

BFS News



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John Muir Award

Following last summer's involvement with the Nature Ed project at Hollingworth Lake, several pupils have been working towards their John Muir Award, finishing with a presentation of their work.



This is an initiative which encourages pupils to connect with, enjoy and care for wild places. Through the award, pupils have been learning to appreciate and value nature, urban greenspace and wild landscapes. Staff have encouraged pupils to be more aware of, understand and take responsibility for wild places.



Marley, Matthew, Harry, Sahil and Jayden did very well with their presentations, and here they are standing proudly with their certificates! Well done boys!

John Muir was an explorer, mountaineer, conservationist, botanist, amateur geologist and writer of distinction. He developed a passion for wild places growing up in the coastal town of Dunbar, east of Edinburgh. Muir embraced all nature from mosquitoes to mountain ranges, recognising that everything is connected. His passion for wild places led to a life-long quest to protect them.

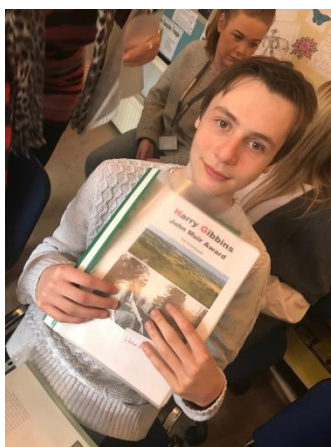
School will close for the Easter break at 3pm on **Wednesday 28th March 2018** and will re-open to pupils on **Monday 16th April 2018**.

Happy Easter Everyone!

Muir's writings helped people understand the importance of wildness. His activism saved Yosemite Valley in California and helped create the world's first national park system. Through gaining this award, we hope that our pupils will take a lead from John Muir's work and continue their own interest in nature and the great outdoors.

John Muir Awards Presentation

Harry, Matthew, Marley, Jayden and Sahil wowed members of staff and other pupils by showcasing pieces of work they had done towards achieving their award. Each pupil had created an evidence file to demonstrate the ethos of John Muir and they delighted the audience by sharing these achievements. Everyone was impressed by the high standard of presentation delivered by the boys, their confidence, creativity and talent was outstanding. Ros Hayes, Learning Mentor, said: "We were all bursting with pride!" Congratulations to everyone for gaining this special award and remember *'the mountains are calling and I must go!'* John Muir.



Thanks to Jack, our fab volunteer!

Jack, who is a student at Oldham Sixth Form College, has been volunteering at BFS for nearly two years. He plays an active role in sessions with the pupils. Here he is taking part in a discussion with Philip as part of Philip's COPE Module. Jack has developed good relationships with all the pupils and staff he has worked with in school. He is a pleasure to have around! Thank you as well to Craig, who helps with jobs around school, Catherine, our other super volunteer, Louise and therapy dog, Betsy!



Behind the scenes at Co-op Lees

Pupils Harry, Marley, Max and Matthew were privileged to look behind the scenes at the Co-operative Food Store in Lees.



Store Manager, Tony, kindly offered his time to show us how they manage stock, food storage, food handling and food hygiene. This is one of the latest challenges for the boys in achieving their Silver ASDAN award. We learned all about chilled and frozen foods, uniforms, personal hygiene, cleanliness standards and how to deal with pests in store. It was interesting to see how products are dealt with before reaching the shelves. Thanks Tony, we loved it!



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Thank you very much!

A big thank you to Mr and Mrs King for the use of their allotment over the past two years. Our pupils have got a lot of pleasure out of it. It has helped to increase their knowledge about the environment and how to grow organic vegetables.



BFS Hanging Baskets

Give your garden the 'Wow' factor this summer, with your very own Bright Futures Begonia Stars Hanging Baskets made by our pupils! We are taking orders now for these stunning, cascading hanging baskets bursting with red, rose, orange and white flowers. Just £10 for one and £18 for two – place your orders now to avoid disappointment.



World Book Day 2018



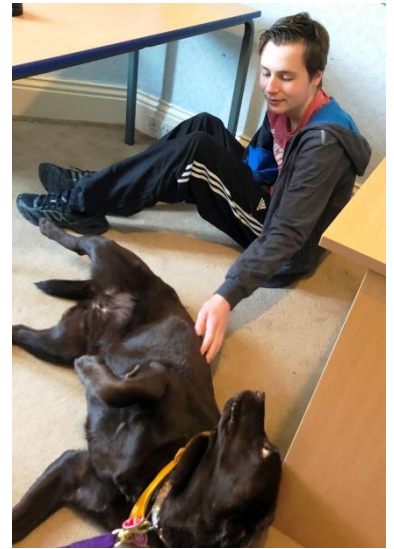
To celebrate World Book Day 2018 recently, both pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite characters. Throughout the week, we enjoyed talking about our favourite authors and what makes books special. We also had the opportunity to visit Madeline Lindley bookshop, where pupils exchanged their tokens to get a free book of their choice.



When Harry met Betsy

Betsy, the therapy dog, met pupil Harry for the first time recently. Harry was very scared at first but within five minutes he was stroking her and is now totally in love! Louise Tunnicliffe, Betsy's owner, said: "This makes me so happy and proud of both my dog and my work! Well done Harry and Betsy!"

Harry said: "I like Betsy the dog more than fortnite!"



Easter Cakes

Some of our pupils have been busy making yummy Easter cakes with Learning Mentor, Ros. Here's Sahil with his Easter cake.



April Fundraising Comedy Night

Tickets are available for our fundraising Comedy night on Friday 20th April, 8pm at the Royal George in Greenfield. Please phone or email Christina at school - office@brightfutureschool.co.uk - for more details, or click on the link here to buy your tickets in advance <http://bit.do/Bright-Futures-Comedy> This will be a very popular event, so buy your tickets now to avoid disappointment!

