

BFS News



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Thank you to team Ernst & Young

BFS Supporters from Ernst & Young came to our school and braved the rain to help us with garden maintenance work on Monday 11th July. Despite the grim weather conditions, they did some brilliant work and the gardens look fantastic! Thank you very much indeed to everyone involved!

The photos here show the Ernst & Young crew (Neil Smith, Robyn Fanning, Gabrielle Norcross, Dan Halstead, Fiona Marsh, Neil Rogers and Hitesh Bhakta), in the rain – looking a bit bedraggled – then back at the office, nice and dry after having changed out of their wet gear and about to tuck in and enjoy the cake that pupil, Philip, made at school with Learning Mentor, Karen. Thank you again to you all – you did a brilliant job!



School will close for the Summer Break at 3pm on **Friday 22nd July 2016** and will re-open to pupils on **Friday 2nd September 2016**.
Happy Holidays Everyone!

FBFS Fashion Show & Clothes Sale

Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS) recently hosted a fantastic Fashion Show and Clothes Sale, with SOS Charity Fashion Shows, at The Royal George in Greenfield. It was an excellent event with many bargains being snapped up and several members of BFS staff even made their debut into the world of modelling! Here's our Learning Mentor, Alex, strutting her stuff!



It was a successful, fun-filled evening which resulted in over £350 being raised – a fantastic result! This money will go towards our rabbit room conversion project.

The next event that Friends are hosting is a Lionel Ritchie Tribute night on Friday 14th October 2016, again at The Royal George. We hope to see you there!

Additional FBFS & BFS Donations

FBFS would like to give a big shout out to the anonymous donors who kindly gave a substantial donation to FBFS to help fund social communication reports that will support families who are seeking a placement at BFS for their child. This support will make a huge difference to families at a very difficult time. Thank you very much from FBFS! You can also now donate via our *BTmydonate* page <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/roomrefurbishment/298850> - Thank you.

Down on the Farm

The following article has been written by pupils, **Ben** and **Tyler**: *At the farm, we only had one chicken left after the others had mysteriously disappeared (due to the local fox). The last chicken we had was named 'Dorothy' and she has moved into Jane's house where now we find an egg waiting for us every week in a basket.*



It was the first time at the farm for one pupil this term. Marley helped to clean out the chickens and happily fed the ducks. The weather was awful but it didn't dampen our spirits!





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Staff News

We have recently taken on a new member of staff, **Krista Brierley**, who joins BFS as a Learning Mentor. Welcome to Bright Futures Krista!

Here, we find out a bit more about her:

*Hello, my name is **Krista**. I am married with three children – two boys and a girl – not forgetting my dog, Riley. I have worked as a Learning Mentor for many years across all age ranges, both on a one-to-one and small group basis. I particularly enjoyed delivering a speech and language programme called BLAST where small steps everyday produced amazing results for many pupils; this is what makes me so passionate about working with children. For the past two years, I have been working with a Year 1 pupil with ASD and watched him grow in amazement, however after speaking to people about the RDI programme delivered at BFS and reading up on its core values, I knew that I wanted to work at this school which thinks holistically about children with autism and their learning. I have really enjoyed my short time here at Bright Futures School and I'm extremely excited to continue my journey here surrounded by such supportive colleagues and amazing children.*

Pupils' Guitar Sessions

Thanks to one of our parents, Frank Eyres, four pupils at BFS have been able to follow a personal interest and access guitar lessons during the school day! They've loved it!

Healthy Eating

A recent **Healthy Eating Session** that Ros, one of our Learning Mentors, did with pupils, was spent discussing good and bad foods, nutritional information and identifying different food groups. They used a number of different resources to make the session interactive and fun.

They used a healthy food plate with food wedges to represent a well-balanced diet of meat and fish, fat and sugar, dairy, bread and pasta, fruit and vegetables. They discussed foods that everyone liked/disliked and what were healthy and unhealthy foods. They also looked at test tubes showing contents of fats, sugar, salt and fibre for different foods. A big hit with the boys were the models of portion sizes using everyday items - a broccoli in the shape of a light bulb and a mobile phone for a portion of fish!



World War 2 Session

Original WW2 artefacts were loaned to school to supplement a session on evacuees during the war. The boys were fascinated with the different sized gas masks - one for a man and another for a woman. They had an original evacuee suitcase and it was filled with memorabilia from the war.

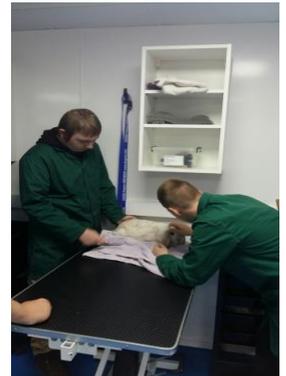


The military hats and epaulettes were also used for a play on a child evacuee going to the countryside. Marley (officer in the navy) waved off his son

(Harry) as he boarded a train from London. Harry used the gas mask and suitcase as props! It was great fun!

Moving on to College

Two of our older pupils, have gained places at local colleges and leave BFS at the end of this term. **Tyler Kennedy** has a place at Hopwood Hall to study animal care.



Tyler has been involved at the school farm for the past four years and he's also been working at a local pet shop. Tyler loves working in an outdoor environment too, taking great interest in the garden and growing plants from seeds. Tyler has made amazing progress since joining BFS in September 2012 and we wish him well. **Belle Caudell** will be moving on to Oldham College, where she has a place on a game design course. Belle has an amazing creative streak and her artwork has impressed the college enormously. We look forward to hearing of her success in the future.

We are pleased that some pupils have taken up the local colleges' offer to experience taster days / mornings in areas of their interest. **Ben Savage** recently spent a morning at Hopwood Hall considering some future options.

