

BFS News



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It's behind you!

On Wednesday 10th January 2018, some of our students and staff went to the Oldham Coliseum theatre to watch a very special sensory version of the North West's favourite pantomime, Dick Whittington.



It was a calm, relaxed performance, specially designed for those with additional sensory and communication needs like autism. The students and staff, all had a great time.



Alex Ludlam, our Learning Mentor currently on maternity leave and her gorgeous new baby son, George, also joined us for the performance – George's first ever Panto!

School will close for the Half Term break at 3pm on **Friday 9th February 2018** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 19th February 2018**.

Enjoy the break Everyone!

Fun at the Satellite Centre

The pupils are really enjoying their time at the Satellite Centre in Greenfield. Led by Charlotte Kipling, a PE instructor, the children have been learning and improving their skills with activities such as basketball, tennis, hockey and lots more! These activities are a fantastic way for the children to practice co-ordination skills, endurance and control. We would also like to thank Carita at Funky Fitness who has kindly let us share this space! We've had a great time!



Article by pupil, Harry Gibbins

On Fridays, we go to the Satellite Centre, Greenfield, to do our PE sessions. We have played lots of sports, such as basketball, football, walks and circuit training. I enjoyed football the most and other fun activities. We are grateful to Charlotte Kipling for leading us in PE skills.

Article by pupil, Sahil Amin

Dear diary on Tuesday we went to the gym and it was very exciting. The personal trainer Matt was giving instructions on different exercises. My favourite was using the exercise ball and doing steps on the bench. This will give us big muscles!

Christmas Open Afternoon

Our Christmas open afternoon was a very busy and once again successful event. School was crammed full of visitors, including Oldham's Mayor, Councillor Shadab Qumer. Here he is with pupil, Sahil, Zoe, Alex and Lauren.



All our visitors were treated to mulled wine, cakes, mince pies and other delicacies! We held the biggest raffle ever (massive thanks to all the donors of prizes).



Our Head of Learning, Alison Hughes, made a lovely, heartfelt speech at the event, where we also unveiled the memorial bench and plaque in memory of wonderful Dixon. It's a fitting tribute to him and can be seen outside the conservatory entrance, so he can see us all still coming and going as he used to do!



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New IT Suite Plans

Altogether, our fantastic Christmas open afternoon raised over £300 towards the transformation of our cold room to an IT suite. Here is the plan showing what a transformation it will be.



Ladies Night FBFS fundraiser

We are looking forward to our Friends of Bright Futures (FBFS) - Ladies Night - fundraiser on Friday 23rd February! Hope it's in your diaries!?



It's at the Milan Bar in Lees, and the night starts at 8pm, with a glass of Prosecco on arrival, then there will be entertainment and a disco. Tickets are £10 from Milan Bar, but they are selling fast! So get yours quick to avoid disappointment! We hope to see you there!

Co-op Partnership Update

Our previous partnership work with Lees Co-op has now finished and we are grateful for their support in helping us raise funds for our IT suite. Through our involvement with them, including the local community scheme, bag packing, collecting buckets and raffle, over £5,000 has been raised. We are now in partnership with Uppermill and Grotton Co-ops and hope we can work together through similar activities in our next fundraising bid.



Shout out for new FBFS Members



FRIENDS OF BRIGHT FUTURES SCHOOL

We are always keen to hear from people who would like to get more involved in our school! And we would particularly like to recruit more local people, parents, carers and professionals onto the committee of our parent/teacher association – Friends of Bright Futures School for children with autism (FBFS). So if you'd like to get involved, please email Christina now at office@brightfutureschool.co.uk or give us a call on 01457 878738 – we would love to hear from you!

Pupil's End of Term Trip to MOSI

We were lucky enough to visit the brilliant Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) in Manchester city centre with the pupils before our Christmas break. There were lots of interactive exhibits in the experiment gallery for us to play with, so we all got involved! We visited the Robots Exhibition - a unique collection of over 100 robots including an animatronic baby and a news-reading android from Japan.



Our pupil, Matthew, was selected from the crowd, to take part in a live experiment on stage to decide whether humans or robots were more intelligent.

He was absolutely brilliant!! He was very confident and made us all feel really proud! Well done Matthew!



**HAPPY HALF TERM EVERYONE!
HAVE A LOVELY BREAK!**

