

# BFS News



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## BFS is on the move

Bright Futures School for children with autism needs to find a new home and we are asking all our friends and supporters to keep an eye out for a suitable property! We've received some great suggestions so far - thank you very much to everyone who has been in touch with Alison and Zoe at school about this! We are now looking for rental properties only in and around the Saddleworth, Mossley and Oldham areas - so please do keep a look out and email your ideas and any web-links to potential properties through to Zoe as soon as you can! Thank you!

## FBFS Comedy Night

Thanks to everyone who supported our Comedy Night at The Royal George in Greenfield! It was a great night with three very different, very funny acts! We raised just under £500 for Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS). Thank You!



## VIP Visit to BFS

Our VIP guest, Vivian Carter, came along to visit our school on behalf of Manchester Guardian Society recently and very kindly presented a cheque to FBFS. Viv is a Deputy Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and she took time out of her very busy schedule to look around Bright Futures School and appreciate the work we do here. Thank you so much, Vivian, for your amazing £2,000 donation, which will be used to purchase an interactive white board for pupils to use here at BFS.

School will close for the Half Term break at 3pm on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**.  
**Happy Holidays Everyone!**



## Wise Owl Birds of Prey Rescue Visit

It was a lovely change to a Thursday afternoon recently, when we had a visit from Wise Owl Birds of Prey Rescue. Birds of Prey expert, Wayne, brought along Orville (little Owl), Gizmo (White Face Owl), Peanut (American Kestrel), Willow (Eagle Owl), Bubbles (Barn Owl) and Storm (Harris Hawk).



Pupils and staff had a fabulous time learning all about the different birds and we were thrilled to see them actually fly! Everyone had an opportunity to hold the birds with a gloved hand whilst they fed on chicken legs! Each bird was so different and they were all such gorgeous creatures. We felt very privileged to be able to see these birds up close. Wayne commented: "I have had such a lovely time with the pupils. Bright Futures School is such a happy place. The staff do an amazing job." Ros, Learning Mentor at BFS, said: "It was a fantastic visit! We all had a great time, it was brilliant!"

Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS) paid for the visit. To find out more about Wise Owl Birds of Prey Rescue, please visit: <http://wise-owl.co.uk/school-visits/>



## Forest Foraging - Fantastic weather for an Alfresco lunch!

Pupils and staff had a fantastic time in the woods last week, foraging for garlic and nettles, as part of an activity programme funded by Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS).

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The beautiful sunny weather helped too! Jude and Judy, from Nature Ed at Hollingworth Lake, explained about the different types of trees and wonderful leaves and plants that we could eat.



After our collection of goodies, we made lovely garlic bread from our own grown plants from a previous session.



Pupils helped to pick and prepare the garlic and herbs and helped to make the spread which was put onto pitta bread and served with home-made nettle soup! It was delicious!! We also made an Elderflower drink to help refresh ourselves. Everyone had a lovely time and we thoroughly enjoyed being in the thick of it with all the nature in the woods. It's a day we will all remember!

### Kayaking Fun

As part of our Nature Ed activities at Hollingworth Lake over the last few weeks, both staff and pupils had great fun when they all went kayaking! The pupils have really enjoyed the Nature Ed activities and have listened well to instructions and worked very well as a team! Well done!



### WW2 rationing and traditional recipes from the 1940's

Pupils were astonished by how little food there was during WW2 and how rationing was in place for 14 years. Only one egg per person per week and only 3oz of sweets! The boys were able to see relics from 1940's wartime Britain, including a gas mask, axe, tin helmet, ration book and an original suitcase filled with memorabilia.



Our challenge was to make an original recipe from the war and use only rations for ingredients. WW2 Weekly rations were: 4oz. Butter, 2oz Preserves, 8oz. Sugar, 2pt. Milk, 4oz. Bacon/Ham, 2oz. Cooking fat, 2oz. Tea, 4oz. Cheese, one egg, 3oz. Sweets and 14oz. Meat. Fantastic results! Marley made delicious Corned Beef Fritters (bottom left), while Harry wowed us with wartime Shortbread Biscuit (bottom right).



Jayden made some yummy Vegetable Turnovers (top left) and Matthew made tasty Bakewell Tarts (top right).



Meanwhile, Sahil and Max made a lovely wartime Carrot Cake. Well done boys!



### Big Band Thanks

Thanks to Broadway Big Band and Saddleworth Cricket, bowling and tennis club for hosting the Big Band's 'Strictly Comes to Saddleworth' on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 with raffle and donations in aid of FBFS. We raised £205! Thank You!

### Open Afternoon and Summer BBQ

We are now planning our Open Afternoon and Summer BBQ. These are great events that help us to showcase our school and all the work our pupils have been up to over the last year! Our Open Afternoon and Summer BBQ is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018 from 1pm to 4.30pm. Visitors will be welcomed by pupils, shown around school, offered some lovely refreshments and much more. We will also be holding a raffle on the day too! Hope to see you there!

### Save the Date for Elvis Night!

We are also planning our next big FBFS Fundraising Event – Elvis Night! The event will be held at The Royal George in Greenfield on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Please pop it in your diary and we will let you know when tickets are available!

### Goodbye and Good Luck to Sam!

We would like to wish Samantha Hadfield, our Apprentice, all the very best, as she heads off on her new work adventures! Thank you for everything Sam. Good Luck!