

BFS News



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Moving to our 'forever' BFS home

Over the Half Term holiday, on Tuesday 18th February 2020, we will be packing up our temporary Bright Futures School at Oberlin Cottage in Greenacres, and moving to our amazing new 'forever' BFS home on Friezland Lane in Greenfield. You may have seen us on BBC North West Today and North West Tonight, at the start of 2020, when we visited our new school? Well, in just a few short weeks, we will be getting ourselves fully settled in – and we couldn't be happier!



Our new school is absolutely fantastic – both inside and out – and it will provide an amazingly light and bright learning facility for our pupils. The setting on Friezland Lane is beautiful and very peaceful with views of Pots and Pans and Indian's Head from either side of the school.



We are all so excited and can't wait to move in. Thank you so much to Daniel Scott at Robert Scotts, Lee Hollinworth at Whittaker Design and all the team for building our amazing new school – it's a dream come true!

School will close for the Half Term break at 3pm on **Friday 14th February 2020** and will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 25th February 2020**.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

BFS Fundraising Successes

A massive thank you as well to everyone who came along to our Bright Futures School Christmas Open Afternoon in December 2019, to help raise money for our fab new school. We managed to raise a grand total of £305 on the day, thanks to the fundraising efforts of pupils, staff, parents, family, friends and supporters. There was a raffle, with 25 prizes, and in addition to the £305 raised, we were also delighted to receive a large cheque for £250, presented to us by friends at Dobcross Church!



Congratulations to Rosie

In addition to the BFS Xmas Open Afternoon fundraising, we also made a bit of extra cash from our Donald Duck Cake Raffle. We drew the raffle at the end of January 2020 and the lucky winner was – our very own Learning Mentor, Rosie. Huge Congratulations. And thank you very much to everyone who bought a raffle ticket. Together, we managed to raise an additional £51 for our new school.



Mahdlo Visits

As part of our new 2020 Friday afternoon PE sessions for pupils, we have been taking part in a range of fantastic fun activities at the Mahdlo centre in Oldham. Pupils and staff have been enjoying taking part in cricket sessions, playing basketball and competing against each other in running and hurdle races. Thank you very much to everyone at Mahdlo for a brilliant few weeks and a massive thanks to coach, Amlyn, for the fab cricket sessions. We've loved them.

"What a way to end an amazing year!" Zoe at BFS said. "Our Xmas Open Afternoon has been brilliant! It's so lovely to see all our friends, family and supporters coming together and having such fun, as well as helping to raise some money for our new school! Thanks to everyone who came along and a huge thank you to our pupils and staff for their talents and creativity – in all the amazing hand-made gifts and treats they've been busy making over the last few weeks!"



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Meeting a Local Artist

Learning Mentors, Jenny and Lucy, recently took pupils Jayden, Henry, Sahil and Oliver, to interview a local artist in Mossley (as part of their ASDAN work).



Chris Cyprus, who works out of a unit in Woodend Mill in Mossley, used to work in the building trade, until a bad back injury meant he had to re-think his choice of career. He started painting as a hobby, then when more and more of his paintings began to sell for a substantial amount of money, he realised that perhaps painting could be his new career. He has sold some of his paintings for thousands of pounds and business is booming. The boys were very interested in his story and listened well to Chris, throughout his interview. Great job boys. Well done!



Panto Workshop Fun

On Tuesday 7th January 2020, Ben Cain from Oldham Coliseum's education department, came in to school to run a pantomime workshop for some of our older pupils.

We learned all about the history of pantomime and the familiar characters that make pantomimes so unique.



Ben brought example 'sets', which are models of the real sets but scaled down and very intricate – every detail was included in the miniature versions. The boys loved the hand-painted detail. We all got into roles and played drama games together. We also acted through gesture and used our bodies to relay feelings and thoughts. We were also able to look at some fantastic costumes and even try them on! We had so much fun and laughter – it was a brilliant session.



It was just what we all needed during the first week back in school after the Christmas break.



All BFS pupils and staff went to watch the pantomime – Jack and the Bean Stalk – at Oldham Coliseum Theatre the day after Ben's visit and we had a fantastic time! The pupils absolutely loved the pantomime and all the actors, staff and musicians made us feel very welcome indeed, so thank you. And big shout-out to Ben who made the pantomime workshop so enjoyable, so much fun, super interactive and very memorable too.

Further Fundraising Thanks

Thank you very much to the lovely ladies at Satellite Community Brew in Greenfield for their wonderful donation of £190 towards our new school. This money was raised when BFS pupils and staff visited the Community Brew morning a few months ago, and held a cake bake sale.

Another massive thanks goes to the Saddleworth Ladies, who hosted a wonderful fundraising ball recently at The White Hart in Lydgate. All proceeds from the ball are being donated to Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS) – to go towards kitting out our fab new school in Greenfield. The total amount of money raised on the night is still yet to be finalised – but we would like to thank everyone involved for a fantastic night and for the wonderfully kind donation.

End of Term Trip to 'The Basement'

Pupils and staff had another amazing trip to 'The Basement' in Grotton at the end of last term. The pre-Christmas treat was great fun – with everyone having fun playing on the video games and singing their hearts out on the karaoke machine. Thanks again to everyone at "The Basement" for another fantastic trip. We will be back again soon.

Fun on the Farm

Members of staff took some of our younger pupils out to Highgate Farm in Royton recently.

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Pupils, Saoirse, Brooklyn and Oliver, absolutely loved meeting the horses, as part of a 'Farm' topic they're all working on.



Noah's DJ-ing Fun

One of our older pupils, Noah, is having great fun on Friday afternoons, at his DJ-ing sessions in Huddersfield. Noah is a budding DJ and loves getting to work on the decks and learning lots from the professional DJ's he is working with.



Amazing generosity and kindness

We have been blown away by the amazing acts of kindness from local businesses, fundraising groups, friends, family and supporters in our mission to raise as much money as we can for our amazing new school. After we were featured on BBC North West Today and North West Tonight, we received a phone call from Steve Gooddie at Gooddies Ltd in Ashton. Steve had seen the piece on the news and wanted to help. Gooddies supplies school uniforms, fleeces, hoodies and jackets and Steve offered to provide us with brand new BFS branded jackets – completely free of charge. Here's the amazing sample he recently sent to us.



They got involved in 'mucking out' the stables...



And Oliver really enjoyed feeding carrots and apples to the horses. They had a wonderful afternoon out in the lovely Spring sunshine. Thank you very much to Learning Mentor, Jenny, for inviting us to the farm. We hope to visit again very soon.



We absolutely love these jackets and now Steve and Clare at Gooddies are going to provide us with staff jackets and branded jackets for each and every one of our pupils. Thank you so much for your incredibly kind donations. We love them.

Happy Half Term Everyone

We would like to wish all our pupils, staff, parents, family, friends and supporters a very Happy Half Term and we look forward to seeing you all when we return to our brand new school in Greenfield. We can't wait to show you all around.

Thanks to all the staff who have been working with Noah on the DJ-ing sessions every Friday afternoon.

