

# CRGS Main School NEWSLETTER



## A Message from Miss Renold, Head of Main School

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, it has been wonderful to look back on all that has taken place across school in recent weeks. A particular highlight of the term was the hugely successful Chocolate Bingo, organised by The Friends (PTA). This was a fantastic event which brought together students, families and staff, and we are very grateful to everyone who helped to make it such an enjoyable evening. We have also been delighted to open our new eating area, The Gallery, which is already proving to be a lovely addition to the school environment and a positive new space for students to enjoy.

This week, students have taken part in our Connect and Communicate Week, with a brilliant range of activities on offer including sewing, gardening, a treasure hunt, table tennis and even a sound bath. It has been fantastic to see students trying new experiences, working together and getting involved so enthusiastically. Today, we rounded off the term with a wonderful Cultures Day celebration. The school was filled with a fantastic atmosphere as students enjoyed food from all over the world and proudly modelled a wide range of beautiful traditional clothing. It was a joyful and vibrant way to celebrate the diversity of our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We wish all of our students and families a restful and enjoyable break.

## Cultures Day

One of the highlights of our school calendar is Cultures Day. Each year students are invited to come into school wearing non uniform, with many students choosing attire that reflects their family heritage. It is always so wonderful to see students in such an array of wonderful garments. Mrs Hartley has worked tirelessly with our Diversity Forum over recent months in planning this wonderful event. Students brought in home made food from around the world and each year group was allocated time in the Main Hall to buy food and enjoy various cultural experiences, such as music, mehndi painting and our inaugural Fashion Show competition! Students also took part in a student made quiz and each reflected on how they connect and communicate at CRGS by taking part in making a unique hexagon that reflects themselves and their identity. These hexagons will be put together to form a giant mosaic spelling out the word 'Connect'. This will be displayed in school and will be an important reminder to staff and students on all the fantastic individuals who make up our amazing school community.

The money raised on Cultures Day (still being counted!) will be donated to the NSPCC.

A huge thank you to Mrs Hartley and the Diversity Forum for all their hard work and commitment to making CRGS such a diverse and inclusive school community!



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# Spring Term Highlights

## World Book Day

CRGS celebrated World Book Day with its annual Decorate your Door competition. There were some fantastic designs all over the school; Year 9 was the standout year group. The winning forms were: 7C, 8R, 9S, 10R, and 11T. This year, we introduced a new twist, all displays were portable, allowing us to bring them together into one fantastic whole school showcase in the school hall.

## CRGS Music Festival

Students from Year 7 through to Year 13 took to the stage, each competing for the prestigious title of Young Musician of the Year. It was a remarkable showcase of our talented student musicians and links to some recordings can be found on our website.

The winners of each category were:

Junior Class : **Tia Silin-Zheng, Piano**

Ensemble Class : **Rhiannon Jones & Hannah Wilkinson, Flute Duet**

Senior Class : **Anay Nama, Sitar**

Open Class Final & Young Musician of the Year : **Connor Markwell, Voice**

## CRGS Marks the Visit of His Majesty King Charles III

A small group of student representatives from our Main School had the privilege of greeting King Charles III at Clitheroe Train Station. During this special moment, students were able to speak briefly with His Majesty and even shake his hand, an experience they will undoubtedly remember for years to come. Meanwhile, the wider student body gathered at school to acknowledge his journey through the local area, sharing in the excitement of this significant royal visit. It was a memorable occasion for our whole school community.

## The CRGS Gallery Canteen

In January, we were delighted to open our new additional canteen, *The Gallery*, which is now available to students during both morning break and lunchtime. This exciting new space provides a welcoming environment for students to relax, socialise, and enjoy their meals. The Gallery was officially opened by our Head Girl and Head Boy, marking a special moment and an important addition to our school facilities. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Miss Renold, Head of Main School, for her beautifully crafted willow artwork and signage, which add a unique and creative touch to the space. The Gallery is already proving to be a fantastic asset, and we look forward to seeing it enjoyed by students throughout the year.



## The Association of the Friends of CRGS

A sincere thank you to the Friends of CRGS for organising a highly successful Chocolate Bingo event. The evening was filled with excitement and a wide range of prizes, and we are extremely grateful for their excellent organisation and continued support.

## ARC

Students have enjoyed a wide range of engaging lunchtime and enrichment activities within the ARC this term. The ever-popular Board Games Club, led by Mrs Carpenter, culminated in an exciting *Sounds Fishy* tournament final, where, after plenty of creative bluffs and strategic play, Bilal emerged as the winner, earning both a prize and well-deserved recognition. Earlier in the term, the ARC also celebrated students' interests with a themed Jellycat Day. The space was transformed into a vibrant, "jelli-fied" environment, complete with activities, quizzes, treats and photo opportunities. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by both students and staff, highlighting the value of fostering a fun and inclusive atmosphere.

## MFL

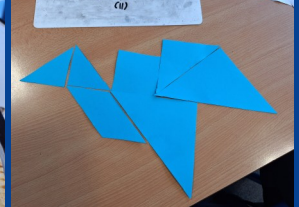
Year 9 students brought their learning to life by baking *Galette des Rois* following a French recipe. Their efforts paid off with delicious results, complete with the traditional hidden charm, perhaps crowning a lucky "king" or "queen" at home! The department also celebrated Chinese New Year with a visit from Sixth Form student Jessica, who introduced Year 7 to counting to ten in Chinese and shared the story of the tangram. Students enjoyed the challenge of creating a range of shapes, including cats, swans, camels and boats. KS3 students celebrated *la Journée Internationale de la Francophonie* by taking part in a competition linking French with Geography. Students enjoyed the challenge of listing the names of all 29 French-speaking countries and states from memory. Un grand bravo à our runners-up, Thomas in Year 9 and Charlie in Year 7, and to our winner, George in Year 9, who was impressive in his ability to list them all!

## Science

It has been an engaging and dynamic period in Science. Year 7 students have been busy creating a range of cell models, now proudly displayed in the Entrance Hall. Meanwhile, Mr Davies and his Year 7 classes brought chemistry to life by creatively transforming themselves into the periodic table, showcasing both creativity and collaboration.

## Lancashire Book of the Year

Neve, Chloe, Hawwa, Haifa, and Zubaydah in Year 9, attended a workshop at Accrington Library and took part in the Lancashire Book of the Year judging process. Along with students from other schools, they discussed the books they have read, wrote reviews, and developed questions to ask the authors at the celebration event in July. They were thrilled to receive the 12 shortlisted books to read over the next two months.



## Rewards Event

Nearly 400 students who have not had a single behaviour incident this term were invited to our termly Rewards Event to celebrate this fantastic achievement. In addition to enjoying a chocolate milkshake and cookies, students who wanted to be a little more active took part in a giant 'Just Dance' event. We are very proud that so many students were invited, and we look forward to getting outside in the summer term and (hopefully!) enjoying some sunshine and nature.

## Student Leadership

In February Year 10 students were invited to apply for the roles of Peer Mentor Prefect, Teaching and Learning Prefect, House Prefect and Sports Prefect. Students wrote applications and were invited to interview. The standard of applications was very high which reflects how talented and wonderful our Year 10 students are. 52 students were successful and appointed to these important leadership roles. All students were given enhanced training on their specific role. Teaching and Learning, Peer and House Prefects training took place at Clitheroe Cricket Club where students had time to reflect and learn about how they will be role models for younger students and the positive influence they will have. Sports Prefects took part in a practical session in the Sports Hall with our School Games Organiser, Jane Johnson. All students involved were a credit to CRGS and we know they will do a fantastic job! Further to this, all Year 10 students had some additional training in Student Leadership. We have high standards for all our students and expect them all to act as role models and be a positive influence on others. Well done to all of Year 10; we are very proud of you!



## Connect and Communicate Week

As you will be aware, there are three Main School Charity Weeks each year. In autumn, students enjoyed 'Active in Body and Mind', and in summer we will run our 'Serve Others Week'. In the final week of this term, we have enjoyed 'Connect and Communicate Week'. The grand finale was our Cultures Day, which you will have already read about. Throughout the week, lessons have devoted part of their learning time to 'Connect and Communicate' in their subjects. Examples include 'Diverse Voices' poetry in English, 'Find Someone Who...' in RMPS, Foods from Around the World in FPN, and in Science, Year 10 have been learning about the Nobel Laureate Tu Youyou, a Chinese chemist who purified artemisinin, a key treatment for malaria. At lunchtimes, in addition to our normal extra-curricular provision, there have been several bespoke clubs such as Take on the Teacher Table Tennis and FIFA, Gardening with the Headteacher, Mr Keulemans, a Spelling Bee, Blind Date with a Book and a Sound Bath. In addition, our new Year 10 Student Leaders ran an Easter egg hunt and an Easter Egg and Spoon competition. All these wonderful activities help us learn about each other, make new friends, and are all part of what makes CRGS Main School such a brilliant place to be. Thank you to everyone who has been involved throughout the week!



## Art

Earlier this term, our Year 8 students enjoyed a dynamic live drawing session that was full of energy, creativity, and enthusiasm. Students took turns as both models and artists, stepping into different roles and gaining a deeper appreciation for the process from both perspectives. Working at speed, they challenged themselves to trust their eyes and instincts, capturing movement and form with increasing confidence. There was a wonderful sense of collaboration, with students encouraging one another and embracing the freedom to take creative risks. It was a lively, inspiring experience that truly captured the spirit of art in action!



Our talented art students have been dedicating their own time and effort to create thoughtful and imaginative pieces for submission to the Royal Academy of Arts. As the selection process takes place this May, we'll be keeping our fingers firmly crossed for them. No matter the outcome, every student should feel incredibly proud of their contribution and the creativity they've shown.

Emilia Mantle in Year 7  
 Izzie Porter and Sarah McCrea in Year 8  
 Faris Ali, and Olivia Robinson Year 9



## House Competitions

Students produced a fantastic array of cakes and bakes for our Valentine's Day Bake Off. Many of the House Captains also enjoyed judging and sampling the entries. The winner was Carine Egbe with her amazing heart shaped cake. The Spring photography competition also received some beautiful compositions of flowers, scenery and birds. The winning entry was from Madina Gawler in 7T entitled 'Into the Forest.'

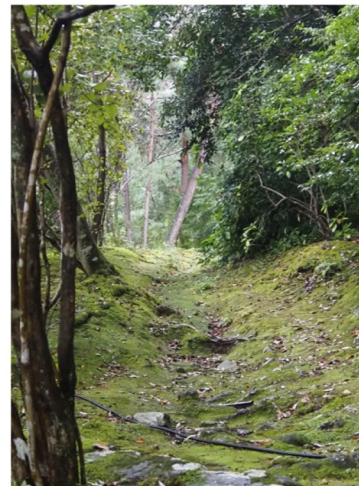


### House Points for KS3

Curie	Roosevelt	Galileo	Socrates	Turing	Angelou
980	1400	1065	820	1175	1115

### House Points for KS4

Curie	Roosevelt	Galileo	Socrates	Turing
690	585	605	375	585



# Sporting Successes

This term has been another successful period for CRGS sport, with students representing the school across football, netball, rugby and athletics. Performances have reflected both strong competitive results and excellent levels of participation across all year groups. Football has provided some of the standout moments this term. The Under 15 boys delivered an exceptional performance in their national cup campaign, recording a commanding 6–1 victory over Wirral to secure their place in the national final. Meanwhile, the Year 10 boys began their own cup journey with a challenging away fixture at Stonyhurst, demonstrating resilience in a tightly contested match. Recent district cup draws have also set the stage for further fixtures, with multiple teams preparing for knockout football in the coming weeks. In netball, the Year 8 girls competed in the Hyndburn & Ribble Valley Schools tournament, showing great determination and teamwork. Their performances highlighted continued progress and enthusiasm within the squad. Athletics has also been a key area of success. The Year 7 girls built on their earlier district dominance with an impressive third-place finish in the Sports Hall Athletics competition. This result reflects a talented and committed group of athletes who have made an excellent start to their CRGS sporting careers. Rugby fixtures have provided valuable experience, particularly for the Under 12 boys, who took part in the Lancashire Festival of Rugby by Preston Grasshoppers. Competing against six other schools, the team gained important match exposure and demonstrated strong effort throughout the festival. Overall, this period has showcased the breadth and quality of sport at CRGS. From national-level success in football to encouraging development in netball, athletics and rugby, pupils continue to represent the school with pride, commitment and sportsmanship. We look forward to building on this momentum as the season progresses.



# Extra-Curricular Achievements



Congratulations to Year 11 student Theo on an outstanding series of performances in recent cross-country events. This month, he competed in the English Schools Cross Country Championships in Liverpool, finishing 5th for Lancashire in a field of over 330 athletes and helping his team secure 22nd place overall. Earlier in the season, he represented Lancashire in the Under-17 Boys' UK Inter-Counties Cross Country Championships, where he placed 4th for the county and 149th overall, averaging an impressive 5:36 per mile. Most recently, Theo achieved 3rd place in the Under-18 Boys' race at Pendle Hill in the Lancashire Fell Championships, earning selection for the British Junior Inter-Counties Fell Championships in June.

Well done to Teagan and Layla in Year 9 and Sophia in Year 10 for helping their team. Accrington Stanley become the U15's Girls County Cup Champions. The girls played a key role in an incredible victory in the U15s County Cup Final, showing fantastic skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament. Their hard work and dedication have brought pride to their school and the local football community.



Congratulation to Sam in Year 10 for being crowned a British Champion in Jujitsu. This is an incredible achievement and a true testament to Sam's dedication, resilience and hard work over the years. We are extremely proud to have such a talented and committed pupil in our school community. We look forward to following Sam's progress later this year as he has been selected to represent Team GB at the United Nations International Championship in Gibraltar.



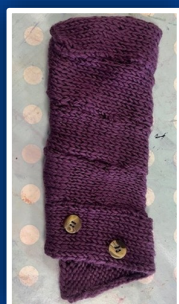
We are incredibly proud of Amelia, in Year 9, and all she has achieved in her performing arts journey so far. She is currently appearing in minor roles in ITV's Waterloo Road and has also gained official voiceover credits for a CBBC animated programme, approaching every opportunity with enthusiasm and resilience. Her true passion is musical theatre. Amelia has performed in productions with both European and national stage schools, including shows in London and at the Guildford Theatre. We look forward to seeing what she achieves next!

Well done to Year 10 student Charlotte who took part in the 2026 Great British Schools Biathlon Championships at the University of Bath last weekend. She achieved a PB in the 1600m run with a time of 5:20.24 mins, followed by a PB in the 200m swim of 2:33.63 mins, giving her an overall points total of 2238, which secured her the bronze medal. This is the fourth time she's qualified for and competed in this National competition and over the past three years, has moved from 12th to 5th to 3rd. What a fantastic achievement!



## Knitting & Crochet Club

Over the past few weeks, the knitting club have been experimenting with French knitting and finger knitting, helping each other master the techniques and celebrating every small success along the way. During Connect and Communicate Week, they took things a step further by trying cross stitch. The atmosphere has been full of teamwork and pride in what they have made together, making it a truly rewarding club. Some examples of their work include a beautiful cushion produced by one of our Year 11 students.



# BOOKWORM



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## Bulletin

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Curious Readers Great Stories

Myths & Legends



Year 7

Year 8

'The Kane Chronicles' by Rick Riordan

Carter and Sadie Kane's dad is a brilliant Egyptologist with a secret plan that goes horribly wrong. An explosion shatters the ancient Rosetta stone and unleashes Set, the evil god of chaos . . .



Year 9

'Time Travel Diaries: Adventure in Athens' by Caroline Lawrence

Alex and his friend Dinu vowed never to time-travel again . . . But now it's summer and Alex and Dinu have been offered a luxury summer holiday in Athens. The moment they step out of the hotel, their limo pulls up with their dangerous mentor Solomon Daisy who wants them to go back to the 'Golden Age of Athens' - to a time when Socrates was alive and when Athens was at peace with Sparta.

Riddle in the Middle

I have wings and a tail, and I love to spend time in the sky, but without a proper wind, I cannot seem to fly. Sometimes my flight has a purpose and other times it's just for fun. You just need to make sure that you only enjoy me in the sun. What am I?

'Hera' by Jennifer Saint

She was always born to rule, but must she lose herself in perpetuating this cycle of violence and cruelty? This retelling captures the many sides of Hera, vengeful when she needs to be but also compassionate and most importantly, an all-powerful queen to the gods.

Year 10

'Imperium' by Robert Harris

Ancient Rome teems with ambitious and ruthless men. None is more brilliant than Marcus Cicero. A rising young lawyer, backed by a shrewd wife, he decides to gamble everything on one of the most dramatic courtroom battles of all time.

Year 11

'Silence of the Girls' by Pat Barker

There was a woman at the heart of the Trojan War whose voice has been silent - until now. Discover the greatest Greek myth of all - retold by the witness that history forgot . . .

NOTICES

CRGS Big Book Swap 20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> April: Outside the library.

Bring in as many books as you can spare to donate to our book swap.

You will receive a voucher to exchange for a new book!

Keep an eye out for Blind Date with a Book & Scavenger Hunt next term!

