From Fir Vale Students to Staff...

Quite a number of our staff used to study at Fir Vale. Bilal Hussain (top right) who left Fir Vale School in 2014 said: "I love the school and because I live in the community it is so rewarding to give something back to a school which gave me so many opportunities. I like to share my experience and help the young students make the right choices for their future."

**Afro Dance Workshop**

@jemma.mae

**Reward Trip to Old Trafford**

Everyone at Fir Vale dropped everything during tutor time and read their chosen book.

**BBC Bitesize**

Fir Vale students take part in a film for International Human Rights Day with BBC Bitesize.

### Dates for your diary

- **Monday 6 January 2020**
  Back to school
- **Monday 13 January 2020**
  Meet the Headteacher (9:30am & 5:15pm)
- **Friday 31 January 2020**
  Staff Training Day

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**Voting at the Polls on Election Day!**

Fir Vale students went to the polls to experience the process of voting.

With voting booths, polling clerks and counters the day was absolutely fantastic!

Two local councillors visited during the day to talk to the students although they had to steer clear of canvassing!

BBC Look North filmed the day with our amazing students making Fir Vale proud by sharing their views on politics and the importance of freedom to vote.

See the full interview with BBC Look North and our students on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/firvalesch
Kindness

Annual Presentation Evening

What a fantastic night in November where we celebrated pupil achievement and GCSE success at our annual Presentation Evening.

It was standing room only as pupils, GCSE graduates, parents, staff and leading members of the local community gathered in the Sports Hall which was transformed for the evening.

Pupils and former students told their own stories on film and live in front of the audience.

Headteacher Rachel Smith said: “It was a fantastic night and despite the torrential rain it was great to see so many faces. Thanks to our special guests for the evening, former student Sofia Aslam and Princess Banda.”

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Fir Vale students and staff cheered up the local residents of Abbey Grange Care Home by singing Christmas songs.

The Headteacher and her students were featured on two breakfast programmes on Radio Sheffield last month about life at Fir Vale School. Hear the full interview on our facebook page... facebook.com/firvalesch/

Headteacher’s Update

Season’s Greetings! Kindness is something that is really important to us at Fir Vale School.

Raising money for charity, helping each other with learning, performing random acts of kindness and improving our environment are just some of the ways pupils and staff have been showing they care. Whatever the results of the real General Election, Fir Vale’s own election was a great learning experience for all.

Enjoy the Christmas break, have a relaxing and joyful holiday.

Rachel Smith, Headteacher

Henry Hedgehog has lost his way...

Safely delivered to the local vet by Mrs Hurdiss for his winter sleep.

Christmas cheer from our dinner ladies