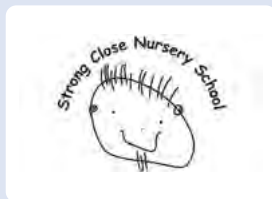


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FM say goodbye to 2023, hello 2024!

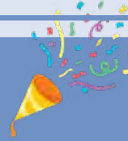
Contract gains



We're delighted to report that to start off 2024 we'd like to welcome back Ley Top Primary School, and newly welcoming Strong Close Nursery School both after a number of years of in-house catering. Ley Top decided to go out to tender to look for a new caterer for the school meals, and who better than FM Services for the quality of food on the plate, value for money and customer service. FM Service's beat off stiff competition from private catering providers, showing that it's not just the food on the plate, but the added-value that FM Service's and their dedicated staff provide for schools in the district. A few words from

Kathryn - Business Manager at Ley Top: "From the very first initial enquiry to the takeover of the catering contract, I have found the FM team excellent to deal with."

Congratulations Majid!



FM Services' Majid Hussain is celebrating 25 years of service – a huge congratulations Majid!

Majid has worked for Bradford Council for 25 years and attended a celebration dinner in honour of his commitment, not just to Bradford Council but to FM Services.

A few words and a bit of background from Majid, on how he came to FM Services:

"I joined Bradford Council in 1997 through the modern apprenticeship scheme at Metrochange House, I was doing an NVQ in Business Administration and getting work experience in admin. I started applying for jobs around Bradford Council and got my first contract at Olicana House working in the post room/ admin department in May 1998. I spent 2 years there before moving onto City Road, working in the Road Safety Department as a Road Safety Assistant. I was there until February 2002. After this I moved to Jacobs Well to work in Architectural services as Admin Officer. Before moving to Flockton House and merging with Building Services. During this time, I continued in my role as Admin Officer and managed to do various secondments, I worked as a Technical Support Officer, Senior Manager and Team Manager all within Building Services, this continued until February 2012. I got the opportunity to apply for a post at Laisterdyke working for Facilities Management. I started here as an Admin/Finance Assistant and moved onto a Finance & Admin Officer role and eventually the post of Senior Finance Officer. I was based at Laisterdyke for 10 years before moving to Mitre Court in 2022, where I am currently based and still working for FM."



Theme Day Picks 2023 & 2024

So many creative theme day events across our primary schools. From Halloween celebrations to Children in Need 2023. Starting the new year off with some fabulous theme days in our schools! A massive thank you to all our staff for their continued hard work in 2023 and continuous work pulling out all the stops in the new year with some amazing dining room decorations - keep them coming in! Thank you for sending in your photos! If you wish to send us theme day photos from your school, please send to the following email :

fmtheme.events@bradford.gov.uk



Worth Valley Primary School - Halloween



Trinity All Saints C of E VA Primary School - Children in Need 2023



Park View Primary Academy - Children in Need 2023



Beckfoot Nessfield Primary School & Nursery - Chinese New Year & Australia Day

Reevy Hill Primary School - Valentines Day

National Apprenticeship Week 2024



National Apprenticeship Week 2024 was held in the week 5-11th February and is the 17th annual celebration of apprenticeships. The week brings together everyone passionate about apprenticeships to celebrate the value, benefit and opportunity that they bring.

Skills for life! The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2024 is "Skills for Life". We encourage everyone to consider how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and employers to develop a workforce with future ready skills. For more information visit the National Apprenticeship Week website:

[Click here for more information about NAW](#)

FM put forward a number of apprentices including completed and live learners. For Completed Learners there are 62 Production Chef L2, 12 Cleaning and Environment Support Services (Cleaning Supervisor) L3, and 5 Hospitality Management L4. In terms of Live Learners we have 31 Production Chef L2, 3 FM Supervisor L3 and 1 Facilities Manager L4. Well done to all on your achievements!



New Spring / Summer Menu!



Take a look at our new Spring / Summer 2024 Menu - bringing in more of the Spring and Summer colour palettes and integrating our The Food Quarter and The Place for Taste fruit and veg characters. Menus have been rolled out across our Primary school operations.

BPSBLAC Networking

FM attended the BPSBLAC event back in November. The Bradford Primary School Business Leaders Annual Conference was held November 2023 and is an annual event where all Primary School Bradford Senior Business Leaders come together to network. FM showcased our modernised roller banners and brochure.



Good news stories

If you have any good news stories please send them to the following email to be included in the next FM News issue.

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