

BFS News



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Sponsored Walk around Hollingworth Lake

BFS pupils, staff and a few of our four-legged friends braved the elements to complete a sponsored walk around a very wet and blustery Hollingworth Lake on 24th September. With the incentive of a much-needed chippy stop after the first circuit, we walked our socks off in the torrential rain, to raise as much money as we could for our fundraising 'wish list' for the new school in Greenfield!



Our estimated total so far is £2,361, with more online donations still to come! Well done everyone! Fantastic achievement!

School will close for the Half Term break at 3pm on **Friday 25th October 2019** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 4th November 2019**.

Happy Holidays Everyone!



Lovely Living Eggs Project

On the 7th October, we welcomed ten fertilised eggs in a special incubator from 'Living Eggs' to BFS.



Pupils had done some work prior to their arrival, about life cycles, caring for chicks and they even looked at the development of an embryo inside an egg shell.

On Wednesday 9th October, pupils (and staff) watched closely as the chicks began the process of 'pipping'. They were fascinated watching the eggs wobble and the chicks' little beaks break through the shells. We were lucky enough to have nine healthy chicks from our batch.



During the second week, all our pupils (and staff) had the opportunity to handle the very cute and fluffy little chicks!



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Once Upon A Dream

I dream of going to the States
This is where my dream awaits
I wish to become an actor on stage
And turn over a brand-new page
I'm eleven years old
And cannot wait to see
What this new chapter has planned for me

One day I will move to Hollywood
Where I will hire an agent who is very good
He will get me the role I desire
A new set of skills I'm bound to acquire
If I succeed I will be glad
Because this is the dream I've always had.

Henry Graeme Crowther (11)
Bright Futures School, Greenacres



The work the children produced was fantastic! From chick masks and feather pictures to growth charts and observational drawings! All pupils thoroughly enjoyed this 'egg-citing' experiential learning project and we hope we can do it again in the future! Thank you 'Living Eggs'!

Welcome to new staff

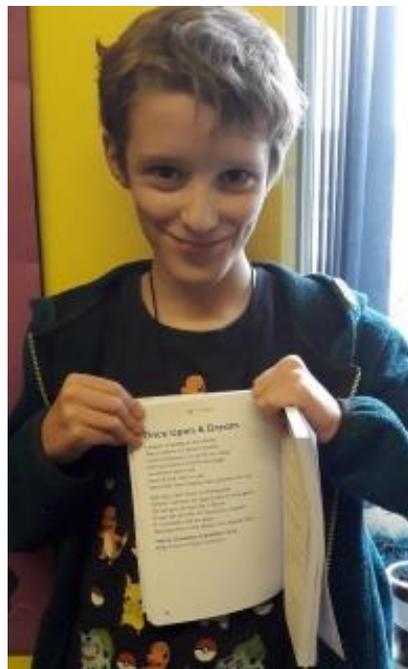
Welcome to Claire, Tara and Rosie – our newest members of staff! Pupils, Jayden and Henry, interviewed English Teacher, Claire Upton for the newsletter. Here's what they found out:

Henry's Published Poem

Pupil, Henry, was thrilled to see his poem, 'Once Upon a Dream', published in the 'Young Poets' book this term! Amazing work Henry! Really well done!

1. How long have you been teaching for? 16 years.
2. How much experience do you have? Five different schools.
3. What's your favourite subject to teach? All of them, especially Maths, English, Geography and PE.
4. What's your favourite subject? English.
5. Have you ever worked with other disabled children? Yes.
6. What was your previous job? Teacher.
7. How long did you work at your previous job? Four years.
8. What classes (Yr 3, 4, 5 etc) have you taught? All of them, but mainly primary school years.
9. What subjects have you taught? All of them.

You can see from the photos how much the children enjoyed this bit (and staff too!). Most pupils took part in cleaning the brooder box, caring for the chicks and weighing them.





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10. Which schools have you worked at? Arborfield, Shinfield, Wilsic Hall, St Luke's, Garbor Aron Gimnazium.
11. What was it like teaching in Hungary? At first I was homesick, but as I settled, it was lots of fun!

Maths specialist, Tara Stuttard, has been teaching Maths for over ten years in primary and secondary schools across Kirklees. She'll now be working with our older pupils towards their Functional Skills exams and with all Learning Mentors to develop new methods of teaching Maths.

Rose (Rosie) Fletcher qualified as a teacher in 2001 and has worked in a variety of schools and education settings, both in the UK and in Hong Kong! She's worked with children with complex needs, including Autism, and on return to the UK, volunteered at BFS. She's now become part of the team as a Learning Mentor.

Welcome too to new pupils

Welcome to our newest superstar pupils, Oliver and Brooklyn! When asked about joining BFS, eight-year-old Oliver said: "This school is the best school ever! I am enjoying cooking, Maths and English. I like working 1:1 and my lessons are really fun!" Brooklyn has just turned five, and what a little star he is already, with his gorgeous smile and bouncy nature. He has settled into life at Bright Futures School with ease! It's a pleasure to have both lovely boys in school with us all. We can't wait to see how they progress.

Work Experience – Behind the scenes at the museum

Three of our older pupils, Harry, Matthew and Marley, had the privilege of looking behind the scenes of the Natural History Museum in Oldham recently, when Alan Price, from the ECO Centre, gave the boys an insight into his 'day job'. Due to the delicate nature and priceless nature of some of the items from the museum, we met at an unmarked location.

Alan showed the boys some fascinating collections of various birds, insects and small animals. The boys were astonished with the Lower Jurassic period fossils dating back 208 million years!



Thank you Alan for such an amazing opportunity to see the work you are doing to record our very important natural history, especially those creatures that are sadly now very rare.

Precision Pallets Visit

Five of our older pupils visited Precision Pallets & Cases Ltd in Waterhead, Oldham, as part of their Employability Development Course. Both pupils and staff gained a very interesting insight into the world of pallet making. Did you know, there are 7,000 different specifications of pallets!? Rick Leach, Managing Director, explained the processes involved from collecting forest timber (raw material) to the finished product. He also explained the logistics of how they ship pallets to different customers all around the world – including pallets made for the latest James Bond movie at Pinewood Studios! How exciting!? Thank you very much to both Rick and Barbara for making us feel very welcome! We really enjoyed our visit!



Mayoral Visit

Pupils Jayden, Henry and Sahil met the new Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Ginny Alexander, and the Oldham Youth Mayor, Samah Khalil, earlier this month. They sat in the Mayor's Parlour and took part in a question and answer session. Each pupil had written down a list of interesting questions to ask ahead of the visit, as part of a module for their Bronze ASDAN qualification. The Youth Mayor talked all about how to join the Youth Council and the Mayor told us about her role.



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She also explained more about the different charities she supports, how to become a councillor and how she became Mayor.

The boys visited the Council Chambers, where all the council meetings take place, and they also looked at the silverware and photographs of past mayors on the walls. Thank you for a great visit!

Satellite Centre Coffee and Cake Morning

Pupils and staff enjoyed a fabulous fundraising coffee and cake morning at the Satellite Centre, Greenfield, recently. Liz Rooke at the Satellite Centre, very kindly invited us along, to find out more about BFS and our new school in the village.



Our pupils were amazing, chatting away to everyone and enjoying the cakes! And the people there were all so lovely and very welcoming.



The 'Coffee and Cake' morning raised £190 for BFS, which is fantastic! This money will now go into the pot for kitting out our new school. Liz said: "The BFS pupils were great ambassadors." Thank you everyone for making us so welcome. We hope to see you all again very soon!

Harvest Festival Thanks!

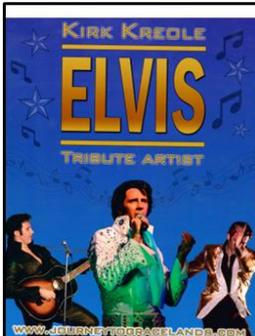


Pupils, Sahil and Jayden, visited St. Mary's Church, Greenfield, recently to take Harvest Festival donations, as part of their project about the

traditional British celebration. The boys delivered lots of tins and dried foods, which had been very kindly donated by parents, staff and supporters. The boys felt proud of their work, as all donations were going to Oldham Food Bank, to help provide emergency food to people in crisis throughout Oldham. Thank you very much indeed to everyone who donated for such amazing generosity! And thank you to Sahil and Jayden for delivering all our goodies. Great job! Well done!

FBFS Elvis Tribute Night

There's not long to go now until our fantastic Friends of Bright Futures (FBFS) fundraising Elvis Night, on Friday 15th November 2019 at Boarshurst Band Club in Greenfield! Tickets are available from Bright Futures School for children with autism in Greenacres, Oldham, at just £10 each!

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|  <p>KIRK KREOLE ELVIS TRIBUTE ARTIST</p> <p>www.journeys2graceland.com</p> | <p>£10</p> <p>Friday 15th November</p> <p>Boarshurst Band Club Greenbridge Lane Greenfield OL3 7EW</p> <p>Doors open at 7.00pm Act starts at 7.45pm Hot pie supper included</p> |
| | <p><small>FRIENDS OF BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOOL</small></p> |

Doors open at 7pm and there'll be a delicious hot pie supper – yum!! All money raised will go towards kitting out our brand new school in Greenfield. Hope to see you there!

