

BFS News



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ASDAN News

Congratulations to pupils Matthew, Marley and Harry who have all recently been awarded the Bronze Personal Development ASDAN award. They were particularly complimented by the external ASDAN assessor on the high standard of their work! He also complimented the boys on their culinary ability and skills – after they produced some mouth-watering healthy fishcakes! The external assessor - was also very impressed with their commitment and involvement in a recycling project and the way they all took to horse-riding, as part of the evidence supplied. Well done guys!



It's a Girl!

Huge congratulations to Molly Walker, one of our BFS apprentices, and her family on the birth of her beautiful baby girl, Lilia May! Lilia arrived on Thursday 17th May 2018 and she is absolutely adorable! Thank you very much to Molly for bringing her into school to meet us all recently! We are totally in love!



School will close for the Summer break at 3pm on **Friday 20th July 2018** and will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 4th September 2018**.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Computing fun at LaticZone!

Over the last six weeks, pupils Matthew, Marley, Harry, Sahil and Max have enjoyed their time with staff at LaticZone in Oldham. They have learned so much about using iMac computers for producing animated films, radio adverts, music and providing voice-overs for adverts.



The boys have been able to express their own creativity through the designing and creating of 3D models using modelling clay. In addition, a couple of the boys created their very own themed scene sets in preparation for their animation-films. Here's Matthew doing his!



The boys used their own models and scene sets to create their own stop motion animated films. They have learned how to use the 'i can animate' software on the iMacs. Here is Max hard at work!



This has enabled them to experience filming their own animated films, adding sound effects, creating and adding a film title that can be seen before the film starts and credits that can be seen after the film finishes.





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Each pupil has also designed and created a cover for their DVD film-case. Rebecca McArdle-Booker, Lead Teacher at LaticZone, has been impressed with the talents the boys have demonstrated. She said: "They have been a pleasure to work with and have earned their AQA Unit Awards. We are hoping to do more work with Bright Futures School in the future." Ros, Learning Mentor at BFS, said: "The boys have thoroughly enjoyed it at LaticZone and we were lucky enough to also be taken on a 'Behind the Scenes' tour of Oldham Athletic's Football Ground!"



There was a lovely breeze as we sped along the lake, which really helped to cool us all down in the scorching heat! Fantastic trip!



We are hoping to continue with more work at LaticZone next term with funding from Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS).

Orienteering and Speed Boating on the Lake!

Pupils (and staff) had a fabulous time orienteering at Hollingworth Lake recently. It was a very hot day, and to our surprise, after completing the orienteering task, we were offered a trip back to shore on an amazing speed boat!



It was very exciting and great fun!



Pupils and staff also enjoyed another great water adventure at Hollingworth Lake recently, when they went rafting!



Goodbye and Good Luck to Sally!

Our lovely Learning Mentor, Sally Gradwell, is leaving us at the end of this term. Sally has been here at Bright Futures for a year, to cover Alex's maternity leave and now she's heading off to pastures new as a Teaching Assistant at Oasis Academy Leesbrook Secondary School. Sally first came to Bright Futures as a volunteer and she has been a huge help during her time with us! We all wish you lots of luck in your new role Sally! We will miss you!

End of Term Trip to Tunnel End

Pupils and staff had a great time at Standedge Tunnel and Visitor Centre in Marsden, on the End of Term school trip, funded by FBFS! Everyone was excited as they boarded the boat to take a trip through Standedge tunnel. It was a brilliant day!



Thank you to Ella, our Volunteer!

Thank you very much to our brilliant volunteer, Ella, who has been helping out at Bright Futures over the last few weeks. Ella has worked with us before and she is a huge help and support to staff and the pupils love her! We wish you well for the future Ella! And remember, you're welcome back any time!

Have a lovely summer break everyone!

See you in September!



BFS Summer BBQ and Open Afternoon – you're all invited!



We are all really excited about our Summer BBQ and Open Afternoon, taking place at school this coming Wednesday 18th July! We can't wait to welcome all our friends and supporters and we're really looking forward to meeting the new Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham who are joining us at 3pm! Come along if you're free – it's on from 1pm until 4pm!