



Bright Futures 4 All Newsletter

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Come & Join: New Virtual School

With many parents sheltering, worrying about home-schooling or the effects of their child being off school, Bright Futures 4 All, in April 2020, launched its online virtual school.

Provisions included a morning school for children in KS1 and an afternoon school for KS2. All the children were taught English, Maths and a foundation (topic) subject.

The Summer School continued these main principles and offered students the opportunity to consolidate their knowledge of the year ahead and provided an extension for learning.

It was excellent to see some friendly faces at our 'Summer Picnic in the Park' event, in August, to celebrate the end of last term!

Whilst September saw many students return to school, Bright Futures 4 All, continued its provision of virtual learning.

We currently offer KS1 students (Reception to Year 2) provisions from 8.45am to 12.30pm. Meanwhile, Year 4 to 6, have online learning from 8.45am to 2.30pm. Dependent on Covid-19 related descriptions, the students meet-up, once a week, to participate in Arts and Crafts based learning.

Contact us for further information on our Day School on: **Tel: 0208-645-2304**

or info@brightfutures4all.com

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and students in our virtual school have covered a range of topics within the theme.

Key individuals, including Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, were studied as well as looking further into the civil rights movement. All students learnt about the impact of Black history on culture, such as music and art.

KS1 studied 'Handa's Surprise' to learn about Africa. Meanwhile, KS2 wrote their own speeches inspired by Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech to discuss diversity and equality.

[Click here](#) to watch the video performance of the children's choir.



Gabriella, Year 6, Student brainstorms James and the Giant Peach Characters



Christabel and Grace, our KS1 Virtual School Students drew African inspired patterns



Karen Bryson becomes Education Editor of Cocoa Girl and Cocoa Boy

Serlina Boyd is the Founding Director of a pioneering publishing initiative, with the development of 2 new magazines 'Cocoa girl' and 'Cocoa Boy'. Cocoa is the UK's first magazine representing Black children. Launched in lockdown, the aim of the magazine is to inspire and empower children who are commonly misrepresented in the media.

In a video to announce her new role, Karen Bryson (Founder of Bright Futures 4 All) said "I am thrilled to have this new role. After many years in education, I am looking forward to giving parents encouragement, but also, sharing the top tips and places to look for all the resources they need, not only to inspire their children, but also to take them to another level".

The latest issues of Cocoa girl and Cocoa Boy are available to purchase online at cocoagirl.com.

A Mother's Success Story - A families educational journey!

As a mum of three school aged children (10-years-17-years), I want to thank Bright Futures 4 All (BF4ALL), for all the work they have done in supporting my daughters, academically, emotionally and spiritually. With only 9 months left before the 11+ tests when we started at BF4All, many people told us it was too late for my second daughter to succeed; But we are a family of strong faith. Although she didn't make it to the second stage of the 11+ tests, we were encouraged to try for the Independent schools, which we had not even considered! Glory to God, we applied and she passed the tests and was awarded a place with a generous bursary.

Equally, my first daughter has also benefitted from both academic support and pastoral care at BF4All. We watched her low self-esteem and confidence increase significantly. This led to this year her passing all her GCSE's with outstanding results, which secured her a place at an Independent school with a full bursary! All glory to God! We look forward to the outcomes for our third and final daughter at the end of this academic year (2021).



Lesley A-B Croydon

In the Media

Our Founder, Karen Bryson, has been busy promoting the work of Bright Futures 4 All with various media outlets. In an interview with BBC Derby, Karen discussed the benefits of virtual learning and having close relationships with parents. You can check out the interview [here](#).

We are also delighted to announce that Lankelly Chase have published 4 articles for Bright Futures 4 All! You will find an impressive selection of our children's written work of speeches inspired by Martin Luther King's 'I have a dream' speech ([click here](#)). Congratulations to Amare Gonzales, Gaius Miller and Fallon Terry for your excellent work!

Karen also wrote a blog discussing the importance of strong networks, you can have a read [Click Here](#)



A Child's prayer

God, thank you for this day!
Thank You for the birds and the animals, the flowers and the trees, the lakes and the streams, and the sun that rises and sets over them each day.
Thank You for creating everything we see! Thank You for the life we live, and for making each person different.
Thank You for Jesus, who died for us so that we can go to heaven one day just for believing in Him.
What an amazing God You are!
In Jesus' Name,
Amen.