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## October 2020 Newsletter

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### Welcome Back!

We are all thrilled to be back in our amazing new school in Greenfield, after having to temporarily close due to the Coronavirus earlier in the year.



We have welcomed new pupils - Nojus, Rory, Lucy-Grace, Ben - and two new Learning Mentors - Carolyn Robinson and Lindsay Bosson since our return. And we are all settling back into BFS life again. Here's a brief introduction to our new pupils. Nojus (pronounced Noah) is eight years old and has settled in really well at BFS! Nojus enjoys reading, play doh, doing puppet shows and playing games - particularly catching and throwing and playing with the skittles outside. Rory is a happy, smiley, fun-loving little boy and has settled really well into the school routine, impressing us with his fantastic work! He likes playing outside on the trike and balance bike and he is already a very popular little boy in school! Lucy-Grace has also taken to BFS very well, and has made some lovely new friends, especially Jayden, as they have lots in common. She enjoys cooking, baking, sewing, crafts and has been teaching staff how to do Tik Tok dances! She is a lovely, happy, smiley young lady who is a delight to have at BFS.

School will close for the Half Term break at 3pm on Friday 23rd October 2020 and will re-open to pupils on Monday 2nd November 2020.

**Happy Half Term Everyone!**

Here's Lucy-Grace with the lovely rainbow cupcakes she made in her baking session recently with Learning Mentor, Ros.



New Ben has settled well at BFS and says his favourite subjects are Art and Science. Ben also likes playing Uno with one of our older pupils, Noah, during break times.

### New Learning Mentors

Welcome to our two new Learning Mentors, Carolyn Robinson and Lindsay Bosson! Carolyn has worked in special needs for many years.

She's been involved in community projects and educational support. She has a degree in Learning Difficulties and a Post Graduate Certificate in SPLD (dyslexia).



Lindsay Bosson has worked in a wide range of mainstream and SEND settings over the past decade, including teaching placements in China and India. She uses her passions and experience in music and crafts to encourage and develop creative skills and is currently studying a part-time MEd qualification in Inclusion and SEND, with a specialism in Autism in children.

### Foodie Lesson Fun



Pupil, Oliver, here was delighted with the steak pie he made with Learning Mentor, Jenny, during his Independent Skills, Cooking and Nutrition lesson. Oliver and Jenny also made a delicious meat and potato pie during the same session the following week. We understand from Oliver and his family that the pies tasted great!

## Thank You for the lovely books

Thank you very much to Zoe's friend, Angela, for the very kind donation of books. Here's pupil, Jayden, happily posing with them!



## Noah and Matthew get an insight into Journalism

As part of our older pupils' Employability sessions in school, Noah and Matthew, pictured below with Learning Mentors, Brian and Louise, invited the Saddleworth Independent's editor in chief, Aimee Belmore, to a Q&A session via Zoom recently, to gain an insight into the profession.



The boys asked questions about how to get into journalism and what it was like running the local paper. Pupil, Noah, said: "It was interesting to find out the sort of qualifications needed to be a journalist and how to start working in journalism." Matthew added: "It was a great chance to hear about the working day of a journalist and what sort of jobs are available in local papers. All my questions were answered and it sounds like working for a newspaper is really enjoyable. Learning Mentor, Brian, said: "The employability sessions at BFS give our older students the chance to learn about the world of work and which further educational options are available when they leave school."

"The boys had asked about jobs in the media and were delighted to have the opportunity to interview our local newspaper editor!" Aimee, who has owned and run the newspaper for seven years, said: "It was a pleasure to speak to the pupils, who were very interested in the paper and what we do in the community. They asked some great questions, which is what journalism is all about!"

## Dog Therapy at BFS

As you know, Zoe and Alison have brought their dogs, Molly and Flynn into school over the past few years - and both pupils and staff love having them around. Now, Alison has another puppy, Breeze, who has been coming into school with Flynn. All three dogs help pupils regulate in a morning. Here's Noah with Learning Mentor Ros, taking Flynn and Breeze for a walk. Lovely therapy!



## Beautiful Bright Futures School sign

We were extremely lucky to be the beneficiaries of a beautiful Bright Futures School logo, made out of metal, by a friend of Zoe's. This now has pride of place in our reception area and continues to receive lots of lovely feedback from all our visitors.



We wanted to give a big 'shout out' to Simon who made it for us and to show it off in our newsletter😊😊



## Lucy enjoys dressing up fun

Pupil, Lucy, dressed up as a witch from her favourite book - 'Room on the Broom' recently. She enjoyed the whoosh as she rode the broomstick with the dog, cat, bird and frog!



## Our new outdoor play area

Below - is a picture of a part of our school grounds which has been designated as a play area for our younger pupils. Jayden, has kindly offered to pose on the ground before it is landscaped and fitted with artificial grass. There is also a climbing frame being built for the children to play on. Watch this space for a picture of the area when the work has been completed! All very exciting!





## Teddy Bear's Picnic

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October, three of our younger pupils, Lucy, Rory and Saoirse, had a 'socially distanced' Teddy Bear's Picnic with Learning Mentors Alex, Lauren and Karen. This was a special event to end the theme of the last two weeks on 'Teddy Bears'. Even though there were no actual teddy bears present (we had a cat, a doll and a monkey), we had a brilliant time!



The pupils were fantastic at buttering their bread and spreading jam and they really got into the activity.



All were really engaged and loved feeding the 'teddies' the food. We have a lot of fun with our younger pupils in school and it's so lovely to be back in our school, sharing these special moments together!

## Lovely Dovestones Walk

As we are unable to take part in our usual Friday afternoon PE activities at the moment, we have been making use of the beautiful local area around our fabulous school.

We've been walking down to play at Greenfield Park and going on nice long walks! Last week, pupil, Matthew and staff members Sam, Lauren and Ros, with Mika the dog, enjoyed a lovely walk down to Dovestones. Here they are enjoying the amazing scenery.



## Jayden's Halloween Cake

Pupil, Jayden, and Learning Mentor Ros, made an amazing Halloween Cake together in one of their recent cooking sessions!



Looks absolutely delicious! Am sure there will be more tasty treats on the menu when we return to school after the Half Term break!!

## Our lovely planters and flowers



Thank you to pupil Ben H and Learning Mentor, Jenny, who bought plants and spring bulbs and planted them in the lovely planters in the courtyard outside school. We are all looking forward to the bulbs flowering next year. Thank you very much as well to Teacher Claire's dad for making and donating these lovely planters. They look beautiful as you come through the school gates!



## GoNoodle Fun!

One of our pupils, Oliver, had great fun with Learning Mentors Ros and Claire one Friday afternoon recently – doing the GoNoodle Moosemallow Dash game on one of our fab new big screens. Oliver enjoyed jumping, running and ducking and he loved the dancing too! Great Friday afternoon PE activity. Think he will be doing it again very soon!



**Happy Half Term Everyone!**  
**Have fun!**