucky with the weather this year, with clear skies and sunshine making the experience even more enjoyable!



**Scaling new heights on our journey!**

# Driving Success

Our students enjoyed making the most of the glorious weather at the Boomers and Swingers Golf Ball Whacking Field! Golf can be a challenging sport to get the hang of, but our pupils embraced it with determination and team spirit. We learnt the basics of how to hold the club, aim and follow through. Soon enough, pupils had mastered the perfect swing! We had so much fun and can't wait to continue refining our skills.



**Getting into the swing of things!**