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# Southern Cross Newsletter

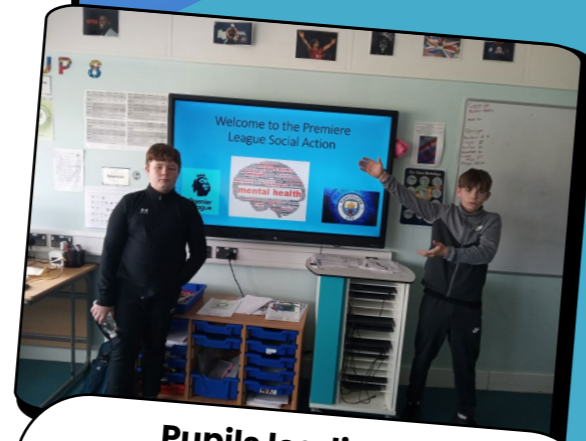
## Spring 2025



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## A Team Effort On and Off The Pitch

Our City Inspires pupils have been working hard on their Premier League Social Action project this term, using football as a platform to raise awareness about mental health across our community. It's been great to see our learners growing in confidence as they lead the campaign, helping to break down stigma and drive meaningful change. This has been a fantastic project that not only promotes wellbeing, but empowers our young people with the positive mindset and employability skills for future success. Well done!



**Pupils leading the conversation and speaking up for mental health.**



**Creating our very own masterpieces!**

## Brushing Up On Our Art Skills

Students have enjoyed exploring their creativity through hands-on art lessons, experimenting with pencils, paints and colour mixing. We've practiced shading techniques to add depth to our drawings as well as blending colours to create textures and gradients that mirror real life. It's been truly inspiring to watch our students grow as young artists, learning how to express themselves and leave their unique mark on the canvas.

## World Book Day

Thanks to everyone for helping us celebrate another spectacular World Book Day! It was wonderful to spend the day with some of our favourite characters from literature - well done everyone on all your fabulous costumes!

At Southern Cross, we're passionate about reading and all the benefits it can bring. It not only equips us with the literacy and cognitive skills required for learning, but helps to reduce stress and regulate our emotions. Whether it's a rom-com, a tragedy, or a nail-biting thriller, nothing beats the feeling of getting lost in a good book. Happy reading everyone!



**Bringing our favourite book characters to life!**

## LGBT History Month

This February, we marked LGBT History Month! A chance to celebrate all the incredible things that LGBT people have achieved throughout history. This year's theme was 'Activism and Social Change,' highlighting the inspirational figures who have helped to create social change across the centuries. We enjoyed learning how LGBT people have worked together to champion equality and social justice for all. Students created their own Pride flags to help us create classrooms where everyone can feel safe, seen, and supported!



**Raising the flag for equality, respect, and inclusion.**



## Following the Footsteps of Football Legends

Our recent trip to the National Football Museum was an unforgettable experience! As soon as we walked in, we were greeted by George Best's Mini Cooper, kicking off an exciting exploration into football history. The museum showcased an incredible collection of football silverware, including the Premier League Trophy, the Women's Super League Trophy, and medals from the Women's Euros 2022.

Pupils learned all about the historic trailblazers and contemporary players who have helped to shape the beautiful game. Learning how these players overcame challenges and achieved greatness provides our pupils with a powerful source of inspiration, motivating them to pursue their goals both on and off the pitch. Another highlight was the Play Gallery, where we got the chance to take part in interactive games, exploring all the different elements of playing football and its impact on popular culture. A fantastic day reminding us of the power of sport to transform people and communities!



**Taking a closer look at some of football's most iconic trophies.**

## Stirring Up Success

Students have been turning up the heat in the kitchen as they work towards their Food Tech GCSE! Our young chefs never fail to impress with their delicious and well-balanced meals. They've learned all about nutrition, food safety, and the science behind great cooking - all whilst developing their creativity and teamwork skills. Whether they are cooking for themselves, their families, or customers in a gourmet restaurant, these are vital skills that will stay with them for life!



**Cooking up something special!**



## Derby Day at the Etihad!

Our pupils recently had the opportunity to visit Etihad Stadium to watch the Women's Manchester Derby! We had fantastic seats, placing us right at the heart of the action with a perfect view of the pitch. The atmosphere was absolutely electric, as fans filled the stadium with cheers and chants. Both teams gave it their all - but in the end, Ella Toone scored a hat-trick and secured the win for Manchester United.

A great opportunity for pupils to see players performing at the highest level - showcasing just how much can be achieved with hard work and perseverance. A huge thanks to City in the Community for the tickets!



## Chatting About Wellbeing

We're proud to champion wellbeing for all members of our school community, creating an environment where everyone feels safe, supported and valued. This term, we were delighted to host Chat Space, a dedicated wellbeing hub for staff to reflect and refresh. The service brings together local health, social care, and community partners, fostering a collaborative and compassionate approach to mental health. This is a great opportunity to raise awareness and promote a culture of care, ensuring that wellbeing remains at the heart of everything we do.



**A space to talk, listen, and support!**