

BFS News



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New Greenfield School Site Visit

On Tuesday 29th April 2019, Bright Futures' staff and pupils went to the site where our new school is being built in Greenfield. We met with Daniel Scott, Operations Director at Robert Scott and Sons, Lee Hollinworth, our architect at Whittaker Design, and some of the contractors. We all got to wear high vis vests, very kindly donated to us from 'Independent Workwear Solutions' We all very much looked the part!



It was very exciting to see our new school surroundings and ask questions. On the visit, one of our pupils, Jayden, said: "I want them to start building because I want to move into the new school as soon as possible and it will be a better environment for the whole school." Jayden is now working with Learning Mentor, Alex Ludlam, putting together a timeline of activity, recording all the building progress and updates. In addition, we will be visiting the site on a regular basis, taking lots of photos and making notes of all the latest developments. It's all super exciting for BFS! Thank you so much for the site visit. We cannot wait for building work to start!

Welcome to our three new members of staff

A very warm welcome to our three new Learning Mentors – Sam McManus, Kathryn Plant and Jenny Wright! It's a very exciting time to be joining the team at Bright Futures School, especially with the new build in Greenfield, and we are thrilled to have you all on-board!!

School will close for the Half term break at 3pm on **Friday 24th May 2019** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 3rd June 2019**.

REMINDER - Weds 5th June 2019 is a staff training day, so school will be closed to pupils.

Employability Skills – ASDAN short course visits for older pupils

Harry and Marley, two of our older pupils, have enjoyed employability skills visits to Moorhey Street Depot – Oldham Council Highways Maintenance and Waste Maintenance centre – and Oldham's Parks as part of their ASDAN work. The boys and Learning Mentor, Ros, Hayes, visited Moorhey Street Depot recently and learned all about the highways and waste maintenance work carried out there.



The boys learned how the tar on our roads is made and they watched how it is kept warm for pot hole filling.



The boys also learned how grit is dug out from the Salt Mine in Cheshire, the UK's largest Salt Mine, and how it's piled ready for gritting!

Harry, Marley and Ros also had the chance to see many different Gritters – all named by the public! Here the boys are stood in front of 'Snowbee One-Kenobi' – a very interesting and enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



Commenting on the visit, Rebecca Chadwick, Service Development and Support Manager, Waste Management Services, said: "It was a pleasure to host a visit from Bright Futures School at Moorhey Street Depot. The students engaged well with the staff they met at the depot and showed a keen interest in the work which is carried out from the depot." Thank you very much for agreeing to our visit – it was great!

Oldham's Parks Green Spaces

Pupils, Harry and Marley with Learning Mentor, Ros, also thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Oldham Council's Environmental Management – Parks and Green Spaces – visit recently. They met Will Wills, Senior Greenspace Officer (Land Management and Development) who explained more about the parks and greenspaces that they maintain across Oldham. Will also showed the boys how the watering system is used for wall gardens.





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In addition, he walked the boys around the 400,000 plants that are grown in huge glasshouses, ahead of being planted in parks and greenspaces across the borough.



The boys also learned about different types of plant and machinery equipment that is used for cutting and trimming hedges, mowing large areas of grass and cultivating the land. Thanks Will for a great visit.



Uppermill Church Visits

Pupils, Sahil and Henry, enjoyed a visit to St. Chads Church in Uppermill. The boys were able to go inside and look at the beautiful stained glass windows and alter.



We also had the opportunity to look at the peacocks belonging to the Church Inn Pub next door and we took part in a short nature walk in the surrounding areas.



Julian, the landlord of the Church Inn, made us all feel very welcome, providing free drinks for Sahil and Henry. We now know that the Church Inn is very much an autism friendly pub! We will be back soon!

Easter Fun!

We had plenty of fun in the run up to Easter – with egg painting competitions and cake making!! Well done to Marley, who won the Bright Futures School Easter Egg painting competition! Pupils and staff enjoyed getting very creative with their artwork and it was up to Learning Mentor, Alex Ludlam, to judge the entries! It was a tough competition, but Marley was crowned the winner! Congratulations!!



Pupils, Ben and Sahil, as part of their ASDAN Home Assessment Module, baked Easter cakes with Ros! They were very pleased with their creations!



Horse Riding and Cycling

Pupils and staff have been enjoying horse-riding at Croft End and cycling at Alexandra Park this term – as part of their Friday afternoon PE activities.



Pupils have demonstrated excellent team work and we've had lots of fun and laughter! Thanks to the guys at Croft End and Alexandra Park!

Help to save our environment and support a deserving charity!

Pupils, Ben and Sahil, are collecting empty crisp packets for recycling, to support the work they're doing towards their ASDAN accreditation. All types of crisp packets collected will be sent for conversion into useful plastic items such as benches and fence posts. Not only will we be making good use of our rubbish and reducing landfill, we'll be supporting 'Reuse Littleborough' (our drop off point for TerraCycle) – to send money raised from the scheme to 'Forever Angels Baby Home' in Tanzania. For every 2kg of crisp packets collected, Reuse Littleborough receives a donation. We need as many as possible! Please donate packets flat, not folded!



Happy Half Term Everyone!

