

BFS News



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BFS Garage Re-Fit

We are very grateful to Steve Hamblett, from **Churchfield Educational Products (CEP)**, for the very generous donation of children's playmats, bean bags and fabric seats and benches. As you can see from our photographs below - before, during and after the refurb - we have now kitted out our new play space in the garage to make it a much safer and brighter environment for all pupils who wish to let off a bit of steam.

Here's what the garage looked like before:



During the refit...



And after! Quite a transformation!



School will close for the Half Term Break at 3pm on **Friday 10th February 2017** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 20th February 2017**.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Steve will be coming to visit school, after Easter when he returns from New Zealand, in order to meet staff and pupils and we are hoping he will be able to provide school with some ideas for improving our outdoor play areas. CEP is a manufacturer and supplier of educational furniture to the trade and all products are manufactured in their own three UK factories and meet British standards. We are very pleased that they have chosen Bright Futures School to test out some of their products! Thank you very much indeed for the fantastic equipment!

Hack Oldham

On behalf of Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS), Zoe is in talks with the folks at **Hack Oldham** about the possibility of Hack running a Coding Club for pupils, as well as exploring other activities that Hack can offer such as woodworking, designing things that can then be laser printed and dodging Bob the Dalek.



Sainsbury's Vouchers 2017

We are now collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 vouchers!



There is a box in the School Conservatory for donations, so please feel free to pop by with your vouchers – however many you've got! They are always hugely appreciated. In previous years, we have collected enough vouchers to purchase gardening, cooking and sensory equipment. Thank you!

Michael Buble Tribute Night



We are really looking forward to our next FBFS Fundraiser – this Friday night 10th February 2017 at The Royal George in Greenfield - a Michael Buble Tribute Night!! Following the success of our Lionel Ritchie Tribute last October 2016, which raised nearly £1,000, we are hoping that a night of old school swing and soul will help to raise even more money for our Bright Futures School pupils.

Tickets are just £10 each, and are still available from BFS and the Royal George in Greenfield. If you'd like to reserve tickets, please email Christina at Bright Futures School at office@brightfutureschool.co.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!



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New Member of Staff, Lucy

We are delighted to welcome Lucy Andrew, our newest member of staff, to Bright Futures School. Lucy, who has previously volunteered at BFS, will now be supporting our teaching staff in her role as Learning Mentor Assistant. Here's a bit more about Lucy, in her own words:

Hi, I'm Lucy. I am married with two children, Poppy, 9, and Theo, 4. We live locally in Grotton and I enjoy spending time with my family, eating out, art and travelling. I have, for many years, worked as a Learning Support Assistant in a mainstream school, working with children with autism on a 1:1 basis. I have completed many courses which will help me in my new role as Learning Mentor Assistant at Bright Futures, such as Level 1&2 Working with Autism, Lego Therapy, Phonics, Time to Talk and Word Finding Difficulties. I will also use my creative and artistic flair when working with pupils at Bright Futures School.

New pupil, Jayden

We would also like to give a very warm welcome our newest pupil, Jayden Whyatt. Here's Jayden looking very happy with himself after baking and decorating a cake in one of his cooking sessions recently!



FBFS Recruitment Drive



We are always keen to hear from people who would like to get more involved in our school! And we would particularly like to recruit more local people, parents, carers and professionals onto the committee of our parent/teacher association – Friends of Bright Futures School for children with autism (FBFS). So if you'd like to get involved, please email Christina now at office@brightfutureschool.co.uk or give us a call on 01457 878738 – we would love to hear from you!

Funding Update

Thanks to some recent funding - £350 – which we secured through the EMI Music Foundation, we have purchased some fantastic new music equipment for pupils at BFS. We have bought new electric guitars, speakers and amps, as well as music stands and new music books.



We have also been awarded £350 from Rotary Failsworth and Chadderton, and this money will go towards a basic tool-kit for school. Other Funding Applications are going through and we will update you as soon as we have any more news! But for now, thank you to EMI Music Foundation and Rotary Failsworth and Chadderton!

Upcycling Fun

Ben has been helping Zoe to give an old wooden chair here in school a makeover. First they used wallpaper paste to cover the chair in kitchen roll as a foundation and then they pasted on the lovely floral design using napkins. Their next step will be to varnish the chair and then it'll be ready for action. Looks pretty good don't you think?



Save the Date!

We like to plan ahead here at BFS and we've already got a fantastic FBFS Comedy Night booked in our diaries for 2018! Again, our fundraising event will be held at The Royal George in Greenfield, on Friday 20th April 2018, and it promises to be a brilliant night! So please pop the date in your diaries. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Happy Half Term Everyone!
Have a lovely break!**

