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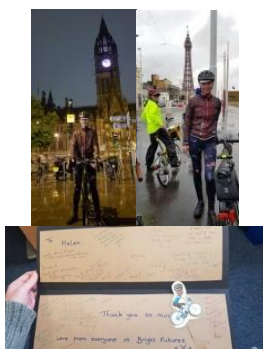
Co-op Lees Bag Packing Day

BFS Pupils and staff ran a tombola stall at Lees Co-op recently, in support of the Co-op Membership Scheme and its local community initiative, of which FBFS is a benefactor. (Anyone who has a Co-op card can nominate FBFS as their chosen charity to receive a percentage of the Co-ops dividend). Pupils interacted well with shoppers and a grand total of £46 was raised, which will go towards our fundraising wish list for the new school!



Further Fundraising for our New Greenfield School

We've set ourselves a target of raising £40,000 to cover the cost of a new immersive sensory room, a sensory playground as well as touchscreen TVs for interactive classroom use. To date, we've raised almost £19,000 through our own fundraising and with a little help from Helen at Robert Scott – who raised over £1,400 doing a night bike ride from Manchester to Blackpool – and a very kind donation of over £1,300 from Oldham's retiring Mayor!



School will close for the Summer Holidays at 3pm on **Friday 19th July 2019** and will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 3rd September 2019**.

Happy Summer Holidays Everyone!

Next term, we plan to have a BFS sponsored walk on Tuesday 24th September, and also an Elvis tribute night on Friday 15th November, at Boarshurst Band Club in Greenfield. Tickets will be on sale soon, priced at £10 each, which also includes a hot pie supper! Yum! We hope you will be able to support us by attending.

Flynn the Dog



Most of you will have met, heard about or seen Flynn, one of our two school dogs here at BFS! He comes to school with Alison and particularly enjoys being taken for walks and sniffing out food – either in the waste paper bins or in pupils' and staff's lunch bags! Many of our pupils have become much more confident around dogs thanks to Flynn and also Molly (Zoe's dog) and it's hoped that one day, they may both be able to go into class whilst pupils read to them. This can be very beneficial, instilling confidence in pupils, as the dogs obviously just listen! One of our younger pupils, Lucy, in particular, has formed a very special bond with Flynn, especially since losing her own family dog. Lucy loves coming to see Flynn, or bringing him back to Alison, if he has escaped from the office! She loves giving him a big cuddle too and, more recently, has enjoyed covering him up whilst he is sleeping! She calls it 'putting Flynn to bed'! Very cute!

Manchester Museum Trip



On Tuesday 25th June, pupils and staff visited Manchester Museum, to enhance the children's learning in both science and evolution. We looked round the museum and found fossils, dinosaur models and lots of other exciting things!



The museum had a vivarium, where we could observe frogs and lizards, as well as look at animal adaptations and how they'd evolved to survive in their habitats.



Pupils did some amazing sketches of the animals on show. It was a brilliant visit and the pupils' behaviour was outstanding throughout the entire day. We had a really enjoyable time! Thank you very much to everyone at Manchester Museum! We will be back very soon!



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Working with Nature at The ECO Hub (Environment, Community, Opportunity)

Pupils, Harry and Marley, have been volunteering at The ECO Hub every Wednesday for the last five months, with Learning Mentor, Ros, as part of their ASDAN Employability Skills Development sessions. They've had the privilege of working with Alan Price who set the hub up over a year ago in Lees Park. The boys have learned lots about looking after the land as well as seeding and growing a variety of plants and vegetables. They've also identified different species of dragonflies, damsel-flies, bees, newts and frogs. And even witnessed a dragonfly shedding its skin as it emerged from the pond!



The boys helped to create a wild flower haven for the bees! And Marley was interviewed by Oldham Council about why he likes volunteering at the hub!



Pupils and staff will see the footage and photos displayed at Gallery Oldham on 15th July when we visit! Alan Price said: "Harry and Marley will always be welcome at our hub, as they're always very helpful!"

Crisps Project

Ben and Sahil, have helped to raise money for 'Forever Angels Baby Home' in Tanzania and saved the environment from old crisp packets! Their efforts for **Reuse Littleborough** mean that they'll receive a donation from Terracycle to go towards orphaned babies in Africa. Here's Sahil flattening and counting up 1,000 crisp packets (2kg) ready for recycling!



A big thank you to all our pupils and staff for their empty crisp packets, as well as everyone at Smart Start Nursery, Robert Scott, Greenacres Congregational Church and Greenacres Community Centre! We couldn't have done it without you! An excellent environmental and community project, which will now go towards the boys' ASDAN Bronze Award.

Jayden builds the Titanic

Jayden is very proud of the 'Titanic' model he made during his recent Art & Craft sessions with Learning Mentor, Jenny. He worked very well to plan, design, build and decorate the model using his own remarkable knowledge of the Titanic. Jayden said he had lots of fun building it! It was a very interesting project to do and he was proud to show the finished model off to both staff and pupils. He is now looking forward to having it on display at the BFS summer open afternoon and BBQ.



Max makes debut at Autism Show, article by Max Bagley

On Saturday 29th June, I attended the Autism Show at Event City, Manchester. I went to see my photography being exhibited there. I had six of my photos up on display and they were all taken at different locations that I had been to. I talked about my photos when different people came to see them. And I had to make sure I remembered where all my photos were taken, so I could tell people.



Talking to people, when they came to look at my photos, gave me great confidence with my communication skills. I felt very proud doing it. Photography is my passion and I want to carry on with it for years to come. I hope to study it at college.

He's a poet and he knows it!

This term Henry entered the 'Young Writers' Poetry Wonderland Competition'. He wrote a poem about his dream of becoming an Actor. We recently found out that his poem is one of the winning entries in the competition, which received over 20,000 entries! And it'll be published in a special 'Young Poets' book next term! Well done Henry! We are super proud of you!



Goodbye and Good Luck!

As we break up for summer, we'll be saying goodbye to our two oldest pupils, Max and Holly. In the short time they've been with us, they've made progress and have prepared for their next steps after BFS. Max will be going on to St. Christopher's Sixth Form College to follow a foundation pathways course and Holly is considering a hair and beauty course at a local college. Max and Holly recently became the first pupils from BFS to be entered into external exams and we're eagerly awaiting their results! This is a new development for our school, as we know that preparing for and sitting exams puts young people under great stress and may increase their anxiety levels. In future, all pupils at BFS will have the opportunity to sit Functional Skills courses in Maths and English, which will give them a wider choice of options when they leave school. We wish Max and Holly every success for their futures! Good luck!