



Every family matters, every moment counts

# July 2021 Newsletter

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## Litter Picking

You may see us in The Saddleworth Independent litter picking on Churchill playing fields! We are helping to keep our local environment clean. Also see Noah's film of the event.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rF\\_X3rpaAWg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rF_X3rpaAWg)

**Congratulations** to learning mentor Sam who graduated with a 2:1 BSc Open degree with the Open University.

**Congratulations** also to Lisa who will be taking on a new role at BFS as a Middle Manager in September.

**Congratulations** to Matthew and Henry for their achievements getting their Functional Skills qualifications.



## Alpaca visit

3 alpacas visited us at school from Calderbrook Alpacas <https://www.calderbrookalpacas.co.uk/>

We all got to feed, stroke, walk and learn about them. They felt soft and fluffy and we had a great day even in the rain. They made very cute noises!



## Cycling

Pupils have been attending cycling sessions on Friday afternoons at Tameside Cycling Circuit and Ability Wheelz see their websites...

<https://www.activetameside.com/activity/cycle-circuit/>



He said he was delighted to see the children having fun and progressing in confidence and independence. Thank you Sharon and Gary!

Ben H and Jenny stopped to enjoy the wildlife at Alexandra Park when cycling...loving the goslings



**Good bye and good luck to Matthew**, who is leaving BFS and going on to college. We wish him every success in the future! He and Alex have been on transition visits to support travelling to college. Goodbye and good luck to **Rosie** who has a new venture starting September.

**Bowling** was a great end of term fun treat!



**Friends of Bright Futures School** will be holding an Extraordinary General Meeting in order to update our constitution now that school has moved over to new premises. The meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th September at 12.30pm, here at school. You are invited to attend if you wish. FBFS now has a new chairman, Robert Cragg (ex proprietor of Studio G photography) and he will lead the meeting. FBFS will be looking at new projects that they can finance once the new sensory gym is in place and if any pupils or parents have any ideas for new equipment or projects that FBFS may be able to finance, this may be suggested at the meeting. Please let Alison or Zoe know if you can attend.



<https://www.point-send.co.uk/Pages/Category/ability-wheelz>



The pupils all enjoy their time

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cycling some pupils managing 10+km in an afternoon. Gary, who runs the sessions, presented the pupils with certificates and badges for achieving Bikeability Level 1.

### Forest School

We welcomed Katie and Linzie from **Kind** and **Wild Forest School** to develop Forest School at Bright Futures School. Karen C and Lucy made a stick man and listened to the story by Julia Donaldson.



Brooklyn helped make a car using recycled and natural materials.



Saoirse enjoyed the sensory toys and tented areas.



We had a fun day visiting Forest School sites too.



Lucy enjoying the sensory room.



Ben and Lucy Grace relaxing in hammocks and the swings.



Henry, Matthew and Noah learning how to whittle sticks.



Lucy Grace and Jayden practiced whittling too.



We learnt how to light a campfire safely and even warmed some hot chocolate. Thank you so much Katie and Linzie for all your creativity and inspiration.



Dates for the diary: Official Opening is now 15th September at 1pm 2021

School is Closed on Thurs 22nd July and Reopens on Thursday 2nd September.



## Fruit and Cereal Bird Feeder

### What you need:

- Garden wire
- Cheerios
- Raisins or chopped up fruit bar
- Apple
- Cheese



### What to do:

Step 1: put a knot into one end of your wire.

Step 2: thread through some of your cheerios.

Step 3: thread through your raisins. If using a chopped up fruit bar, ask an adult to help you make a small hole in the center with a pointed knife.

Step 4: chop your cheese into cubes. With the help of an adult, make a hole in the center with a knife thread the cubes on.

Step 5: Now chop your apple into chunks. Use a knife to make a central hole again. Thread a chunk on to your wire.

Step 6: keep threading on a mixture of fruit, cheese and cereal. Leave about 5cm of wire clear at the end.

Step 7: twist the two ends together to form a circle. No glue needed!

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Step 8: hang your feeder in a tree and sit back and watch the birds dine!

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