

# BFS News



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## Fire Training Day

Pupils had a brilliant time learning all about the role of Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service (GMF&RS) on a visit to the GMF&RS Training and Safety Centre earlier this month. They learned all about how we can keep ourselves safe in the event of a fire but, more importantly, how to prevent hazards which may cause a fire!



The day included lots of fun activities and pupils really enjoyed taking on the role of a Fire Officer. Here are Matthew, Marley and Jayden dressed as Fire Fighters!



School will close for the Christmas holidays at 3pm on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018** and will re-open to pupils on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.  
**Happy Christmas Everyone!**

The day's visit included an interactive quiz to test our knowledge of the fire service, followed by a film about GMF&RS, on huge surround sound screens with heat lamps to reflect the heat of a real fire. We saw the effects of a house-fire too and just how damaging fire can be.



Pupils also took part in a team-game where they dressed up in fire fighter uniforms, and walked down replica life-size streets with houses and roads, including a fire engine and watched a simulated car and bike crash!



We also visited the inside of a house and identified hazards to look out for in each room (lounge, kitchen, bedroom). We learned how to search a room in the dark like a fire fighter would, and we visited a replica 999 control operations room and listened to some real-life 999 calls. We all watched a chip pan fire in the kitchen and at the end of the day, we were tested again in a quiz to show how much we had learned! Everyone improved their scores! Pupils received a certificate and keepsake lanyard to take home!



## Sahil helps to brighten things up!



Pupil, Sahil, has helped to brighten up the outside of our new school by planting out some lovely yellow winter pansies. Great job Sahil! We are all settled in at Oberlin Cottage now and we're looking forward to welcoming The Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham as well as our parents, friends and supporters, to our Christmas Open Afternoon on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December!

### Laticzone Presentation Day

Rebecca Mcardle-Booker, from Laticzone, (in association with Oldham Athletic Football club,) came to school recently to present pupils Max, Harry, Marley, Sahil and Matthew with their AQA certificates! Following on from their attendance in the summer term, pupils engaged in designing and creating an animated film using 'i can animate', developing a music track using 'Garage Band', producing a radio style advert, and writing comic book-style stories using 'Comic Life' all on iMac computers. Well done boys!!



### Remedian IT

Pupils have been working with Richard Clayworth, from Remedian IT, over the past seven weeks to improve their IT skills using a software programme called 'Scratch'. Pupils have created a game or animation linked to an area of their own interest. They have explored algorithms to achieve a specific outcome, developed logical thinking skills, worked with different inputs and debug problems. It is hoped that the completed projects will be linked to other learning across the curriculum, which will reinforce the pupils' understanding and enable them to develop their knowledge of abstract concepts of Computing through more concrete examples within their experience of the world. These sessions have been very popular with pupils, some of whom have continued the work at home! It is hoped that with more secured funding, Richard will be able to return in the spring or summer term to further advance pupils' computing skills.



### Spinning and Felting Fun!

Staff and pupils had a great time learning to spin and felt on a recent trip to Hollingworth Lake.



### Lovely trip to Lancaster Farm

A good time was had by the children who visited Lancaster Farm recently. It was a great opportunity for younger pupils, Saoirse, Lucy and Jayden to hold and pet the rabbits, rats and mice. They all showed a gentle and caring side to their nature. We managed to come away without sneaking any in our pockets!



### Poppy Display

Pupils, Sahil and Jayden, worked very well together recently and made a poppy display to mark 100 years of the end of WW1. Great teamwork boys!



### Co-op Uppermill Cheque Presentation



Thank you very much indeed to everyone at Uppermill Co-op who helped to raise over £2,000 for Friends of Bright Futures School through the local community initiative!

**We wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**

