

BFS News



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For more information about Bright Futures School please visit www.brightfutureschool.co.uk

BFS on BBC North West Tonight!

On 26th April, BBC local news came to school to talk to Zoe and Clare (Harry's Mum) about the crowdfunding campaign that they, together with four other parents of pupils at BFS, have launched to try to raise funds for legal representation at SEN tribunals. The focus of each of the tribunal cases is to get it accepted that 'educational provision' to address the difficulties that arise from autism includes parents working on the difficulties at the heart of autism with their kids in the home, as well as having this in place (via a social communication programme such as RDI) at school. There were some lovely background shots of staff and pupils and an excellent interview with Clare, who put the case for the home provision across so well. It was all a bit stressful and frantic but was good publicity for the campaign and for the school!



Co-op Community Funding

Friends of Bright Futures School (FBFS) has been chosen by three local Co-ops to receive local community funding between now and November 2017. This is a fantastic opportunity to boost our funds which benefit pupils at BFS and so far over £1,600 has been raised! You, your friends and families can also help - register at www.coop.co.uk/membership now and simply nominate FBFS as your local cause.



School will close for the Half Term Break at 3pm on **Friday 26th May 2017** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 5th June 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/

Philip to the Rescue

Whilst having a lovely walk along the canal, pupil Philip spotted a duckling which had left the water and was heading towards the trees. Quick thinking Philip went in pursuit in the knowledge that the duckling would not survive if left in the undergrowth. Luckily Philip managed to catch the duckling and brought it back to the water's edge. Unfortunately, there were no parent ducks around which the duckling may have belonged to. Knowing that the duckling would be killed by other ducks, Philip carefully took the gorgeous creature home. After a few phone calls and checks with RSPB, a place of sanctuary was found with a duck rescue in New Hey. There, our little friend would be cared for until it is old enough to be released at Hollingworth Lake in Littleborough.



Well done Philip!! Your quick thinking and caring saved a duckling from starvation!

Police Visit to BFS

PC Lee Cullen and two of his colleagues, Lee Lockwood and Wayne Turley (from our local Saddleworth police force) dropped by recently to get acquainted with pupils and staff. Harry, Matthew and Jayden tried on their helmets and jackets and were given instruction in using the telescopic baton as well as handcuffs! It was great fun!



BFS Staff Coats

Visitors to school may have noticed some of our staff sporting their own Bright Futures School coats. We'll be able to purchase similar coats for pupils if there's sufficient demand, costing £20-£25 each. These are reversible, waterproof, fleecy lined and can have a pupils' name added. Let Alison know if you would like to purchase one.





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Lovely Donation

Thank you very much indeed for the kind donation of games from Green Board Games, delivered by the lovely Robert Cragg of Studio G Photography pictured here! Robert's daughter, Catherine, works for Green Board Games and very kindly offered to donate the games to our pupils here at BFS. They are massively appreciated! Thank you!



Girls complete Horse Riding

It was the last Horse Riding and Horse Therapy session for our youngest two pupils, Lucy and Saoirse, this term with their last session taking place on Tuesday 16th May 2017. Both girls thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and gained so much confidence over the weeks. The staff at Dickey Steps Riding School in Littleborough said that they had seen significant improvement in the girls' posture, riding technique and listening skills. The two girls were presented with their awards at the end of their very last session. Well done Lucy and Saoirse!



Save the Date!

On Friday 14th July, we will be holding an Open Afternoon in school, together with a Summer BBQ, to which you are all most welcome to attend. Please keep this date free and ask as many friends and family to join us at school. Pupils will showcase their work, give guided tours and we hope to have a raffle and possibly a photographer to capture the afternoons events!



We will also be holding a handbag sale to raise funds for school at the BFS Open Afternoon. Please see the flyer below for more details about this...



We need your used handbags!
Please donate any unwanted handbags (good condition) for resale

We are raising funds for school by holding a handbag sale - details to follow.

We really appreciate your help, thank you on behalf of FBFS

Contact Ros for more information.
Telephone: 01457 878738 Email: ros@brightfutureschool.co.uk

Gambia Update

Pupils, Harry, Marley and Matthew have written letters to send to our friends in Gambia. Here they are looking very proud!



Bank Holiday weekend Photoshoot

SIX families of children with autism, who attend BFS, have launched a **crowdfunding campaign** to raise money for legal fees to help them fight for the educational provision their children need. If they are successful, these legal actions have the potential to help lots of other families too. To learn more about it, visit <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/social-communication-interventions-for-autism/>

To help raise the funding that's needed, they're hosting a family photoshoot by Mark Gibbins, a professional photographer, whose son Harry attends BFS. The photoshoot is open to all families, but Mark has particular experience of photographing families of children with disabilities who often find it difficult to take part in group photos. This kind of 45 min-1 hour photoshoot usually costs between £300 - £500 but is available for a bargain minimum donation of £50 (cash is required please because we need to collect it to donate all at once on the CrowdJustice page). You will receive a collection of downloadable photographs taken on the day that will be emailed to you within 2 days that you can get them printed. It's a win-win.....get expert professional family photographs and donate to a great cause that will help families of children with autism!!

BFS will host the photoshoots over the Bank Holiday weekend of Saturday 27, Sunday 28 and Monday 29 May. Bookings are required - please ring Christina on 01457 878738 between 9.30 - 11.30 Mon-Fri or email Christina ASAP at office@brightfutureschool.co.uk to book a slot. We have slots still available for the Saturday between 1pm and 5pm and the Monday from 10am till 12 noon and from 1pm till 5pm. Hurry though as bookings are coming in thick and fast!!!

**Happy Holidays Everyone!
Have a lovely break!**

