

BFS News



20th Edition

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Co-op Bag Pack

Staff and pupils spent a day at the Lees branch of the Co-op recently, promoting the membership scheme and bag packing as well as selling raffle tickets. The Co-op kindly donated a lovely hamper, featured opposite, to go with other prizes donated by various friends and associates of BFS. The raffle was drawn at the recent BBQ and Open Afternoon that was held at school.



Splash & Archery at Hollingworth

Pupils have really enjoyed the splash and archery sessions we have been doing during this last term, at Hollingworth Lake. We went climbing too and that was amazing! Such teamwork and support – it's lovely to see. "It was boat-tastic," said pupil, Harry Gibbins. "It was fun. The wetsuits were terrible but they did keep you warm," added another pupil, Matthew Persse. "The archery was fun and exciting - I hit the bullseye!" said pupil Marley Servio.

School will close for the Summer Break at 3pm on **Friday 21st July 2017** and will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 5th September 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/



BBQ and Open Afternoon at BFS

Pupils and staff at BFS welcomed visitors – including special guests, Debbie Abrahams MP and Parish Councillor, Nikki Kirkham, to a fundraising and open afternoon at school, complete with family barbeque.

Guests were taken on guided tours around the school, where they could see pupils' work on display and talk to pupils and staff about BFS.



Everyone took part in the charity raffle too, which was great fun, and of course guests enjoyed tucking into the delicious barbequed food and home-baked cakes! There was also a brilliant handbag sale, where lots of guests treated themselves to some new accessories!



It was a fantastic afternoon and we managed to raise nearly £300 for school.



Thank you to everyone who came along, especially Debbie and Nikki who took time out of their busy schedules to come along. We look forward to our next open day! We will keep you posted.

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Philip saves another duckling

A note from a lovely lady Philip, Alex and Molly met recently when out on a walk in Diggle, said: 'My many thanks to Philip, Alex and Molly who came across me yesterday trying to rescue a trapped duckling. With Phil's help and Alex's calm encouragement, the duckling was safely reunited with its distressed mum and siblings. Phil saved the day! Well done. Hope his trainers dried out.'



Yoga Sessions

This term, we have started our Monday morning sessions with practicing yoga with Adele from Flourish Yoga Therapy. Both pupils and staff have benefited from breathing exercises, practicing balance and strength positions and enjoying relaxation to finish. A lovely and relaxing start to a busy week!



Adele said: "I have had the absolute pleasure of sharing yoga with the fantastic pupils at Bright Futures this half term and have enjoyed a very warm welcome. The benefits of yoga are vast and include improving strength, flexibility, posture, motor skills and body/spatial awareness, developing the ability to self-regulate and enhance a sense of well-being and calmness. The pupils have undertaken their own yoga projects."

Philip has focused on the muscle groups and Sanskrit names, while Jayden and Harry have focused on balancing and yoga games working on turntaking and focus. Matthew and Marley have focused on Pokemon yoga and Saoirse and Lucy have tried some 'In the Night Garden' yoga. Each pupil has brought their own unique features to the sessions - some by choosing topics and music, some by helping to lead exercises and some by their effort, enthusiasm and energy. Thank you Bright Futures for a fabulous time!"

Pupils and their Plant Pots

The pupils proudly pose here with their planted flower pots. Plants, compost and pots kindly donated by our friends at Lees Co-op. The pupils will be taking their pots home and caring for them over the summer holidays!



A Big Thank You to Jane at the Farm

The end of term also marks our last visit to the farm with the boys. We have all had an amazing time learning new skills, undertaking projects (like the restoration of the chicken coops) and experiencing life on the farm. We all want to say a great big "thank you" to Jane, Patch and their family who have made us all feel very welcome over the last few years. We have laughed so much together and had such fun. Thank you for everything you have done for us Jane. We will miss our Wednesday visits!



Meet Molly, our new Apprentice

Molly Walker has been with us this last term, in her new role as Apprentice Learning Mentor Support. Molly, from Royton, who also works at the Royal Oldham Hospital on the children's unit as a healthcare domestic, has settled in as part of the team here at Bright Futures and our pupils are really enjoying her being here. Good luck Molly in your new role!

Music Evaluation



Thanks to recent funding from 'Action Together', pupils have really benefitted from new music equipment here at BFS. With the funding money we secured, we bought electric guitars, a bass guitar, amplifiers, stands, cables and music books. Pupils, Ben, Philip and Marley have really enjoyed learning to play the guitar with volunteer parent, Paul Eyres. Commenting, Paul said: "I've seen a huge difference in the pupil's progression and how their confidence and enjoyment in the sessions has grown significantly over the last few months. Ben especially has acquired a natural talent for playing the guitar and has surpassed all expectations on his ability in such a short space of time. Ros, one of our Learning Mentors at BFS, said: "We'd love to continue our guitar lessons and include other pupils too. Our next step is to secure further funding to help pay for lessons on a regular basis."

Happy Holidays Everyone! Have a lovely break!

