

Clare Mount
Specialist Sports College



Newsletter

December 2022



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Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a wonderful, exciting and busy term! Amongst many of the highlights the students' spectacular performances in our end of term show. Our students' Christmas Choir also sang in our Community Café, entertaining visitors with a selection of carols.

Our Parents'/ Carers' evenings were very well attended this term and thank you to those of you who took the time to complete a Parent/ Carer survey. The results are very positive and we are keen to act on any suggestions you may have for school improvement. All feedback assists us in delivering the best education possible for your child.

We held our Celebration Evening earlier this month where the academic and extra-curricular achievements of many of our former Year 11 and 6th Form students were recognised and the hard work and dedication of both our students and staff across all subjects was celebrated. It was lovely to see so many former students.

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 not one but two days of Christmas lunches across our two sites. Well done team!

This term has also been about the spirit of thinking of others and we were moved by the Humanities Department's poignant Remembrance Day Assembly and the funds raised by the sale of poppies; also the thoughtfulness of our students who baked and raised funds for Children in Need.

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 Evans, who is retiring after 10 years at Clare Mount. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement and thank her for her hard work and commitment to our students and staff.

Wishing you all a merry and peaceful Christmas, with best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.

**Kim Webster, Headteacher
December 2022**

Celebration Evening 2022



It was lovely to see so many of our leavers return to Clare Mount for the Celebration Evening on 1st December. Due to COVID, this evening has been postponed for two years, so it really was time to celebrate.

All Clare Mount staff were there to find out what our ex-students were now doing - many are now on exciting courses at Wirral Met. and other FE Colleges around Merseyside and beyond!

It was fantastic to be able to celebrate with their parents, carers and families, all the qualifications that these students achieved at Clare Mount and which have been used as stepping stones to get onto their new courses.

We had a very entertaining guest speaker who, as well as being a British skateboarding champion, has also appeared as a backing singer and dancer on the Eurovision Song Contest. He promoted the importance of setting targets and not giving up, despite the difficulties along the way - great messages for all of us.

Mrs Nokes handed out the Bill Maclean Science Award to a student who achieved Grades 6, 6 in Science at Clare Mount and has gone on to study Sciences at College.

We are very proud of all our leavers and all our staff who work so hard to ensure our students have the best possible chances for the future. It was a great night enjoyed by all!

Celebration Evening 2022





Remembrance Day at Clare Mount



Pupils in Years 8 & 9 led our Remembrance Assembly this year at both school sites. Everyone listened respectfully to the message. Let us not forget.

We are also delighted to have raised £109.43 for the Royal British Legion from the sales of poppies.

Mr Basey





Cheshire Freemasons



Huge thanks go to Cheshire Freemasons for their generous donations brought into school this term. Photographed above, with Deputy Headteacher Ms Crolla, are Steve Moss, Charity Representative; Ansley Tidd, Almanor Assistant; Steve Christian APGM; Richard Dobbin, APGP; Austin Bamber, Deputy Provincial Grand Master; Joe Cotterill, Provincial TLC representative for Cheshire; and Stuart Jones, Coordinator for Toy Appeal.

Not only will our students benefit from the money they have donated towards our tuck shop and the toys and vouchers given to distribute to families, Cheshire Freemasons have also promised us lots of new board games for our lunchtime clubs.

Cheshire Freemasons provide 'Teddies for Loving Care' to all Accident & Emergency Departments throughout the Province, to comfort any children in their care who may be suffering great distress and we were delighted TLC bear joined us too!



We have been reading 'The Twits' and have created gruesome dishes inspired by the trick Mrs Twit played on Mr Twit! 7F have had a great first half term and have been working really hard in English. We look forward to finishing the book after Christmas.



7PG

7PG, engineers of the future, are seen here making their emergency shelters, exploring what structures are and how they are used in our daily lives.



Year 7

Year 7 enjoyed a fabulous '#Mega Meet-Up' afternoon, this term, socialising with others from different classes.



10 SF visit Aldi!

10SF have been developing their independence skills this term.

We wanted to give our students the opportunity to walk to a local shop as well as use their communication skills and handle their own money.

So, students visited Aldi to purchase their own shopping and will follow this up by working out the cost of their purchases.

It was a very enjoyable time for everyone, especially as sweets were high on the shopping list!

Mrs Spracklen & Mrs Fogarty



WELL-BEING



Another fantastic well-being day meant a day of crafting, meeting Merseyside Police Dogs, heading out to the shore, crafting, singing, sports and game playing for students.



Year 8



Year 8's elected Form Representatives and School Council Members made exceptional speeches which were presented in our Year 8 assembly, either as a video or standing up in front of their peers! Year 8 then voted fairly at our polling booths. The two pupils who were voted as our School Council Representatives for Year 8 were Harry H and Harvey J (pictured).

A great effort from everybody involved!

Mrs McNamara



Angelou

Angelou Class have been busy developing their climbing and cycling skills. They have been showing resilience and excellence in all their activities.



Mrs Price





Another successful half term for the cricketers, where the group continues to grow in size and we have players from all age groups in the Main School now. We will look to enter a tournament indoors in February, in preparation for the upcoming outdoor season, where the squad will look to retain their Merseyside Champions status, as well as go one better in the North West competition at Warrington CC.

Mr Kearney



In table cricket, the squad had a good day and enjoyed participating in this different format of the game.

Mr Kearney

Fabulous Fireworks

Science at Clare Mount started with a BANG! this half term as we welcomed the return of our annual Firework Week.

In Science lessons, pupils looked at chemistry in action as they explored and investigated the Science behind fireworks.



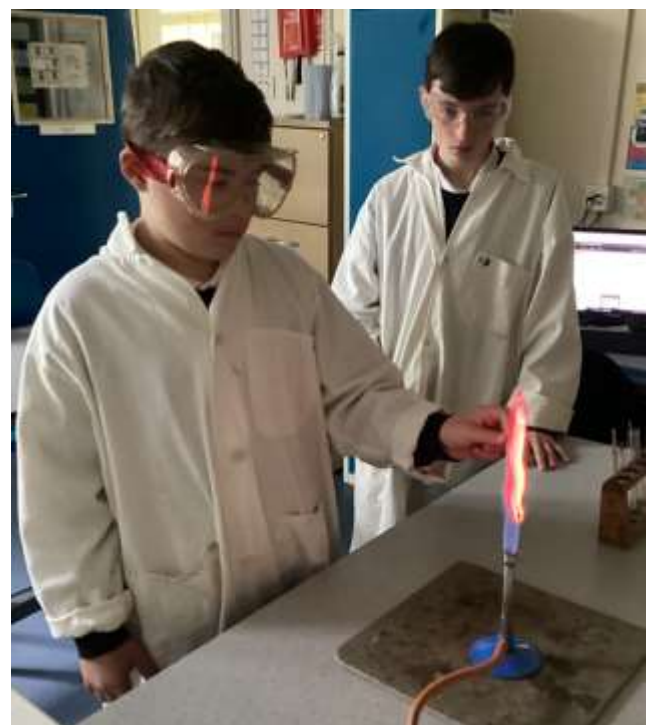
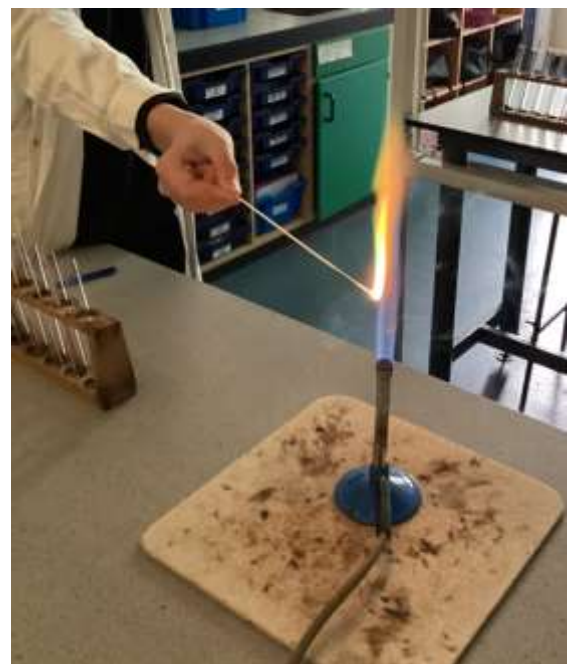
Safe Scientists in action!



These pictures show pupils making sparklers using iron filings and magnesium.

Fabulous Fireworks

Pupils also learnt that the colours in fireworks are made by burning different metal salts. The pictures below show pupils investigating the different coloured flames produced.



Guide Dog Puppy Update.

Many of you will remember Mills, our second Guide Dog puppy who left us in June and unfortunately, due to an eye problem, was withdrawn from training. He has now been reassigned as a "Buddy Dog". Buddy Dogs are companions for children with visual impairments. I had a lovely email telling me that Mills has been matched with an 8 year old boy who has complex needs. Also, due to a problem during an operation in June, he lost the little sight he did have. This was devastating for him and his family and the boy had become quite withdrawn. However, this is the message from his Mum:

"Since Mills came to us 4 days ago, my son has really come out of his shell and is interacting with Mills; stroking him and belly rubs, even getting involved with grooming him already. It really is a delight to see him smiling again and the bond they are forming, Mills is so loved."

It is so heart-warming to hear that Mills has made such a difference in so short a time. Well done Mills!



Our current puppy Robbie is making good progress and is enjoying all the Christmas activities.

Mrs Nokes

Music



Clare Mount's Christmas Choir entertained guests in our Community Cafe with their fantastic singing! They sang some Christmas classics and some new songs to spread some festive cheer. Well done to all our amazing singers!

Mr Gore



CARD CRAFT

Card Craft Club have been busy making and selling Christmas cards to raise money for our school trip to Kenya.

Mrs Booth & Mrs Stephenson



Yr 7 & 6th Form fundraiser



BBC
**Children
in Need**

Clare Mount had lots of fun raising money for Children in Need! Students played Beat the Goalie, had a Bake-off competition and held a cake sale amongst other things.

Well done to Year 7 and 6th Form for organising this fundraiser.





Our Year 11 Travel and Tourism group visited Chester to see what it has to offer visitors as a tourist destination. They also took the opportunity to ask tourists a few questions. They wanted to find out where they had travelled from and their reason for visiting Chester.



We explored several attractions including Chester Castle, the Cathedral, Roman Gardens and Amphitheatre. We also walked the city walls and watched the Roman Dewa.



Students particularly enjoyed a visit to a local Travel Agency, where they were able to look at a world map and see the different travel products on offer. We completed our day at the Chester Information Centre to purchase some souvenirs of our visit. The weather was good and a great time was had by all.

Mrs Spracklen



Ms Morris, who works in our school office, kindly agreed to come and chat to our Year 11 group about the different jobs she has had in the Tourism and Hospitality industry.

We found out that she started her career working at the local Job Centre, followed by working in Disability Services and Events Management. We were all a little bit jealous of the places she had worked at, such as: at Aintree for the Grand National and Music Festivals.

Students were asked to write down their own questions to find out about her experiences in Customer Service.

Lennon asked "How can a Travel and Tourism course help you with a job?"

Claudia wanted to know "Do you think that the customer is always right?"

Melissa asked "What do you like about your job?"

The visit was thoroughly enjoyed by both students and staff. It was great hearing her stories about her previous jobs and also talking about the qualities that employers are looking for in young people. It was helpful for our students to see how the skills they are taught relate to the world of work.

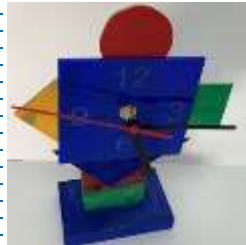
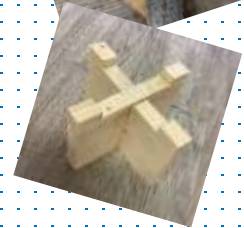
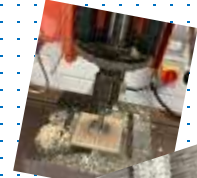
Thanks Ms Morris!

Mrs Spracklen



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Year 9 have successfully completed their Christmas T-light holders all ready to go home. It was an amazing effort learning how to mark out and cut the slotted wood joints.



A small sample of Year 9 Memphis inspired clocks. They learnt how to use Tech soft and the laser cutter to manufacture the clock faces.



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



As part of our Key Stage 3 curriculum we look at sustainability and producing a quality product. This Year we batch produced Christmas planters using pallets that were donated from Reynolds Timbers in Birkenhead. The class dismantled them and manufactured 30 planters in 1 hour 40 minutes. They are being donated to Care homes on the Wirral and the Community Soul Café in Wallasey Village.

Mrs McBurney



Bird Watching Trip



A group of students went on a bird-watching trip to Burton Mere RSPB Nature Reserve recently. It was cold, so we all wrapped up warm. We managed to identify over 30 different species of bird. These included waders such as black-tailed godwits out on the marshes; ducks such as mallards, shovellers and teal on the lakes; a little egret and a heron amongst the reeds and we met a very friendly robin on the path when we were walking.

Just as we were about to leave, a marsh harrier flew up - this is a special treat because marsh harriers used to be the rarest bird in Britain. Since then conservation strategies have helped them 'come back from the brink' and there are now over 600 pairs in Britain. You have to be in the right place to see one though - and Burton Mere is one of those special places.

Ms Evans, Mrs Swap and Ms Stephenson were very proud of all our students. They were so well behaved and the other visitors were very impressed with their sensible behaviour and enthusiasm. Well done, everybody!

Ms Evans





Rowing Programme: PE and D of E

Year 11 students have been taking part in an amazing rowing programme at Liverpool Victoria Rowing Club. The programme runs for the whole year, every Friday afternoon. The students at Clare Mount are fully engaged in the programme and are enjoying it at every level. The students have been learning about rowing technique (indoor and outdoor), competing in races, rowing out on the water, looking after and caring for the equipment, working co-operatively together as a team and improving their full body health and fitness. The Clare Mount rowing team are gearing up for their competition. In January the team will be taking part in the Indoor Rowing Championships held at Birchwood High School – Good luck team Clare Mount - watch this space for an update soon!

Mrs Kearsley



Congratulations

Former pupil Conor got in touch earlier this term to update us on his achievements:

Thought I'd let you know I graduated with a second in Performing Arts today. A momentous achievement but worth while after a long and bumpy road.

I feel like I wouldn't be in this position if it wasn't for Mrs Cooper-Shone, Miss Vicars and Mrs MacLean back in the early days. So, thank you for making this happen and believing in me since day one.

Conor is now an SEN Teaching Assistant at Ridgeway High School.



Years 8, 10 & 11 have had the fantastic opportunity to take part in a boxing programme at Venture Boxing Club, led by the skilled coaches and a former boxing champion. The students have been really enjoying the sessions and have shown some fantastic skill and resilience. The programme has run for the half term with other groups getting the opportunity to take part in the future. If your child has enjoyed the sessions or shows a keen interest in boxing then Venture Boxing Club run a Juniors/ Beginners session on a Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday 5-7.30pm (£3 per session or £7 per week). A few of our Clare Mount students attend the club regularly already.

Mrs Kearsley

Clare Mount Specialist Sports College Inclusion 2024 Partner Organisation Panathlon win Sports Journalists' Association Sport for Social Change Award



Panathlon CEO Ashley Icton was at the ceremony to collect the prize and said: “We are hugely thankful to the panel for choosing us as winners of this award.

“Thank you also to every school and staff member who has supported our competitions and every pupil who has participated in our competitions. Also, thanks to all our Young Leaders who have guided the youngsters and helped to officiate the competitions.

“Last academic year saw us set a new record of over 50,000 children with disabilities and special needs taking part in our competitions across England and Wales. In 2022/23, we are on course to give even more children opportunities to take part in competitive sport that they are so often otherwise denied.”

Previous winners of the SJA Sport for Social Change Award include the London Marathon in 2021 and Marcus Rashford in 2020.



Sport for Development Coalition Executive Director, Hitesh Patel (left), hands the trophy to Panathlon CEO Ashley Icton (right) as our comms lead Mike Dale (centre) looks on.

The prestigious Sports Journalists' Association British Sports Awards took place at The Brewery in London and recognised the pinnacle of British sporting achievement this year, with winners including Beth Mead, Eilish McColgan, Kevin Sinfield, Baroness Sue Campbell, the England T20 cricket team and England's wheelchair rugby league team.



Inclusion 2024



Clare Mount 2 Hosts Wirral's First Secondary Panathlon Run by Clare Mount's Year 10 Sports Leaders Students



Year 10 leaders in their Panathlon t-shirts in action delivering a festival of sport at CM2.

Clare Mount's Year 10 Sports Leaders organised and delivered a Year 7 Panathlon at Clare Mount 2's sports hall on Tuesday December 8th. Working closely with Panathlon, the leaders were trained by Mrs Kearsley and Mr Freeman to get them ready to deliver 10 multi-skill and multi-sport activities. Panathlon recognised the event as part of their UK calendar and sent t-shirts and certificates to the event.

The leaders have already successfully delivered a Merseyside and Cheshire table cricket competition in October and gained skills and confidence. Building on this confidence they delivered an excellent multi-sport festival to 85 Year 7 students. Sports leadership promotes leadership skills which can only be gained from practical situations. These skills form a big part of being ready for employment in future years and other life skills can be developed too such as responsibility and communication.

Clare Mount Inclusion 2024 worked really closely with Mrs Croucher and the Year 7 team to make this event a transition activity for all of Year 7 as their 'safe and settled' term closes in on Christmas. There was a lot of teamwork from students and staff in this event and a big thank you from Inclusion 2024 to all involved!

Mr White

Cycling Course

Well done to all Clare Mount PE staff who undertook the British Cycling training on Saturday 12th November. The course was an intense day but all staff passed the assessment and are now trained to deliver cycling across the PE curriculum and extracurricular for our pupils at Clare Mount. We are currently planning new schemes of work for cycling to ensure our students get the best experience possible and we hope to do some off-site multi-terrain mountain biking in the future.

Mrs Kearsley



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FORM

Sixth Form have had another busy half term!

All students have had a block of 10 careers lessons from the Department for Work and Pensions, looking at employability skills. They have worked with Anita and Norman on a Monday morning and loved each session. Thank you DWP!

Ste Reid has also been in to deliver Personal Finance to our students on a Thursday and Kate the Yoga instructor has been in each week to deliver meditation and Yoga - even some Year 7 students joined in!

We celebrated England and Wales' journey through the World Cup by watching the matches on the big screen here at CM2 with both Sixth Form and Year 7 (and a lot of treats!!). We had a blast!

Clare Mount 2 students also had the whole day using VR Headsets experiencing Work Experience placements. Year 7 absolutely loved it and had an insight into the World of Work.

Mrs Cooper-Shone



FORM



Our 6th Form Art group are busy working with Mr Johnson to create a huge mural. They are tacking together the batik squares in preparation for the sewing machine part. Great skills in development here, threading a needle and tacking.

6thV have started their ASDAN illustrated talks today. Each pupil chooses a subject that is important to them. Amazing presentations. Congratulations!



Our 6th Form team cleared leaves and litter from the front path and courtyard at Clare Mount 2 last week. A short break of toast and hot chocolate powered the team back up for Elf duties! Some students decorated a tree beautifully while others put the finishing touches to Christmas decorations ready to sell. One of our students dedicated some time to creating some incredible computer art work.



FORM



Busy morning at the farm! Goat grooming, feeding and cleaning their living space. Others had to break down a bail of straw, cover a raised bed and then add protective netting over the lot! Great team work from everyone! Miss Vicars



Several busy day at Woodchurch farm. Our great team got stuck in replanting marigolds, preparing raised beds and cleaning the goats' house!



A small group of 6th Form students used Lego to play a communication game this term. They followed rules and built some fabulous creations!



What a fantastic afternoon and evening we had at our Next Steps event! 12 different providers and over 150 pupils, parent and carer visitors attended our event, and we had lots of excellent feedback:

“Excellent range of colleges, all very informative and welcoming. Great opportunity to ask questions. Thanks for arranging it.”

“Great atmosphere well set up. Staff were really helpful.”

“As always a very well organised event, that is always well attended.”

“Great event, lots of information from providers.”

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



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College Open Days & Evenings 2023



Wirral Met College All Four Campuses

Conway Park, Twelve Quays, The Oval & Wirral Waters Campus

0151 551 7777 www.wmc.ac.uk

Thursday 12th January 2023

4.30pm to 7.00pm



Cheshire College

Ellesmere Port & Chester Campus

01244 656555 www.ccs.w.ac.uk

Wednesday 11th January 2023

5.30pm to 7.00pm



Greenbank College

Greenbank Lane , Liverpool, L17 1AG

0151 733 7255 www.greenbankcollege.org.uk

Thursday 19th January 2023 5.00pm to 7.00pm

You must book so please go to website



Coleg Cambria

Holywell Road, Northop, CH7 6AA

0300 30 30 007 www.cambria.ac.uk

Saturday 18th March 2023

10am to 12pm

You must book so please go to website

Preparing for Adulthood



There has been lots of Preparation for Adulthood work going on in 6th form over the last few days. Matthew and Mr Bannon have been refurbishing the flat and some of our 6th Form girls are getting used to using the back-washes in the salon.



Year 7 took part in a fun dodgeball festival at Clare Mount's first 'Wirral School Games' competition at our new site this term .

Mrs Corcoran





As a Sports College, Clare Mount uses the interest and inspiration of major sporting events to engage and excite our pupils. In the build-up to the Football World Cup we have introduced a Kick Off in Qatar initiative over the last 2 months.

Whilst we appreciate that there are some human rights and other controversies about Qatar hosting the Football World Cup, we have told pupils we will focus on such issues as part of a Diversity Week in the new year. For now, the focus has been on 'the beautiful game' and the physical, social and emotional health of our pupils and wider school community.

Every form was allocated a World Cup Football team and asked to decorate their noticeboards accordingly.



Each week videos from World Cup Ambassadors Wael Gomea (Egypt International) and Ali Al Haabsi (Oman International), along with videos from Sherborne Senior School in Qatar, introduced pupils to the different designs of the 8 World Cup Stadiums in both Arabic and English – the influence behind the design, the capacity, and how many games would be played there.





This coincided with a physical challenge, for the form to travel the distance between each stadium each week covering a total of 189km. Physical activity was promoted in PE, form times and outside school lessons.



Alongside the physical challenge, we asked pupils to develop their physical literacy by practising different football skills such as keep-ups, step overs and toe taps.

Safety: Year 7s
 – If you are Under 12 the F.A. no longer allow you to head in training, so use another body part or a soft, foam ball.

Skills Challenge
Keep-up (Different Body parts)

Easier: Catch the ball between each keep-up, or let it bounce on the ground. Use your thigh.
[Juggling a Soccer Ball for Beginners | Training - Bing video](#)

Harder: Use your non-dominant leg/thigh.

Videos to help you learn:
[Soccer/Football Juggling Tutorial - The Basics for Kids & Beginners - Bing video](#)
[3 mistakes to AVOID when juggling! - Bing video](#)
[Keepy Ups - 2 Technique video - Football Drills, | Sportplan](#)
[Keepy Ups - 1 \(side angle\) Technique video - Football | Sportplan](#)

Qatar League Ambassador

Finally, pupils learnt a Qatari Word of the Week linked to a football phrase such as pass, kick, tackle.





This all culminated in the opening week of the World Cup with staff sharing their favourite World Cup memories and PE lessons dedicated to football matches and football skills.

All pupils engaged in the programme, with special mention of Jacob in Year 7, Zak in Year 8, Seth in Year 9, who received special awards for their efforts. Special mention is also made of William in Year 11 who created lots of energy and excitement by setting up a PS5 PlayStation World Cup tournament involving both pupils and staff. We should also mention that the pupils got to watch the first England game v Iran and their stunning 6-2 victory.

Mr Keefe



Year 9 Trampolining at Propulsion

Year 9 have been trampolining at the Propulsion Trampoline Club this term. They have been developing their skills such as tuck, pike, and straddle jumps as well as seat, back and front drops with a bit of rotation thrown in as well!

All the pupils have enjoyed the sessions and personal development has focused on resilience, courage and Teamwork has been developed through synchronised routines where students have worked with their partners to complete a routine at the same time. We have worked on five and ten bounce routines as well as the National Governing Body Trampoline Awards.

Well done everyone!



Forest School

This term we have had two Year 9 forms come through on the carousel and start to learn about our forest community. They have all played a massive part in building a sense of belonging and ownership amongst the groups. We have explored the forest site, started to learn how to make and sustain fires, use tools safely, built a bug hotel and used our environment for playing safely and having fun.

Mr Weights





THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD



This term there have been numerous successes in Year 10 and 11, with pupils taking part in a range of activities to meet the criteria for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award.



We started the term developing our teamwork and cooperation skills through team building games and exercises to develop our confidence and communication. We then went on to build our navigation skills by developing their map reading, grid references and compass work.



They were then able to translate these skills from the map to the local area as they explored Moreton Shore and the surrounding area in recent weeks.

Two groups have visited the Alpaca Farm in Prenton and will begin the volunteering section of their award there in January 2023. The other groups will be working towards their First Aid training and physical section of the award.

Mr Weights

Merseyside Panathlon Events

Over the last term Clare Mount has sent over 60 different pupils from a mix of year groups to take part in a number of Panathlon events.

Dodgeball - Two teams of Year 10/9 pupils took part in the dodgeball tournament back in September. These pupils were Mrs Kearsley's GCSE PE class, and the tournament was used to not only allow the pupils to experience the competition, but also to link GCSE PE content to the skills needed to play dodgeball. The pupils represented the school well and eventually came third overall. Well Done!



Boccia—Four teams from Clare Mount went off to Green Bank for the Day to represent the school in this event. The pupils all performed brilliantly and narrowly missed out advancing from the group stage to the knock out stage. The pupils had a wonderful day, and were real ambassadors for our school.



Ten Pin Bowling—The pupils took part in an enjoyable and competitive tournament, working together as a team and supporting each other. They cheered each other on to achieve great highest individual performances and hotshot performances with the support of their teachers and teaching assistants. This produced a fantastic inclusive environment for everyone.

Clare Mount B team was the champion with an average score of 113%!! Well Done to the team and Mr Byrne.



Champions



Girl's Football—32 girls from 4 schools across Merseyside took part in the MLD Girls' Football tournament held on Monday 28th November 2022 at Greenbank Sports Academy.

It was a great opportunity for the girls to take part in a wonderful, inclusive football event that brought together girls of all abilities and skills to play football together and show good sportswomanship between the four schools.

They supported each other as a team during this event. At the end, that Clare Mount won the MLD Girls football tournament as unbeaten league winners after beating Woodchurch in the final as very competitive match like the 'Wirral Derby'. Well Done Girls and Mr Freeman.



Champions

Champions

New Age Curling

This was another great event to finish off the term and Clare Mount finished off in style. We had four teams entered, with two teams each winning their group stage and advancing to the knock out stage. Eventually, the two Clare Mount teams met in the final where Clare Mount A beat Clare Mount C by 1mm. It was a great achievement for us to return to school as both Gold and Silver medals winners!

This event was also used to help Mr Ritchie kick start the 'Active Mind' programme, alongside the Youth Sport Trust. Four Year 10 students were given three Year 7 students to mentor and lead. The Year 10s responded to this brilliantly by leading as role models and reinforcing the qualities like resilience and teamwork. Over the next term these boys will work together to help emphasise how sport can benefit mental health together. Well done boys!





Lights Out at Clare Mount!

For two weeks in November, staff and pupils worked together in a collective mission to reduce energy consumption across the school. Throughout the two-week campaign, students explored ways in which we can reduce our impact on the environment, saving energy and money at the same time!

Well done to everyone for taking part and thank you to all parents/carers for encouraging pupils to complete individual challenge cards at home.



Congratulations to 9K who won the form prize for completing both energy audits. Excellent effort!

Also, a special mention to the winners of the 'challenge cards' and Mr Allkins for being a fabulous role model in this campaign.



Superb effort from 8W who all completed their challenge cards at home. Impressive!



Well done to all 'Switch Off Ambassadors' for leading on the campaign and supporting their forms to become more energy efficient.

Farewell Ms Evans!



Members of staff gathered together to give Ms Evans a great send off as she retires at the end of this term, with a hugely competitive few games of ten-pin bowling.

As well as being an amazing, caring teacher and considerate, supportive Deputy Headteacher, Ms Evans has been a fantastic colleague and friend to all. She will be missed so much, but we all wish her the most wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

Thank you, Ms Evans, from the whole school community!



*I was going to end with a bad bowling joke,
but I thought I'd spare you!*

Term Dates 2022-2023



Autumn Term 2022	
Open	Thursday 1 st September to Friday 21 st October 2022 <i>*School closed to students Thursday 1st September (Inset day) & Friday 2nd September (Transition day). Please refer to starting day letters sent to parents/carers</i>
October half-term	Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2022
Open	Monday 31 st October to Tuesday 20 th December 2022 <i>*School closed to students Friday 2nd December (Inset day)</i>
Christmas holiday	Wednesday 21 st December 2022 to Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Spring Term 2023	
Open	Wednesday 4 th January to Friday 17 th February 2023 <i>*School closed to students Wednesday 4th January (Inset day)</i>
February half-term	Monday 20 th February to Friday 24 th February 2023
Open	Monday 27 th February to Friday 31 st March 2023 <i>*School closed to students Monday 27th February (Inset day)</i>
Spring Break	Monday 3 rd April to Friday 14 th April 2023 (includes Easter bank holidays)
Summer Term 2023	
Open	Monday 17 th April to Friday 26 th May 2023
May Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Half-term	Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2023
Open	Monday 5 th June to Thursday 20 th July <i>*School closed to students Friday 30th June (Inset day)</i>

Inset days (school closed to students):

Thursday 1st September 2022 (& exceptional closure Friday 2nd September 2022)

Friday 2nd December 2022

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Monday 27th February 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

Wirral Foodbank Distribution Centres Opening Times Christmas 2022

FOOD DISTRIBUTION ADDRESS:	MONDAY: 26 th December	TUESDAY: 27 th December	WEDNESDAY: 28 TH December	THURSDAY: 29 th December	FRIDAY: 30 th December	SATURDAY: 24 th /31 st December 10.30am – 12.30pm
Salvation Army Charity Shop 19 Oxtou Road						
BIRKENHEAD CH41 2QQ Seacombe Children's Centre St Paul's Road			1pm – 3pm		10am – 12pm	
WALLASEY CH44 7AN St James' Church Albion Street				11am – 12.30pm		
NEW BRIGHTON CH45 9LF St Vincent's Centre 15-17 Grange Road West			1pm – 3pm	1pm – 3pm	1pm – 3pm	
BIRKENHEAD CH41 4BY St Catherine's Church Church Road					11am – 1pm	
TRANMERE CH42 5LF						
St David's Church Crosthwaite Avenue EASTHAM			12pm – 1.30pm			

As listed above, Foodbank Centres are open between Christmas and New Year. Please note that the Foodbank office/warehouse will close 12pm, Thursday 22nd December and reopen on Tuesday 3rd January. Emergency contact for referral agencies will be available 12pm – 5pm on Thursday 22nd December and 9am – 5pm on Friday 23rd December and 10am – 4pm on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Friday 30th December by telephoning 07947387930.

The e-voucher system and website will be updated with the centres that are open. When issuing vouchers can you please make sure you advise your clients of the centres that are available.

Clients can request foodbank vouchers by telephoning 0151-606-2005 on:

Thursday 22nd December 9am – 5pm **

Friday 23rd December 9am – 5pm **

Wednesday 28th December – Friday 30th December 10am – 4pm **

** Outside of these hours, please contact Wirral Council Emergency Duty Team 0151 677 6557.

Drop the kids off, get your last-minute Christmas shopping done, Wednesday 21st December from 9:00am—6:00pm

**XMAS
Holiday
DAY**

Book on now

Christmas Holiday Club

Wednesday 21st December

9.00am-4.00pm, 10.00am-4.00pm, 9.00am-6.00pm, 10.00am-6.00pm

Trampolining, Free running, Games, Tricking, Gymnastics, Fun

Package 1	Package 2	Package 3	Package 4
9.00am-4.00pm	9.00am-6.00pm	10.00am-4.00pm	10.00am-6.00pm
Cost £12.00	Cost £16.00	Cost £10.00	Cost £15.00

Propulsion Trampolining Club 07720708371

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Merry
Christmas