

BFS News



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World Book Day 2017

Bright Futures School took the opportunity of World Book Day to celebrate reading books and appreciating authors and illustrators. All pupils received a £1 World Book Day Token which can be exchanged for one of ten World Book Day Books, or to get £1 off any full priced book or audio book. As you can see from our photo, staff and pupils made a great effort and looked fantastic in their outfits!



New Sensory Equipment

We are very grateful to Lucy's mum, Rachel, for her contact with Arye Cope at Playlearn Ltd, who have kindly donated a lighting projector and sensory mats to school. The projector spreads a patterned, multi-coloured light onto walls or ceiling and has transformed our sensory room which pupils have found calming and helpful when needing quiet time.



School will close for the Easter Break at 3pm on **Friday 31st March 2017** and will re-open to pupils on **Wednesday 19th April 2017**.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

For details of our 2017-2018 School holidays, please see the school website:

www.brightfutureschool.co.uk/school-information/school-holidays/

Soft Play Fun

The bright and colourful soft play mats that are now in the garage have added another dimension to our play area, which some pupils are finding useful as a secondary sensory area.



My First Term by Jayden Whyatt

We asked our newest pupil, nine-year-old Jayden Whyatt, who started full time at Bright Futures in January 2017, what he thought about his first term. Here is his story, in his very own words...

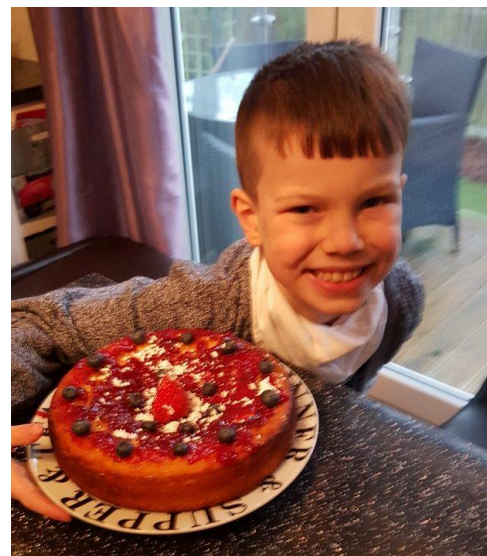
Welcome to Bright Futures School

Term One: 4th January 2017 was the first time I went horse riding. I enjoyed brushing Dukes fur, riding Gypsy and having a good trot! It was a bit scary though. On Fridays, I go to Hyde swimming baths. I really enjoyed my first swim there. One week when we went, the waves and slide were on.

It was good fun. I go to the gym and I've enjoyed getting my two-pack! I was doing the plank for three minutes non-stop and I also went on the treadmill.

BAKING is my favourite session! I made a Victoria sponge cake with Lucy. We made it then put it in the oven. ***BUT LUCY BURNT IT GRRR!***

We cut out the burnt bit, then I decorated it at home. It's on the school's Facebook page, if you want to check it out. I was very proud of it.



I enjoy gardening with Joanna. We planted cabbage, kale, carrots and cucumber. We water them once a week. We plan on cooking with the veggies we are growing.

Bird watching week - I made some bird feed and took pictures of the birds. I liked watching the birds all on the same roof having an assembly.

The best thing about Bright Futures is SWIMMING! My besties are LUCY AND SAIRSE. There's lots of fun and games at Bright Futures.

The things I have learnt since starting here are how to grow things, how to have fun and horse riding.



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Horsing Around

Six of our pupils completed a horse riding and horse therapy course at Dickey Steps Riding School in Littleborough with a special awards ceremony to celebrate their fantastic achievements.

Thanks to an 'Action Oldham 2016 Seedcorn' grant, awarded to our parent/teacher association, Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS), our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to horse ride as well as care for the horses.

Our Learning Mentor and FBFS Trustee, Ros, who helped to organise the horse riding and therapy course with Stephanie at Dickey Steps, said: "We held an awards ceremony whereby each of the pupils was awarded a certificate of achievement and a rosette for their excellent participation in sessions. The pupils were thrilled and enjoyed the praise they received from Stephanie. The horse therapy/riding sessions have been a great success and the pupils have gained a lot from them. We would like to build on the skills they've developed and hopefully participate in further future sessions."

One of our pupils, 13-year-old Harry Gibbins, who took part, said:

"I felt really happy trotting and being high up on the horse. You get a lot of confidence caring for the horse, walking and trotting. I would like to do it again because it's a really fun experience and I loved it!"

Here's the BFS horse riding team, looking very competent:



And here's a very happy Jayden with his rosette:



Chicken Coops Project

This term has seen the boys here take on a massive renovation project at the farm, where we visit once a week! The chicken coops have had a total makeover! Pupils, Ben and Marley have worked really hard measuring and cutting wood to replace parts that were rotten, hammering and drilling before finishing off the overhaul with a coat of bright blue varnish. Take a look at our before and after photos, I'm sure you will agree it makes a massive difference!

The Chicken Coop before:



And the Chicken Coop after:



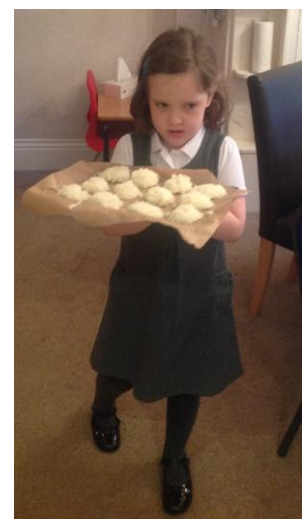
British Garden Birds Wall Display

For National Bird Watching Week recently the boys have really enjoyed doing some bird watching. Ben, one of our older pupils, captured some brilliant photographs of birds and wildlife that we then framed and added to our display here at BFS.



Lucy and her Macaroons

One of our youngest pupils, Lucy, is renowned for the Macaroons she makes with her Learning Mentor, Jo. Here she is proudly walking through the kitchen with her delicious little cakes! Yum!



Happy Easter Everyone!
Have a lovely break!

