

# BFS News



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## POINT Award Winners!

We are delighted to announce that Bright Futures School has been awarded a 'Passion for Parents' award from Parents of Oldham in Touch – our local Parents Forum. It's a great achievement. Well done to everyone!



## Getting Crafty for Christmas

Bright Futures School (BFS) staff members, Alison and Cath, recently ventured out of the local Saddleworth area to promote BFS to the wider community and sell our lovely hand-made craft products at **Rishworth School Christmas Fair** in West Yorkshire.



School closes for the Christmas holiday on

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015**

and reopens to pupils on

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

Best wishes for a Very Happy Christmas and New Year from everyone at BFS!

## Guiding Continued...

We noted that good times to pause to enable referencing from an apprentice is just after an action has been taken – to give the apprentice the opportunity to 'check in' with the guide on what they should do/have done next. One member of staff, Karen Hutchinson, did an excellent presentation to colleagues when she not only reflected on when she used pausing well but also reflected on opportunities for pausing (and therefore social referencing) that were well attended and our stall looked fantastic!

Many thanks as well to our students for making such lovely hand-crafted gifts, including these creative, colourful tote bags!



It was an excellent fair and we managed to make a healthy profit of £48.

## Focus on Guiding

At the staff training day on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, we revisited 'the power of the pause' and, at subsequent weekly staff meetings, each member of staff has been presenting back to colleagues on a piece of video footage of themselves as guides with a fellow staff member as apprentice. The guide's objective was to use pauses to facilitate the apprentice to reference them for information to decide what to do when faced with uncertainty.



On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS) ran the second of two free grant funded 'Social Communication and EHC Plans' workshops for parents and practitioners explaining how a social communication approach helps children with autism and how this kind of provision might be secured in an EHC Plan. The workshop was very well received with attendees commenting, amongst other things, on how much more informed and empowered they felt following the presentations. Thank you to everyone who attended!





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### Designer Sandwiches

Pupils, Marley, Harry and staff member, Alex, have been working on design and technology at BFS every Monday. Over the last few weeks, they have been carrying out surveys to design the best sandwich.



On 7<sup>th</sup> December, the boys designed and made their own sandwiches after carrying out taste tests on bread and fillings.

They also watched videos about how large companies decide what sort of sandwiches to serve their staff.

On 14<sup>th</sup> December, Marley, Harry and Alex put their skills and new-found sandwich knowledge to the test, making delicious sandwiches for all the Bright Futures School staff. Yum!



### Uppermill Christmas Craft Fair

On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, several staff and pupils braved the high winds and persistent rain to attend our stall at the Uppermill Christmas Craft Fair.



Pupils used their persuasive skills to sell lovely goods that had been made in school. The fair was well attended with a steady flow of customers throughout the day. A total of £170 profit was made for the school! Marley and Harry can both be seen in this photo having just made another sale! Well done to everyone involved.



### Advent Calendars

One of our pupils, Philip, made two young friends in a recent creative session at school, and was rather pleased at the way they looked after all his hard work. I wonder if you can work out what they are made from?



### Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Thank you very much to all to our brilliant pupils, staff and supporters for another great year at Bright Futures School!

We wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year! We look forward to seeing you all again in 2016!

