

# *Clare Mount Specialist Sports College*

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## *December 2023*



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*Front cover: The programme of our recent performance of Matilda Jr. Mr Gore, Ms Smith, Ms Newton and team put together a fantastic performance.*

*Read all about it further on.....*

Dear Parents/ Carers,

**It's been an incredible term. Amongst many of the highlights has been the students' spectacular performance of Matilda Jr,** which wowed audiences over two evenings and entertained the whole school one evening last week. Our students were complete stars and we cannot thank staff enough for their hard work in putting the production together.

The term has ended with our students having a fun day with visits to the pantomime and cinema, followed by table decoration making for our Christmas lunch. Our catering team once again surpassed themselves in providing a fantastic lunch. Well done, team!

Our Humanities Department put together a poignant Remembrance Day Assembly and the funds raised by the sale of poppies went to the Royal British Legion. Other fundraising efforts this term have included a very successful Bingo evening, which was very well attended and raised funds towards the Kenya trip; Year 7 raised funds for Children in Need through cake sales, competitions and dressing up; and finally, all our school community have taken part in a Rudolph Run in aid of St. **John's Hospice.**

As this busy term draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say a fond farewell to our Deputy Headteacher, Ms Rowland, who is retiring after 10 years at Clare Mount; to Mr Williams, Caretaker, who has looked after us and our premises so well through Covid and beyond; and to Ms Durkin, Teaching Assistant, who moves on to a new school in January. We wish them all the very best and thank them for their hard work and commitment.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a merry and peaceful Christmas, with best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

Kim Webster  
Headteacher  
**December 2023**



Over 50 students took part in our production of 'Matilda Jr'. They have all shown real dedication and enthusiasm and have worked extremely hard over lunchtimes and after-school to put the show together. It has been great fun and we are already looking forward to our next production, which will be 'The Tempest' in March!

A huge well done to everyone involved and thank you to all the staff that have helped in any way.

Mr Gore







## *Remembrance Day at Clare Mount*

The focus of the remembrance service this year was family histories. Pupils and staff were able to share their stories connecting Clare Mount to conflicts recent and past. We had a number of brilliant stories and readings. Logan M and Thomas B started the service reading on behalf of Mrs Randles, the readings highlighted how the wars have affected multiple generations of the same family. Jayden W then read about Nathen F's Great Grandfather who was a Prisoner of War in the Second World War and survived a death march. Next we had an account from Mrs Perry who's Great Uncle was killed on HMS Barham in the Second World War with India E reading for Mrs Perry. This was followed by Joseph M reading about his own Great Grandfather who was presumed dead whilst recovering from injuries, and gave his wife a great shock later in the war. Dylan D then read on behalf of Mr Waters whose Grandfather became an entertainer after being wounded at Arras. Ryan B and Joe O then read a touching story about Joseph W's Great Grandfather who met his newborn daughter shortly before being killed at sea. Lastly, we had Michael M who gave a fantastic reading about his relative who was killed in Afghanistan and who Michael was named after.





At Clare Mount we really value 'pupil voice' and recognise that our pupils are the 'leaders of tomorrow'. We are delighted to share the names of our School Council for 2023-2024 below. The School Council have already met twice. These meetings involved a consultation with CCB (Community Capacity Builders) about Play Zones and a discussion on plans for a 3G pitch at the new site (more information to follow on these in the new newsletter). The School Council have also created a poster highlighting their expectations for pupil qualities and behaviours in school which will be displayed around school next term, as well as further consultation on introducing a House system to help develop belonging, character, interests and social skills.

Year 7	Leon H (7P)	Lily-Rose S (7H)
<b>Year 8</b>	Kayden P (8M)	Riley P (8SB)
<b>Year 9</b>	Layton G (9AI)	Katie D (9K)
<b>Year 10</b>	Theo R (10R)	Ryan B (10J)
<b>Year 11</b>	Jamie Leigh T(11H)	Lewis F (11K)
	<b>Head Girl</b>	<b>Head Boy</b>
<b>Sixth Form</b>	Kayleigh O	Lewis P
	<b>Deputy Head Girl</b>	<b>Deputy Head Boy</b>
	Molly R	James W

We are also please to confirm our 6<sup>th</sup> form prefects as:

Jake D ; Scott G ; Jason E-C ; Sarah Mai H ; Claudia I ; Jodie T



Clare Mount want to say a HUGE thank you to Wallasey Rotary Club for organising a fantastic visit from The Real Dairy Ice Cream Company. Our students were very surprised and excited when they heard the chimes of the ice cream van arriving. As always, we thank Mr John Earp for helping to organise this through the Rotary Club. It was a *superb day!!*



# **Congratulations to Robbie!**

On Tuesday 12th December we received the exciting news that Robbie, our 3rd Guide Dog Puppy that left us last Easter, has just qualified as a fully trained Guide Dog.

He is now paired with a visually impaired man from Carlisle. As well as living and working in Carlisle Robbie will also be flying to Poland regularly as his master has family there who he visits.

Mrs Nokes



# 1.. 2.. 3.. 4..

## WE DECLARE A COIN WAR!

In October we were fortunate to have Michelle Desilets, Chief Executive for the UK Orangutan Trust present at celebration evening and shared the important work that they do at the trust. As an Eco-School we are keen to use this opportunity to form links with the trust and support their critical work by helping to raise awareness of the threats that Orangutans face in the wild and doing a bit of fundraising along the way!

In the month of January, each form will be taking part in a coin war! Each class will be given a jar to fill with copper coins, with each coin collected worth a point. Whichever form has the most points win! The crowned winners will be rewarded with a form pizza party.

However, there is a twist! Forms can sabotage each other and try to deduct points by dropping any silver coins into the jar so they need to be on guard!

Once all of the jars have been collected, students will use the coins to spell out the word 'Orangutan' on the school playground. All proceeds raised will be donated to the UK Orangutan Trust.





Year 8 enjoying gingerbread decorating on Student Wellbeing

**#EVERYDAYCOUNTS**

...every school day counts!

But, if your child is not able to attend school, please call our school office to let us know: 0151 606 9440.

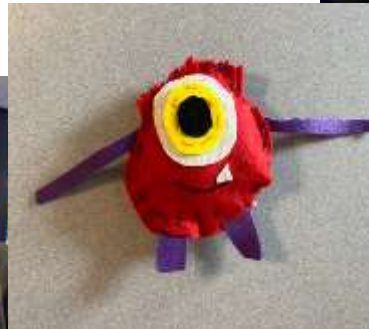
Thank you!



## Textiles

7P and 7W have been working incredibly hard in their textiles lessons! They have been learning new skills and showing great resilience, determination and independence in lessons. The monsters that they have created are brilliant! Nathan even created three more at home in his own time! Well done, Year 7!

Mrs McNamara





Our Christmas shop was as popular as ever this year and students were able to purchase gift wrapped presents and cards for friends and family.



*Leo in Year 7 with the Christmas cards he designed and made for the Christmas shop.*



Card craft club have been very busy designing, making and selling cards in aid of the school trip to Kenya.

# GUS

Gus, a 2 year old Goldendoodle, owned by Mr Stanley, joined us on the wellbeing day for lots of cuddles!

Mr Stanley



This term, Year 11 students visited Wirral Waters and Twelve Quays colleges to look at potential future courses.

Mrs Stephenson



# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



We had a workshop session provided by HI Impact. Our pupils engaged with the various activities learning about levers and pulleys. They put this to good use and built lever bridges operated by pulleys.

Mrs McBurney

# DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



The DT department are delighted with their new workshops. We have transitioned all our groups into the new working environment. They have engaged with a range of specialised equipment to develop their practical skills and improve product quality. We are delighted in how the pupils have reacted to all the new learning opportunities and the resilience they have demonstrated as we bring these new rooms online.

Mrs McBurney and Mrs Ryan



## Clare Mount Launches Reading Programme

Pupils at Clare Mount have experienced a new start to the day since October Half Term, with the launch of two, brand-new, reading initiatives. Enabled by significant investment by the Headteacher, Mrs Webster, and the school's Business Manager, Mrs Egan, pupils have either been enrolled onto *Rocket Phonics* or *Reading Plus*.

*Reading Plus* is a specialist, adaptive, online reading programme which aims to boost a reader's fluency, pace or comprehension of text whilst *Rocket Phonics* takes pupils back to the basics of sound recognition, segmenting and blending.

At the beginning of November, the school introduced a bespoke, 25-minute session at the beginning of each day, to allow pupils the opportunity to engage with the programmes and the pupils' response has been fantastic. The enthusiasm, passion and competitive nature shown by the pupils (and their teachers) has been driven by the introduction of class and pupil league tables which showcase the pupils' achievements and motivate them to push themselves further.

To date, the whole school has read almost 2.5 MILLION WORDS! Special mentions have to go to Ralph M, Corey B, Joshua C and Wisam, all of whom have read extensively both in and out of school. Further acknowledgements have to go to Lilly S, Miley Wand Hayley S who have exceptional accuracy scores whilst Skye Wa, Bobby M and Jake F have all increased their reading pace by over 60 per minute! Declan W is another pupil worthy of recognition as he has made superb progress with *Rocket Phonics*, reading short novels independently for the first time in his life!

The list of achievements could go on and on. Everyone at Clare Mount is so proud of the pupils for adapting to the new programmes and we look forward with excitement and anticipation at the prospect of further improvements in the pupils' reading ability in the weeks and months ahead.

Mr Lindsay



## Autumn Term Science Club Update

Science Club is back! We have a fabulous group of Year 7 students who are very enthusiastic and excited by all things Science based. The group have taken part in a wide range of activities including lots of Christmas themed experiments. It has been a privilege to see them cooperate with each other and build their Science confidence. New members are always welcome. We meet Tuesday lunchtime at 12:25 in F43.

Mrs Fogarty





In November, we were delighted to be presented with our brand new Variety Sunshine Club Coach. Ms Crolla, Emily, Isabelle and Joshua had the first go and posed for some lovely pictures!

At Clare Mount, we place enormous value on Learning Outside the Classroom; this includes some of our students going to work experience settings all over the Wirral, students attending various sporting events and students helping others in the local community. Having the new coach gives all of our students the opportunity to take part in these valuable experiences, and will enhance their sense of achievement and well-being.

Mrs Neill



# Family Welcome

This term, some of the Year 7s and their families have been having a lovely time at our Family Welcome event. The adults had the opportunity to learn about some different subjects such as Autism and Online Safety with the help of Miss Hanley and Ms Rowland. The Year 7s then came and joined in to help the grown-ups make all sorts of wonderful things such as biscuits, a schedule, and a fidget! We had such a brilliant time! Thank you to everyone who attended and everyone who helped or led sessions!

Mrs McCannon and Miss Smith



# Yr 7 Fundraiser



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## Children in Need



Year 7 led a Children in Need charity fundraiser day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023. We raised a fantastic total of £585! It was a day full of fun, for an excellent cause. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who helped out on the day or the night before. Thanks also to all the families who made or provided cakes.



Mrs Croucher Head of Year 7





# THANK YOU

**Clare Mount Specialist Sports  
College**

for raising a fantastic

**£585**

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

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CHILDREN  
IN NEED**

# CUT YOUR CARBON

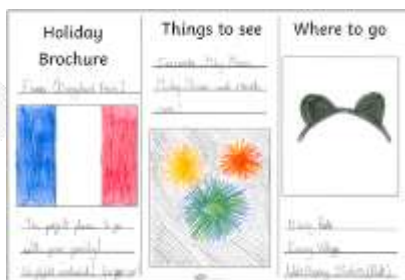


Throughout November, staff and pupils worked together in a collective mission to reduce their carbon footprint. Throughout the month-long campaign, pupils explored ways in which we can reduce our carbon emissions by making small, manageable changes.



Superb effort from members of 7C, 7PG, 8G and 9Ho.

You have all been fantastic ambassadors of 'Cut Your Carbon!'



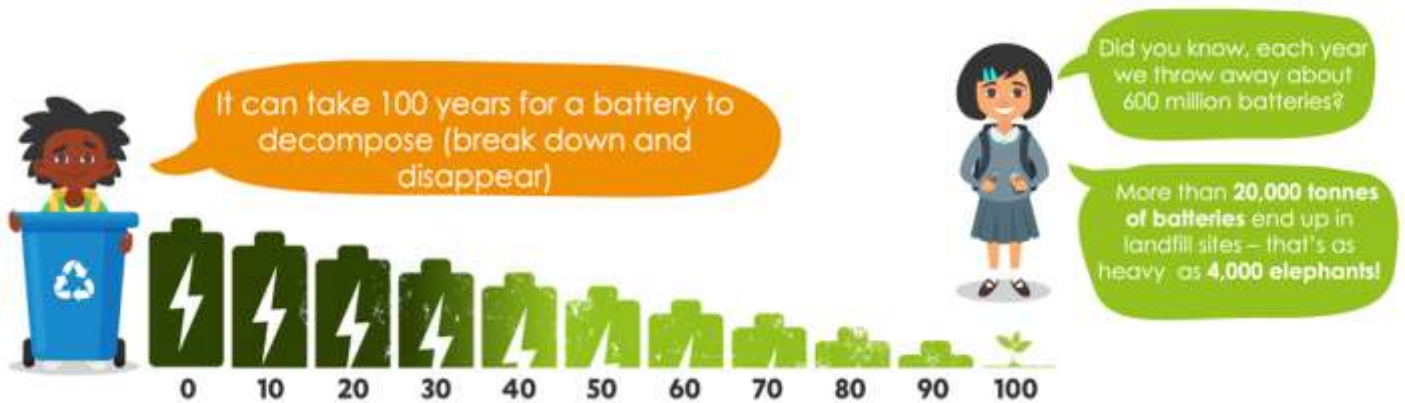
Congratulations to 7C!

Students in 7C won the form prize for their effort and participation. Look at some of the amazing holiday brochures they created!





This year one of our Eco-Schools topic areas is 'waste.' This topic promotes prevention, reuse, recycling, recovery, and disposal in a bid to send as little waste as possible to landfill.



At Clare Mount we are taking part in the Big Battery Hunt to combat the amount of waste reaching landfill. Through the Big Battery Hunt we are educating pupils on why it's so important to recycle batteries and how to safely do it.

Why not take part at home too! There are lots of recycling points all over the country. You can use the 'Recyclenow' locator to find a recycling point in your area.

It's really important to stay safe when collecting your used batteries.



- Always check with an adult before removing batteries
- If a battery is leaking use protective gloves, such as gardening gloves, to remove the battery and place it in a small plastic bag.
- Keep used batteries dry and store them away from heat sources.
- Store batteries away from flammable materials (things that burn easily)

Instead of throwing your batteries away, why not do something amazing?



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During December, in their Language lessons our pupils have been learning about Christmas. Why not try this little quiz about Christmas in other European countries?



1. What do French children put in front of the fire on Christmas eve?
2. What is the name of the sweet gingerbread cakes that originate from Nürnberg in Germany?
3. Where were satsumas first exported from?
4. ‘Silent Night’ was composed in which country?
5. Which country started the tradition of a nativity scene?
6. When are Christmas gifts exchanged in Germany?
7. When are Christmas gifts exchanged in Spain?
8. In which country do they use pomegranates for decorations?
9. How many dishes are traditionally shared on Christmas eve in Poland?
10. In which European country is *Donald Duck and His Friends Wish You a Merry Christmas*” aired at 3pm every Christmas Eve?



Answers:

1. Shoes/slippers, 2. Lebkuchen, 3. Japan, 4. Austria, 5. Italy, 6. 24th December, 7. 6th January,
2. 8. Greece, 9. Twelve, 10. Sweden

# Blue-Bot

Alternative Curriculum have been developing their understanding of programming using Blue Bots. We have been programming with code to move the robots, debugging code and developing our resilience through our activities.



Mrs Price



# FORM

As part of their BTEC Business course some of our 6<sup>th</sup> form students have been working hard manufacturing flower boxes that they are selling to raise money for the 6<sup>th</sup> form chosen charity - Stick 'n' Step.

The students have been working with our Head of Technology Mrs McBurney to firstly source the required raw materials and then to make the boxes ready for sale.

So far the students have raised £100 for Stick 'n' Step (a charity which enables, inspires and supports children with cerebral palsy and their families).

In addition to raising money for this very special cause the students have learnt some key lessons about procurement, costing and selling in addition to successfully completing a vital part of their Business course.

Well done Business Team!

Mr Rice



# FORM

The 6th form Horticulture group built bug houses this half term. These encourage insects, particularly pollinators to the garden and offer them a safe space. They should be near a water source as the bugs enjoy a drink. Thanks to Mrs McBurney for cutting the bamboo which the group had measured out.

The group has also been learning about the benefits of mulching.



It was a very cold morning at the farm recently but our amazing students carried on with their jobs. Miss Vicars had a chat with Liam the Ram about brown bread!



# FORM



The 6<sup>th</sup> form art group has been discovering the art of Paul Klee, Roy Lichtenstein and Keith Haring.

Miss Vicars



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6<sup>th</sup> form Expressive Arts have been exploring the work of Yayoi Kusama. Amazing polka dot art.



# FORM



It was a cold afternoon at Tam O'Shanter's earlier this term, but we warmed up putting salt on the paths. This team have worked non stop! They're amazing!



What a fantastic afternoon and evening we had! 13 different providers and over 200 pupils, parent and carer visitors attended our event, and we had lots of excellent feedback:

*“Useful array of stalls who gave quality time to parents”*

*“Fantastic event. Very well set up and very informative”*

*“Great event. Lovely seeing so many students engaging and asking questions. Nice to see some younger students thinking about their future early on”*

*“Good steady volume of attendees, learners engaged very well, great event – thank you”*

A wide variety of North West colleges, training providers and support services attended, and pupils and their families had the opportunity to explore all the different options available to them for life after school.

We would like to thank all the parents, carers and pupils for supporting the event and we would like to thank all the providers who took the time out to show our pupils what they can offer.

***Miss K Magnall***

*Career Adviser & WRL Coordinator*

# NEXT STEPS

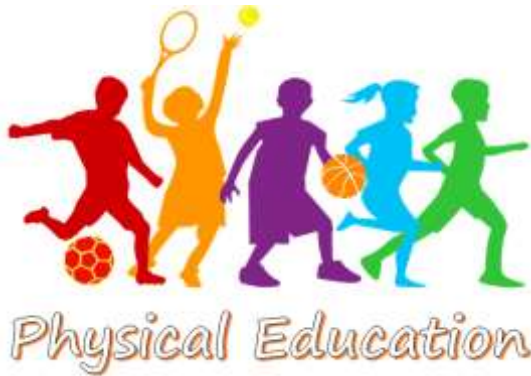


## RUDOLPH RUN 2023

Rudolph Run: In aid of St John's Hospice the whole school has been taking part in the Rudolph Run during PE in the penultimate week of term. This has meant completing a 1-mile run dressed as a reindeer in a range of weathers. We have had an amazing response and the people at the hospice are delighted with our support and contributions. At time of printing we have managed to raise 30% of our £500 target. Thanks you to everyone who has donned the antlers and nose and taken part or donated. Merry Christmas.

Mr Weights





Wheelchair Rugby World Cup Event - to conclude our work with Sale Sharks and to coincide with the Rugby World Cup staff and pupils in 6<sup>th</sup> form and Year 10 took part in a wheelchair rugby competition at school

hosted by Sale Sharks. The sport was really well-received and highlighted the tough nature and resilience needed to play such an aggressive contact sport. Truly the most inclusive sport in the world that anybody can play and compete in.

SEND Cricket Skills Festival Leasowe Recreation Centre – Our cricket academy players Luke S, Harry Z, Euan W, Callum H, Alfie W, Lawson C, Max C and George M represented our school at the SEND Cricket Skills Festival hosted by Cheshire Cricket Board. The event was ably supported by four of our young leaders from Year 10 Lewis, Troy, Charlie and Seth. Everybody worked hard, had fun and had a great afternoon.

ECB Chance to Shine Cricket Coaching – Coach Chris continues to work with school and working using cricket as a means of developing personal skills and values. Leadership, teamwork, respect, individual and collective responsibility is the focus, but most of all it is about playing, having fun and learning new skills.





KS4 Football Match versus Bank View – To celebrate the end of term we played a friendly match against a team from Bank View School in Liverpool. Our team was made up of Year 10 and 11 pupils

who competed for the inaugural trophy. On the day Clare Mount ran out 8-2 winners with goals from Lewis C (3), Seth D (2), Charlie E (2) and Leon M. At the end of the match Clare Mount were awarded the trophy by the visiting team and player of the match was selected by the opposition as Courtney G. We look forward to continuing this relationship into the new year with more fixtures between the two schools.



### Extra-Curricular

Monday Night Football has been a huge success again this term. We have had excellent numbers every week and Tony and Steve from Community Capacity Builders have worked hard to support the development of our pupils in the beautiful game. We cant wait for the New Year and are proposed football trip to Anfield / The Etihad to experience elite level football.



Rowing @Liverpool Britannia rowing Club – Our Year 10 group continue to pound away on the waves of Birkenhead Docks. They are getting fitter and learning how to skull. Once the better weather arrives, we hope to get out on the water even more regularly.

Alpaca farm Volunteering Visits – Two groups have now experienced Nanny Sharon's Alpaca Farm. As part of their volunteering programme, they are continuing to manage and maintain the welfare of the animals down at Nanny Sharon's. Once they are fed and watered, they need their enclosure cleaned and our pupils are learning to work for the benefit of others during their time at the farm. They have loved every minute of it up to now and even Miss Chan is getting used to the smell.

Birkenhead Park Volunteering with Wirral Park Rangers – Our Silver DofE group are continuing to work alongside the Wirral Park Rangers to help look after the parks grounds. As well as litter picking and path clearing the groups have also been able to observe and feed the wildlife at the park.

Tranmere Rovers Golf-Way Programme – During DofE time a Tranmere Rovers community coaches have facilitated a golf way programme to a group of young leaders within their DofE lessons. They have been introduced to the game with the idea to further develop their sports leadership skills with Mr Stanley before they start to work with our pupils in Year 7 at some point in the future.

# CONGRATULATIONS

## ***Clare Mount win the Schools Award at Cheshire Lawn Tennis Association 2023 Awards***



Clare Mount Specialist Sports College's Youth Sport Trust Inclusion 2024 programme gave the opportunity to 100 pupils and adults from the local community at the Open Court disability event in November 2023 to experience tennis and wheelchair tennis.

The event took place at the Active Wirral Bidston Tennis and Activity Centre. The festival was funded by the Lawn Tennis Association Open Court programme.

The delivery partner was Playpoint Sports Wirral and the marketing and promotion partner was Wirral Schools Games.

The event was the biggest Open Court event which has taken place in the UK and was attended by a host of local primary schools, secondary schools, special SEND provision and Mencap Wirral.

The festival was the first in the UK to just offer a 'just drop in and play' approach. As volunteers at the Berlin Special Olympics Clare Mount in June 2023 was able to look at what the likes of Nike do there at the sports festival and use these ideas to help remove barriers for schools to attend. The participating numbers speak for themselves.

Clare Mount's Open Court programme also includes an inclusive tennis partnership with tennis clubs in Prenton and at Wallasey Manor now delivering inclusive tennis sessions. Our feeder primary schools, Orrets Meadow and Hayfield, have accessed the tennis sessions and the LTA Youth Disability Tennis professional development for staff in these schools as well as in Wirral and Liverpool. The inclusive tennis programme and festivals were recognised by Cheshire LTA in December 2023 at the County awards dinner. Clare Mount's Inclusion 2024 Open Court tennis programme was nominated by the LTA for the Schools Award which we won.

The Lawn Tennis Association nomination said *"In terms of what they have done – as part of the LTA and YST partnership last year through the Lead Inclusion School work we trained up 18 teachers/support staff from Claremont and their feeder schools via LTA Youth. We have embedded tennis into their weekly PE schedule and introduced a calendar of festivals for them to run for them and their feeder schools. The first of which had 50+ students with various impairments playing tennis at the Bidston Tennis Centre and then more recently we ran a second with over 100 students attending.*

*The school and their students have led the way in the tennis space since the beginning of the last academic year – delivering more tennis than any of the other 6 pilot schools selected by the YST/LTA. Due to their success – they have also been selected to take part in a filming day where we will be updating our internal catalogue of images and videos showcasing how inclusive LTA Youth is."*



Well done to everyone at school who supports the Inclusive Tennis Programme at Clare Mount and works with our funding partners the LTA, Youth Sport Trust and The Dan Maskell Tennis Trust.



**YOUTH  
SPORT  
TRUST**

The Youth Sport Trust and Intergenerational Music Making were delighted to win the Physical Activity and Active Ageing award at the International Sport and Culture Association awards, held 15<sup>th</sup> November. Winning the award was Move and Groove, a cross generational music & movement project found to deliver overwhelmingly positive well-being effects for both the young and the old and Clare Mount SSC is delighted to have been part of the project, with students visiting Anchor Homes.

Move & Groove was a six week project aimed at intensifying the impact of music and movement on the wellbeing of children and older adults that took place in ten locations across the UK. The project set out to combine the benefits of music and movement, whilst encouraging connection between generations to tackle some of the key issues impacting society today including loneliness, isolation, and anxiety. During the pilot, schools and care homes across England were paired together and staff from each setting were trained to run an intergenerational project. Following this, groups of school aged children visited care home settings where they joined residents for fun music and movement sessions which included singing, dancing and ball games. At the end of the sessions the residents and young people got time to chat and get to know each other. The result was a resoundingly positive effect on the subjective wellbeing of both the care home residents and school children who participated.





This has been a busy half term for the cricket club as we continue to grow on Tuesday evenings as well as during our daily lunchtime sessions. November 28th saw the cricket skills festival at Leasowe Recreation Centre and the group enjoyed themselves working with Owen Williamson and Chris Edwards BEM from Cheshire Cricket Board. We have another county player now in Callum H from Year 9 as he was invited following this festival which was also attended by South Wirral High School and Wirral Grammar School for boys.

We then have had the pleasure of being joined by Chris Edwards BEM, the England LD cricket captain, to coach with our other staff over the last 3 weeks during the Tuesday night sessions. We have been able to get the bowling machine out and our nets and this is all very exciting as we continue to progress.

In our next bulletin I hope to have some exciting news about a working partnership with Parkfield Liscard CC which will see us use their home square as our pitch in the summer.



## Upcoming

Basketball Academy @ CSN – due to the success of our Football programme and Cricket Academy Mr Campbell is beginning a Clare Mount Basketball Academy that will run every Wednesday Night during community sports night. Twenty-two pupils have been invited to join the academy setup to develop their basketball skills and improve their ability to work collaboratively as part of a team. Basketball has the capacity to improve mood develop selflessness and encourages empathy for others. We cannot wait until we get underway in the New Year and have the opportunity to work with and meet new people through basketball.

# COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



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# Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023	
Open	Monday 4th September to Friday 20th October 2023 *School closed to students Monday 4th September (Inset day) & Tuesday 5th September (Moving in day). Year 7 & 6th Form commence Wednesday 6th September Years 8 to 11 commence Thursday 7th September Please refer to starting day letters sent to parents/carers
October half-term	Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023
Open	Monday 30th October to Friday 22nd December 2023 *School closed to students Friday 1st December (Inset day)
Christmas holiday	Monday 25th December 2023 to Friday 5th January 2024
Spring Term 2024	
Open	Monday 8th January to Friday 16th February 2024 *School closed to students Monday 8th January (Inset day)
February half-term	Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February 2024
Open	Monday 26th February to Thursday 28th March 2024 *School closed to students Monday 26th February (Inset day)
Spring Break	Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024 (includes Easter bank holidays)
Summer Term 2024	
Open	Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 6th May 2024
Half-term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024
Open	Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July 2024 *School closed to students Friday 28th June (Inset day)

## Inset days (school closed to students):

Monday 4th September 2023 (& exceptional closure Tuesday 5th September 2023)

Friday 1st December 2023

Monday 8th January 2024

Monday 26th February 2024

Friday 28th June 2024



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If you are not a Hive member but you are interested, please also email

  
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