

Every family matters, every moment counts

October 2021 Newsletter

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OPEN DAY!

Did you see us in the Saddleworth Independent?



We had an open day where the mayor Jenny Harrison came to visit our school to officially open our new building.



It was a lovely opportunity to say a big thank you to Robert Scott & Son and all our supporters for this fantastic school.



Trip to Robert Scott & Son

The Production manager Howard Meadham kindly showed staff and pupils around the factory.



Pupils Harrison, Oliver, Lucy Grace, Cameron and Ben S got to see what products they sell and how some of these are made in the factory.





The pupils were really interested in the visit and asked lots of questions. Everyone really enjoyed it!





Thank you Robert Scott & Son for the tour.





Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS) is the school's parent/teacher association of Bright Futures School for children with autism.

FBFS has been instrumental in fundraising to source equipment and provide opportunities to enhance the learning of the pupils, who all have communication difficulties and struggle with social engagement, anxiety and sensory issues.

Previous fundraising events have included a sponsored walk and Elvis night. Together with successful grants applications we have raised thousands of pounds to support our school. From this money, FBFS funded an interactive multi sensory room to facilitate self regulation for distressed pupils, interactive smart TVs to encourage engagement in academic work and a play area for younger pupils on the artificial grass.



Further financial support has meant new sensory equipment has been obtained and fixed for pupils to use to enhance physical education as well as supporting sensory needs.







If anyone would like to join FBFS to help support this fundamental support for our school please get in touch.

We hold meetings every half term and all members are welcome to attend. We are always keen to welcome fresh faces and new ideas.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday 15 November, @ 12.30pm here in school. Please come and join us if you can. If you need more information have a chat with Zoe, Alison or Mechel (parent of Rory and Brooklyn).

Usborne Books A flyer sent home recently, from the Saddleworth Children's Bookshop, gives families the opportunity to source books. This process can help raise funds to resource books to use in school. A Christmas themed flyer will be sent out soon too.



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Friday PE



This week we had a surprise visit from the air ambulance landing to help someone in a nearby facility needing medical care.



Our last cycling session is Friday 22nd Oct. A massive thank you to Gary and Sharon at Active Tameside Cycle circuit. We hope to see you again along with the better weather next year.

In the meantime anyone wishing to continue can book cycling sessions at weekends or holidays at <u>https://www.activetameside.</u> <u>com/activity/cycle-circuit/</u>

Or you can head to Ability Wheelz at Alexandra Park for Halloween cycle activities call Point activities on 0161 5031543 to book. This term's theme has been learning about **Water.** Lucy Grace and Ben S made a model river using natural materials. Lucy is adding the 'rain' to see the journey of the river in our landscape.



Saoirse also helped make a model river within her RDI sessions, engaging in adding materials to a tray to show a river's journey.







Lucy visited Dovestone with learning mentors Louise and Lauren as part of our Water Theme in Humanities. Lucy loves looking at the reservoir and river and also fed the ducks.

Some pupils have read 'Rainbow Fish' as a basis for lots of water themed activities.



Pupils have learnt lots about water safety in PSHE finding out how to 'float to live' and how to stay safe around water. We have produced some excellent water themed art.



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Dates for the diary:

School closes for half term Friday 22nd October and reopens Mon 1st November

INSET Day Wednesday 3rd November- school closed to pupils

Blue Planet Trip Wednesday 10th November

Christmas Open Afternoon 15th December (12:30-2:15pm)

Friday 5th November trip to Summit Up See <u>https://summitupclimbing.com/</u> Special SEN sessions are available every Tuesday (term time) at 4pm.

Harry the Cat, The Horrible Holiday written by Henry Crowther

Harry the cat hears some news, a holiday in the sun to chase the blues. He runs upstairs in full motion, to pack a case full of suntan lotion. Harry is excited at the thought of the sun, cocktail in paw and wall to wall fun. Sadly for Harry this was not to be, his holiday was a confinement to the cattery. Prison for cats in a six by six cell, Harry had seen this - holidays from hell! Harry was sad he cried for ages, he didn't like the thought of being locked up in cages! Don't despair Harry, look to your right, a friendly cat came in through the night... His name is Larry and he is just like you, his fur is black and eyes are blue. Larry became Harry's best mate, sharing stories and staying up late. When the day came to say their goodbyes, Harry and Larry let out their cries... 'T'll see you again, same time next year, bye for now' he said as he let out a tear.

Despite Harry's initial sadness, the holiday turned out to be full of gladness.

A friend was made and memories gained, Harry and Larry wished they'd have stayed!

