

# BFS News



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## FBFS Charity Pub Quiz

Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS) recently hosted an excellent **Pub Quiz**, at The Royal George in Greenfield.



It was a very successful, fun-filled evening, attended by around 100 people and resulted in over £550 being raised – a fantastic result! We are currently looking to change the old rabbit room / outhouse into a new classroom to be used by pupils, plans of which have already been drawn up. The money raised from the FBFS pub quiz will go towards this refurbishment. The next event that Friends are hosting is a Fashion Show and Clothes Sale, with SOS Charity Fashion Shows, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, again at the Royal George. Hope to see you there!



School will be closed for Staff Training on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016** and for **Whit Friday on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**. School then closes for the Half Term break on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 and reopens to pupils on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2016**. Happy Holidays Everyone!

## FBFS Charity Pub Quiz Raffle Prizes

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of the kind raffle prize donations we received for the FBFS Charity Pub Quiz!

Our thanks go to Tom Tag, Woolyknit Café, The Royal George, Addisons Pet Shop and John and Helen Savage.



## Additional BFS & FBFS Donations

Thank you very much as well to Carol Stott, Psychologist from 'Beginning with A', who very generously donated £250 to FBFS.

We now have a [BTmydonate](https://mydonate.bt.com/events/roomrefurbishment/298850) page set up, in aid of Friends of Bright Futures (FBFS) - <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/roomrefurbishment/298850> - so please feel free to visit! Any donations, big or small, are hugely appreciated.

The support we receive from you all is invaluable – thank you!

## Dragon's Den Success

Congratulations to Karen Hutchinson, one of our Learning Mentors, and pupil Harry Gibbins, who successfully secured a grant of £150 from the Rotary Club of Saddleworth's 'Dragon's Den' initiative.

Karen and Harry delivered an excellent presentation – thanks as well to another of our BFS pupils, Ben Savage, for helping to put this together - at the recent 'Dragon's Den' event at The White Hart in Lydgate, to secure the funding for pupils to work on an allotment owned by local couple, Liz and Lee.



Our success story is in the May 2016 issue of *The Saddleworth Independent* and on the website [saddind.co.uk](http://saddind.co.uk). Thanks to Aimee Howarth at *The Saddleworth Independent* for this picture of Karen (right), Harry (middle) and Rotary Club president, Stan Bowes.

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### Goodbye Custard



It is with sadness that we must inform you that our remaining rabbit "Custard" died recently. Custard had been living at the family home of pupils' Holly and Belle, for the past year, but developed an infection which couldn't be fixed. We would like to thank the girls' mum, Val, for looking after both our rabbits, **Custard** and **Flora**, so well. They had the run of the house and the life of Riley! We aren't too sure of their ages, but think Custard was six and Flora around five when she died last year. Both rabbits will be missed by staff and pupils.

### Staff News

We have recently taken on two new staff members - Ros and Emma J. Welcome to you both!



Here, we find out a bit more about them:

Hi, my name is **Rosamund**, but everyone knows me as Ros. I started at BFS in April and over the last few weeks, I've been spending time getting to know pupils and colleagues.

*My career has spanned over many years working within the private, public and voluntary sector. I have an extensive background of working with young people including youth volunteering, special constabulary and restorative justice panels for Children's Social Care. My career has evolved over the years and latterly as a mentor and tutor for Rochdale Connections Trust. I have specialised in dealing with mental and social issues of young people and will be using my nurturing, supporting and coaching skills in delivering a range of activities in my role as a Learning Mentor at BFS. I'm very excited about my new role and I'm passionate about being part of a team dedicated to delivering excellent work.*

*Hi, I'm **Emma**! I started working at Bright Futures in April and during my first few weeks here I've been having a fantastic time getting to know all the staff and students. I'm a local girl living in Dobcross and educated at Saddleworth School. During my school years I completed both bronze and silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards as well as being part of the Girl Guides and the St. John's Ambulance Cadets.*

*I have previously worked in primary and secondary education, in both cases working with students with special educational needs.*

*I enjoyed working with the students both in groups and on a 1:1 basis and found this very rewarding! I made the decision to move to BFS to allow me to widen my knowledge and to specialise in autism.*

*I am looking forward to new experiences and being a part of such a remarkable team!*

### Happy Retirement Janet!

Our longest serving member of staff - **Janet Callander** - retired at the end of last term following a period of illness. Janet has been with the school, since its inception in 2010, and her work with pupils in areas including literacy, numeracy and humanities has been invaluable in helping our students make progress both academically as well as developmentally.

Janet will be keeping in contact with school as a member of the Friends of Bright Futures committee, but for now, we wish her well in her retirement!



### Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Thank you very much again to all our fantastic pupils, staff and supporters for another fantastic term here at Bright Futures School in Grasscroft! We wish you all a very happy Half Term break and look forward to seeing you again when we return to school in June. Have a brilliant holiday everyone!

