

BFS News



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Another 'Good' report by Ofsted

Bright Futures School had a surprise visit from **OFSTED** in December 2018 and we are delighted to report that once again, OFSTED have judged us to be a **GOOD** school.



Quotes from the report (full version of which is available on both school and OFSTED websites,) state that:

- From typically low starting points, pupils make strong progress across most subjects, including English and mathematics. Staff make sure that pupils are ready for the next stage of their education or training;
- Teaching, learning and assessment are good. Staff typically plan lessons that provide pupils with the right degree of demanding work;
- Leaders have improved the range of qualifications that pupils can achieve by the time they reach Year 11;
- The curriculum is broad and meets pupils' needs and interests effectively;
- Pupils' behaviour is excellent.

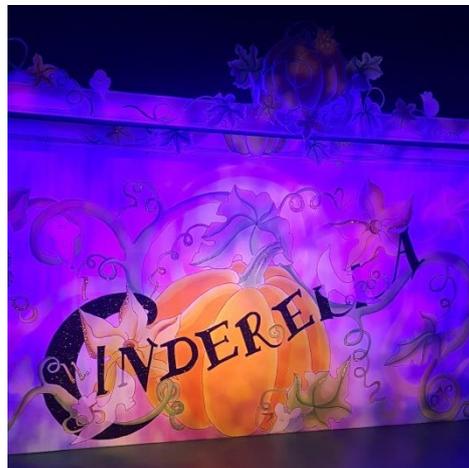
Bright Futures School continues to go from strength to strength and this latest report acknowledges the hard work from staff and pupils which makes our fantastic school so special. The future for our school is definitely bright. **Well done everyone!**

School will close for the Half Term break at 3pm on **Friday 15th February 2019** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 25th February 2019**.

Enjoy the break everyone!

Super Cinderella!

On Wednesday 9th January 2019, some of our students and staff went to the Oldham Coliseum to watch a very special sensory version of Cinderella – one of the nation's favourite pantomimes!



It was a calm, relaxed performance, specially designed for those with additional sensory and communication needs like autism. Both students and staff had a great time!!



Thank you very much!

We are always appreciative of the support given to school by our parents but especially recently! Matthew's dad, Matt raised £230 at his tattoo studio, Bee Tattooed, which he donated to FBFS for new IT equipment for our new premises. In addition, Matt bought six stationary pedal bikes to go in classrooms. These bikes are used by pupils whilst they are seated at their desks and research has shown that they can improve levels of concentration after using the equipment as well as leading to increased activity levels which can also help with hyperactivity. These (kinaesthetic) desks let students channel their energy, allowing them to stay focused on the task-at-hand, reducing fidgeting and distractions.

Christmas Open Day 2018

We are also grateful to all parents who donated items for our recent raffle and tombola, but especially to Ben's mum, Sue, for her amazingly generous donations! Our Christmas open afternoon was another astounding success and both raffle and tombola contributed greatly to the grand total raised of £190.



£100 of this sum will be given to the Lord Mayor's charity. It was lovely to see so many friends, family members and supporters enjoying the pupils' hospitality as well as being shown around our new temporary premises in Greenacres, which we have all settled into so quickly! Thanks to everyone who came – and we look forward to seeing you again in the summer!



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Visit to TP Matrix

Two of our older pupils, Harry and Marley, were very fortunate to have the opportunity to look around a local electronics company recently – **TP Matrix**. As part of their ASDAN 'Employability Skills Development' course, they are exploring the 'world of work' and we are raising awareness of many different types of job roles.



TP Matrix repairs print circuit boards (PCB) for fax machines, rail products and business computers. The company employs skilled fitter/wire persons, PCB Assemblers, Design, Test and Repair Engineers. Chris Morris, Managing Director and Owner, very kindly took time out to show us around and explain all the processes involved in the business.



It was very interesting and we learned a lot about electronics! Thank you very much TP Matrix.



Commenting after the visit, Chris said: "Yesterday was really good. I hope you, Harry and Marley enjoyed the tour round TP Matrix. Harry and Marley showed good enthusiasm and asked lots of relevant questions, they particularly enjoyed the Large Touch Screens."



Fantastic NatureEd Fun!

As part of our activities for gaining the next level (Explorer) of the John Muir Award, we went along to Hollingworth Lake Country Park for a session with Jude at NatureEd. The session included a fun orienteering activity in Ealees Wood whereby we followed clues on a map to identify different types of birds.



Team Jayden and Lucy look for clues...



After lunch we learned how to make bird feeders by weaving willow.



Using all natural materials, we learned a new skill and made brilliant feeders for the birds!



Fabulous Fundraising Efforts

Pupils continued their fundraising efforts by bag-packing at Lees Co-op before the end of term, raising £100 for FBFS. Once again, we are a beneficiary of the Co-op Community scheme (where customers can choose FBFS to get their profit share) and this was another opportunity to raise the profile of BFS further and ask the local community to help us raise funds for school activities and equipment. Thank you to our star pupils for their fabulous fundraising efforts and thank you to everyone who donated!!



Recycling Plant Visit

Pupils and staff enjoyed an informative (although rather smelly) trip to Longley Lane Recycling Centre in Gatley, near Stockport recently. They learned a lot about what happens to the waste and recycling that's collected from our homes every week. Thanks to everyone at Longley Lane for a brilliant day!



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 Half Term break!

