

BFS News



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Outdoor Fun at Pre-heritage Nature Ed

Pupils and staff had a fantastic time at a recent 'Pre-heritage Nature Ed' session at Hollingworth Lake, near Littleborough. Pupils learned all about different environments and how to survive in the outdoors – by making fires and stone axes. They also looked at lots of different artefacts. Thank you very much to Jude at Nature Ed for a brilliant day!! We will hopefully be back very soon.



School will close for the Easter break at 3pm on **Friday 5th April 2019** and will re-open to pupils on **Wednesday 24th April 2019**.

Enjoy the Easter holidays everyone!

World Book Day 2019

To celebrate World Book Day 2019, both pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite characters. Throughout the week, we enjoyed talking about our favourite authors and what makes books special. We also had the opportunity to visit Madeline Lindley bookshop, where pupils exchanged their tokens to get a free book of their choice.



Gym and Trampolining fun

Over the last few weeks, pupils and staff have been having great fun on Friday afternoons at Matt Hoyle's Gym and at Extreme Air in Oldham!



The Friday afternoon activities - to help improve fitness and co-ordination - have highlighted how well our pupils work together as a team. We have seen them encourage one another, especially at the gym, in a competitive, yet friendly and fun way! We have been very impressed with their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork. Well done guys!





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Scott and Merlin talk to pupils about climate change

Last week, the pupils had a visit from Scott and Merlin who run 'Old Chapel Farm' in Llanidloes, mid Wales. The farm is organically run and at Old Chapel Farm, Scott and Merlin endeavour to live close to the land – growing their own food, tending livestock, practising ancient crafts, living together and celebrating the seasons in their passing.



The money raised was part of the proceeds from our successful Christmas Open Afternoon last December. The raffle and tombola at the event helped to raise a grand total of £190. Pupils presented Oldham's Mayor with the cheque for £100 for his Mayor's Charity, then gave him a guided tour of the school building! We hope to welcome the Mayor back for our Summer Open Day later in the year!

Visit to Pepperl+Fuchs

Two of our older pupils, Harry and Marley – as part of their Employability Development ASDAN Short Course – recently visited Pepperl+Fuchs. The company is known by customers around the world as a pioneer and an innovator in electrical explosion protection and sensor technology. With a passion for automation and ground breaking technology, Pepperl+Fuchs welcomed the boys with open arms and Harry and Marley tried out different devices and learned all about how state of the art technology can be used.



Scott and Merlin explained why they run the farm this way, and how it helps to protect the environment. The children were shown ways they can reduce their own carbon footprint to help protect the future of their planet. Scott and Merlin were impressed with the pupils' knowledge on environmental issues.



Lord Mayor's Visit

We were delighted to welcome Oldham's Mayor, Councillor Javid Iqbal, to our temporary premises in Greenacres recently to present him with a cheque for £100 for his charity.



Amanda Boyle, Finance Director, showed the boys how she communicates with her colleagues across the world! Here she has linked up with Copenhagen, Denmark, with her colleague Erik! Harry and Marley were fascinated that she had access to his live computer systems from her office and video call (face to face) with Erik. This technology meant that Amanda has less need to travel to other countries in order to perform her job role. The tour ended with a fabulous goodie bag, full of lots of wonderful things for us to take home! It was a wonderful afternoon – and everyone gave us a fabulous insight into the world of top of the range electronics and technology. Harry thought it was 'amazing' and would love to go back and visit again. Marley was fascinated by the video link to Copenhagen. Amanda Boyle, Finance Director, said: "It was a pleasure to welcome Harry and Marley to Pepperl+Fuchs. Their questions showed an interest in automation which we hope might help them choose a career in technology."

We were very pleased to have this opportunity and our next mission is to research 'Industry 4.0' - the next generation in technology and commonly referred to as the fourth industrial revolution.

Ellenroad Steam Museum Visit

Pupils and staff had a great time at Ellenroad Engine House Steam museum in Newhey, Rochdale, recently. Pupils loved seeing the world's largest working steam mill engines. Thank you very much for having us!

Thanks to everyone who has continued to support us over the last few months! We wish all our pupils, staff, parents, friends and supporters a brilliant Easter break!

