

BFS News



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New School update

Builders, Medlock FRB Construction, broke ground to begin work on the new school in Greenfield on 19th August 2019. Since then, the build has been going at a steady pace, to the point where the steel frame is now up, the walls are mostly built and the roof is on!



We are visiting the site on the last day of term – Friday 20th December 2019 – and can't wait to see how our brand new school is looking! If all goes according to plan, we should be able to move in during February half term! Exciting times!

WW1 Experience

Pupils and staff had a fantastic time at a recent World War 1 experience day at Nature Ed, Hollingworth Lake.



School will close for the Christmas break at 3pm on **Friday 20th December 2019** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 6th January 2020**.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

And a Happy New Year!

The pupils made a shelter, as they would have made around the camps during the war.



UK Parliament Week 2019

Some of our older pupils took part in UK Parliament Week recently – a nationwide exercise for schools in the UK to give young people a say in issues that really matter to them. Pupils voted on issues ranging from homelessness to voting rights for under 18's.



And staff and pupils also made a 'Campfire Stew'.

Harry, Marley and Matthew have their say, with Learning Mentor, Karen Croft.

Fundraising Elvis Night fun

Our Friends of Bright Futures (FBFS) fundraising Elvis Night last month was a great success! The event, held at Boarshurst Band Club in Greenfield, was a sell-out and Kirk Kreole as Elvis, did a fantastic job at entertaining all the guests – he even managed to get quite a few of our staff and pupils up on the dance-floor too! Pupil, Jayden, did a cracking job at selling raffle tickets, and the hot pie supper went down a treat! We managed to raise a total of £600, which will go towards kitting out our brand new school in Greenfield! Thanks to everyone who came along and supported us. And a massive thanks to Kirk for providing first class entertainment! It was a brilliant night!



Remembrance Poppies

Learning Mentor, Karen Croft, and some of our older pupils, got very creative designing and producing poppies for Remembrance out of the bottoms of plastic bottles! And they are proudly on display at the front of school.



Visiting Remembrance Monument

Pupils, Jayden, Henry and Sahil visited the war monument in Uppermill with Learning Mentors, Jenny and Sam, during their Humanities lesson on Remembrance.



Mayor of Oldham's Visit

We welcomed Oldham's Lord Mayor, Councillor Ginny Alexander, to Bright Futures School recently to meet pupils, staff and for her to find out more about the specialist work we do.



The Mayor was also very interested to hear about our new school in Greenfield. Alison and Zoe showed her the plans and she hopes to visit again, once we are in! We all loved meeting our Lord Mayor and we're really looking forward to seeing her again in our new school next year.



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Snooker fun

Jayden, Henry and Sahil had a fantastic time learning to play snooker at The Westend Bowling Club in Werneth recently. Here they are with Steve Rogers, the President of the club.



Steve said the boys were a credit to the school and he would love for them to go back any time to take part in either snooker or bowling activities. The boys are studying the Sport and Leisure module for their Asdan qualification with Learning Mentors, Jenny and Lucy.

Christmas Crafts and Baking

Pupils and staff have been hard at work these last few weeks, making Christmas crafts to sell at our Xmas Open Afternoon on Wednesday 18th December 2019 and baking some amazing cakes and biscuits too. Here's Noah and Oliver looking very pleased with themselves after baking the most delicious 'Melted Snowmen Cookies'!



Oliver has also been super busy, with Learning Mentor, Jenny, making this fantastic Christmas Cake! We just love the penguins! Well done Oliver!



Co-op Cheque presentation

We were presented with a massive cheque for a whopping £6,101.51 at Co-op Grotton, on Saturday 23rd November 2019. Learning Mentor Alex W and his two daughters met up with Lucy, another LM and School Administrator, Christina, and her son at the Co-op store to receive the cheque. Thank you so much to everyone at the Co-op Community Initiative and The Big Co-op Payout for such an amazing donation!



Happy 16th Birthday to Harry

One of our eldest pupils, Harry, celebrated turning 16 last month! Here he is with the Birthday hat on showing off his own personalised 'Harry' chocolate bar!



Lucy and Saoirse play Doctors

Two of our younger pupils, Lucy and Saoirse, have really enjoyed playing Doctors as part of their PSHE lessons with Learning Mentor, Jenny. They have been learning all about the people who help us when we are feeling poorly!



BFS Cake & Bake Sale at Robert Scott's

Pupils and staff made over £100 recently at the very successful Cake and Bake Sale at Robert Scott's in Greenfield. Look how happy and proud Sahil is here with his amazing cakes, all ready to take to the Bake Sale!



And here's Jayden proudly serving a customer at the event. Thank you to everyone involved! We will be back for another Cake and Bake sale in the New Year!



Horse-riding at Croft End

Pupils and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the Friday afternoon PE activities, in particular horse-riding at Croft End Equestrian Centre in Oldham.



Croft End Equestrian Centre was originally set up in 1998 by Steve Kenworthy, Pat Shepherd and her sister Carole Lyon.

Initially with only two horses - the riding lessons began. Word quickly spread of 'the two sisters' and it became clear that more horses were needed. Today Croft End is home to more than sixty horses!



Trampolining fun at Jump Depot, Ashton!

Pupils and staff have also been having a great time on Friday afternoons at a brand new Trampolining Park in Ashton! 'Jump Depot' offers a wide variety of trampoline classes and autism friendly sessions and the pupils have absolutely loved it! Here's Henry and Jayden trying their best to get out of the huge pillow at Jump Depot!



Thank you for your continued support

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to all our pupils, staff, parents, families, friends and supporters for your continued support and help! Thank you very much as well for all the generous donations we've received for our fundraising events and activities and all the wonderful gifts, prizes, hampers etc – so kindly donated for our raffles and tombolas. We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

