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Anaayah pictured with David Baldwin, Burnley FC CEO/ OIAMFS governor, and Shaun Connell, Business Enterprise Fund (award sponsor).



Anaayah performing her "Speak Out" message.

## Anaayah Wins Sports Young Person Of The Year Award

We are delighted to announce that Anaayah Charles was recently named the One In A Million Sports Young Person Of The Year in front of a packed audience at the prestigious Bradford Grammar School. During her tributes, Miss Woodcock (Charity/School employee) said, "Anaayah is such a fantastic sporting role model. This year she has beaten the odds to win several distinguished footballing medals, and trophies. She has had to do this all whilst bouncing back from significant personal loss and tragedy". OIAM first became aware of Anaayah's footballing talents during her school PE lessons. She had just joined the newly formed Bradford City Women's Football Club – who were a community partner of OIAM Charity. Staff members, Miss Woodcock and Miss Stuart, both played for the senior team and had gotten to know her in and out of school. Since then, both ladies have become important pastoral, and professional role models for Anaayah. The club has come on leaps and bounds. Last season, whilst captaining the Under 15's, Anaayah and the team won the West Riding Girls Cup and also the League Championship! During school half term, Anaayah travelled to Holland with the

club, to participate in the Limburg Football Tournament, where they played against teams from all across Europe. They did fantastically well and won the cup! OIAMFS's Principal Mr Rees remarked, "During this year, Anaayah has won the Speakers Trust "Speak Out" Regional Final in front of an audience of over 200 guests at the National Media & Science Museum. Competing against schools from across the city, her winning speech was titled, 'How to cope with grief and loss'. Anaayah spoke about the strategies she was using to cope with the tragic loss of her beloved father. We are extremely proud of what Anaayah has achieved". Charity CEO/Co-Founder Wayne Jacobs added, "Anaayah has had a tremendous sporting year during what has been a very, very difficult time for her, and all her family. We thank Anaayah for representing our Charity, our School, and our city both regionally, and internationally, with great success. She has shown great resilience in the midst of adversity. We encourage Anaayah to keep choosing good role models from whom she can draw strength and hope from. Keep beating the odds. Keep pushing forward into her bright future. Keep it up, Anaayah".



*Demi Lights Up  
The Room To Win  
Stars Award*



*No Matter Which  
House Group, We  
Are One Team!*



*OIAM Careers  
Expo Broadens  
Student Horizons*



*"Go Jonny, Go, Go,  
Go!!" Mr Martin  
Reaches Finish Line*



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# Let Us Do Good To All

## Welcome to the 9th edition of Celebrate magazine

As we step into this new decade, I cannot help but reflect on the journey of our organisation and its work. In May of this year it will be 15 years since Matt Band and I sat down together to discuss and plan the structure of One In A Million. We had hopes to **make a difference in the lives of young people** in Bradford, especially those who were disadvantaged, and at that time had seemed to have become just another negative statistic waiting to happen. We spent a day each week developing our ideas for a year. We shared those **hopes and ambitions** with others as we started to build a team to gear up for our first project - 7 young people attended our very first session.

All these years later on that journey, it brings great joy to read this bumper edition, full of stories, as we **celebrate** the positive experiences, efforts and achievements of many wonderful young people that we have the privilege of working with across our District. And celebrate the efforts and generosity of those who partner with us to support our work.

Our magazine obviously celebrates all that is and who are 'One In A Million'. There is lots of **great work taking place** across all sectors by many organisations here in the Bradford District, and with much more collaborative thinking. Many I meet are more **optimistic about the future of Bradford** than at any other time I can remember. However, we all know there is still much to do and to be achieved by all of us if we are to continue to turn that optimism into reality. We have to keep going!

In trying to play our part here at One In A Million, there is a niggling about how we make sure we maintain and even increase our efforts. On this, I draw peace and strength from scripture, which says **"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people"**. With this encouragement, I look forward to the next part of our journey and what we all could be reflecting on and celebrating as a District by the end of this decade.

*Wayne Jacobs*

Wayne Jacobs (CEO/Co-founder)



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Demi pictured with Jas Athwal, Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire, and Caroline Pullich, Head of SME Yorkshire for Barclays UK (award sponsor).



## Congratulations Demi - You Are The Winner!

Caring. Confident. Courageous. These are just a few of the words that best describe why Demi Hayton is the deserving winner of the One In A Million Young Person Of The Year Award. Danny Forrest (OIAM employee) said, "Demi has been attending One In A Million for over 4-years, since the age of 7. She first connected with me during a weekly after-school junior football programme that I was running at Christ Church Primary. Shortly after that, she began attending our Community Hub in Windhill, Shipley". Since then, Demi has embraced OIAM, and the new activities and opportunities available to her that she may not otherwise have had. From Kidz Club, Youth Club, Food Tech Tasters, Mixed Martial Arts, Football, Community Fun Days, Positive Lifestyle workshops, Apple Technology tasters, and trips to the Pantomime to name but a few. She has even participated in new experiences like Sailingsailing, & and High high Ropes ropes at Doe Park Water Sports. Wayne Jacobs: said, "The first time I saw Demi was at Doe Park, I couldn't get over the courage and confidence this young girl was showing as she walked the aerial obstacle course, suspended some 50+ plus feet in the air. She has since gone on to show that fear should not be a barrier to trying new

opportunities". Demi is a very active child, and seizes the new challenges available to her through our Charity. Despite Bradford having one of the youngest populations in the country, the city currently struggles with some of the highest rates of youth unemployment. Against this background, we are very proud of young women, like Demi, who are working hard to build a strong future for themselves. Kirsty Moon: said, "Demi is a great person to have around. She does the right thing, and makes good choices; modeling the One In A Million values of compassion, honesty, integrity, and excellence. Demi is a great advocate for social cohesion of other children.. She is very welcoming, and inclusive of everyone. She is a wonderful bridge-builder among her peers, and always puts others first. Danny Forrest: added, "In the time I've known Demi, she has never given up at anything. On the contrary, her trust in our staff, and the safe environment we create has allowed her to embrace new opportunities and experiences presented to her, building social capital along the way. She is a wonderful person to be around". Now that Demi is in secondary school she has begun volunteering at Kidz Club. She hopes to one-day work with Danny at One In A Million!





## Principal's Blog

In our ever changing and evolving political landscape, education has remained a key philosophical battleground, causing ongoing and serious concerns for the general public. Indeed, despite the government's recent declaration to "level up" school funding, it is clear that the financial picture within schools remains a challenge, with 83% of all schools facing further funding cuts in the coming year.

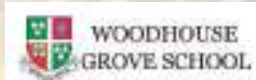
Such financial pressures have often led to schools being forced to reduce their provision of sports, the arts and creative subjects. This is why I am so proud to see what the students of One In A Million Free School are achieving. **Our commitment** to our connected curriculum of sports, the arts and enterprise, coupled with **our passion** for Co-curricular and Enrichment have ensured that all of our students have the **opportunity to excel** in a wide and varied range of activities. Whether it is after-school Enrichment, participation in a House competition or embarking on a residential visit, I know that our school will always value the **holistic education** of the child and will continue to focus on more than just exam results.

Mr Rees, OIAMFS Principal



## Students Participate In National Anti-Bullying Campaign At Woodhouse Grove School

A group of KS4 students have recently participated in an anti-bullying course at Woodhouse Grove School. Over 10 secondary schools from all over the country were in attendance. Enthusiastic students embraced the opportunity to become anti-bullying ambassadors for their school. During the day, students were informed of many shocking facts and statistics surrounding all types of bullying, which made them even more determined to get their heads together and create new ideas and strategies as to how they can play their part to spread awareness in our schools, communities and nationally! Our students displayed great confidence in expressing their thoughts and opinions (over the microphone) in front of over 100 people. The OIAMFS six students will now act as anti-bullying ambassadors for your school. They represented our school exceptionally well and thoroughly deserve a BIG well done!



## Samia & Abdullah Awarded Sixth Form Bursary At Woodhouse Grove

We are delighted to announce that OIAMFS leavers, Abdullah Ijaz and Samia Khatun, have been awarded full Sixth Form bursary places at the prestigious Woodhouse Grove School. Upon receiving the news Abdullah graciously said, "From a young age, I have always shown an interest and aptitude towards my studies and value the importance of the gift of education. My ambition since early childhood has been to become a doctor, specialising in Cardiology. This scholarship is a 'once in a million' opportunity. Thank you for selecting me. It gives me a chance to realise my dream. I want to become an inspiration to other students". Samia remarked, "I am extremely grateful for this huge opportunity. I feel very privileged and blessed. It will allow me to reach towards achieving my life goals. The OIAMFS values of compassion, honesty, integrity

and excellence have helped shape me and inspire me to become a better person in life beyond school, and I look forward to modeling them at Woodhouse Grove School". The partnership between our School and Woodhouse Grove has blossomed with lots of collaborative initiatives already taking place aside of the bursaries. Abdullah and Samia will join former OIAMFS students Finn Payton and Raihan Younis who were awarded bursaries last year. Both students have since excelled in their studies and this summer achieved 'school colours'! Mark Hughes, OIAMFS Academy Trust Member and Chair said, "We would also like to give a big thank you to the Governing Body and Principal at Woodhouse Grove for their continued support and partnership with both our School, and Charity".





Ibrahim pictured with Principal Mr Rees, and OIAMFS governor Rob Moon, Managing Director of Berman Building Ltd (award sponsor).



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Award winners were  
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## Positive. Determined. Resilient. Ibrahim Wins Student Of The Year Award At Glamorous Gala Dinner Ceremony!

Ibrahim first joined OIAMFS in Year 8. Part of the attraction for him coming to the school was the sports strand within our curriculum. He settled into school life very quickly making lots of new friends. It didn't take long before people began to recognize Ibrahim's positive attitude both in and out of the classroom. Mrs Jagger (teacher) said, "Ibrahim has matured into a pleasant, calm, and polite young man. He is a pleasure to have in the classroom and demonstrates a positive attitude to learning. I have enjoyed teaching him since Year 8 and have watched him develop and progress into a sensible young adult. Ibrahim has a great sense of humour, and shows kindness, and respect to both staff and students". Whether during collaborative learning, or independent learning, he always demonstrates integrity. In the past year, the highest positive points that Ibrahim has been awarded by his teachers are for consistently working hard and demonstrating excellence. He is also a great role model to his younger brother who also now attends the school. Such high standards for behaviour and attitude to learning have earned Ibrahim the responsibility to become a Prefect in the school and also the House Captain for Bronte. Miss Stuart (teacher) remarked, "In sport, Ibrahim is a very talented footballer and

basketball player. He is a natural athlete who displays great technique and ball distribution in both sports. As you can imagine, like any talented athlete, Ibrahim is very competitive, yet he still manages to display such good sportsmanship, whether among his peers, or whilst competing against students from other schools". When it comes to life after school, Ibrahim has aspirations of becoming a PE teacher. One day we hope to see him leading sports in our school! As a city, we have some of the highest numbers of young people not in education, employment or training in the country and we are working hard to address this. However, fine young men like Ibrahim give us hope that there is a bright future ahead for our city. Mr Akram stated, "Ibrahim is always well mannered and is a credit to his parents. We thoroughly enjoy his contribution to the life of our school. He is great to have around". Principal Mr Rees paid tribute, closing with, "Ibrahim has a very calming influence when staff and students are in his company. His commitment to modelling our values of compassion, honesty, integrity and excellence are exemplary. We are proud to have him as a student in our school".



## OIAM's Got Talent Ceremony Showcases Amazing Students

At the end of term 1 OIAMFS had its inaugural House Group Talent Show. What a show it was! It had a wide variety of performances; singers, dancers, beatboxers, inspirational speakers and artists. Performers were able to win points for their house groups. A bonus of 100 points was awarded to Ripley thanks to Sebastian D. who was awarded with the 'Outstanding Performance' award. Fabulous performances were given by Leila W. singer (Yr7); Faith M. singer (Yr9); Bronte staff who made balloon animals; Mohammed I. dancer

(Yr7); Grace O. singer (Yr8); Safa S. singer (Yr8); Sebastian D. beatboxer (Yr7); Vlada G. artist (Yr11); Furaha M. dancer (Yr7); Maleeha A. inspirational speaker (Yr8); and not forgetting teacher Mr Willis on his saxophone. The overall winning house was McMillan. Mark Hughes, Chair of Governors said, "We are so proud of the performers, the students who cheered them on and staff who made today a success".





## OIAM Careers Expo Broadens Horizons & Raises Aspirations

One In A Million Charity held its first 'Corporate Partners Careers Expo' on Thursday 4th July at the One In A Million Free School, which was a resounding success. Sixteen corporate partners exhibited and interacted with over 140 students from One In A Million Free School (years 9 & 10) and Woodhouse Grove School in an electric atmosphere. The aim of the afternoon was to give young people a platform to explore the world of work and investigate opportunities for work experience and apprenticeships from the local business community. Craig McHugh who heads up OIAM In A Million's Corporate Partners programme said, "Thank you to all the businesses and students who

took part today to make our first event a real success. We know that our resources are in our relationships. We look forward to continuing to connect young people with the local businesses community". OIAM would like to say a special thank you to; Arena Group, Barclays, Blacks LLP, Bow Gifts, Chadwick Lawrence, Doosan, Ernest Cummins Printers, Fortem People, Harrison Clough, Illingworth McNair Insurance Brokers, Jaybee Supplies, Lily Comms, Naylor Wintersgill, NPS Engineering Group, Quantuma, and Shipley Golf Club for your valued support!

## Students Experience The World Behind Emerald Publishing

Emerald Publishing Group recently invited a group of year 10 students to spend the day in their magnificent offices. They received a tour from Amy, who was a fantastic host and facilitator for the day's activities. Next on the schedule was a number of inspiring presentations by Niall Kennedy (Senior Commissioning Editor) and Helen Beddow (Publisher). This set the students up nicely to write their personal statements and begin to develop a curriculum vitae. During the day various colleagues joined the proceedings to explain their professional journey and what their role and department do within Emerald. Guest presenters included: Priya Dharni (Marketing Manager), Sonja Pretis (Content Manager), Amy Jeffrey (International Communications Executive), Lindsey

Lambert (Marketing Manager) and Vicky Williams who spoke about her role as Chief Executive. Students got to hear about roles such as human resources, legal, corporate law, IT and product development, amongst others. The day closed with students learning about the 'elevator pitch' and the techniques they would need during an interview to promote themselves and their skills, whilst maintaining humility in their pitch. Mark Hughes (Chair of Governors) said, "Emerald Publishing are an amazing international brand, and yet they remain deeply committed to their local heritage by supporting charities and schools like ours. For this, we are truly grateful. Thank you. Our students are always inspired when they've been with colleagues at Emerald".





## Craven College Art Trip Opens Up Further Opportunities

A group of students recently visited the stunning facilities of Craven College, Skipton, to participate in a fine art masterclass as part of our informed careers choices programme. When asked what he liked about the day, Riyadur R said, "After our school trip to Craven College, I've learnt that the inspiration behind fine art is something that comes from within. It is not about seeking perfection, but rather about expressing your imagination, even if it is a little crazy! I really appreciated the content of the day and how we focused on a certain aspects of the creative process and then watched our work evolve. After working on our own projects during the day, we had the joy of seeing the work of some of their college students had produced. The work was inspiring and the thing that spoke to me the most was the stories behind each masterpiece". Tasmia T. remarked,

"Thank you Craven College for allowing us to visit your amazing facilities. They were inspiring. I learned that a piece of art is something that you develop over time, and sometimes revisit to perfect or refine. Often this requires a great amount of effort. Art can be hard to understand. What is beautiful to one person might not be to another. Art varies. It can vary from somebody expressing themselves through a few scribbles on a cheaply bought scrapbook to somebody creating something with great intricacy and detail on a large formatted canvas". Craven College is an aspirational College set in a safe, friendly and inclusive rural campus in Skipton near to the beautiful Yorkshire Dales. Mark Hughes (Chair of Governors) added, "Thank you Craven College for presenting some of the opportunities that are available to students in their destination beyond school".

## Students Learn That 'Change Starts With Us' During Anti-Bullying Week

A range of activities has taken place to acknowledge Anti-Bullying Week including a live NHS/Youth in Mind Webinar, which all students participated in. On one of the days, some staff and students wore odd socks to recognise and celebrate those qualities, which make us all unique as part of national Anti-Bullying Alliance's 'Odd Socks Day'. Later in the week, our whole year 11 group, and a smaller cohort of students from other year groups, took part in a balloon release. The balloon release signified our attempt to spread awareness for anti-bullying. Students were encouraged to write their own personal message/quotation. They then attached it to the balloon and released them into the wind in the hope that somebody somewhere, in our nation, will find the message and is inspired by what has been written. Despite the rainy day, the weather didn't dampen spirits; in fact it reinforced them!



## Students Celebrate British Values During OBON Day

Students from OIAM Free School continue to participate in the celebrations of One Britain One Nation day (OBON). OBON is a campaign created and led by Kash Singh, an award-winning, Bradford-based, retired West Yorkshire Police inspector. Students from years 7 and 8 stood together to sing the national anthem with great passion and pomp! 'God save our Queen' could be heard in the surrounding streets. Principal Mr Rees said, "Today saw the annual One Britain One Nation celebrations, which brought together schools from across the city who demonstrated their immense pride in their cultural heritage and exploration of what it means to them to be British to them. The fact that these explorations were shared with our visiting guests from both Hungary and Spain meant the celebrations hold even more significance". As part of our wider commitment to celebrating British values, a number of our students volunteered at a Community Day organised by the OIAM Charity. Student volunteers included Tasmia T, Halima K, Muhammad R, Riyadur R. They said, "Helping young kids is the best part of volunteering. Meeting new people brings us happiness and seeing them smile, makes us smile! We consider volunteering as an amazing opportunity. We feel grateful to be able to celebrate OBON day".







## On Your Marks. Get Set. Go!

Our summer Sports Day was held at Bradford Park Avenue Stadium. What a successful day it was! Teams competed in their house groups across a range of activities including: the ever-popular 'dizzy penalties', welly throwing competition, the fittest athlete, 100-metre sprint. The 'fittest athlete' competition included a grueling schedule of activities: sit-ups, press-ups, star jumps, burpees and jumping lunges. The finale to determine the overall winning athlete was a 100-metre sprint made up of boy and girls. Congratulations to Anaayah C. for a five-star performance! Principal Mr Rees joined proceedings just in time to enter the Year 9/10 boys' 100-metre sprint only to be beaten by Ibrahim Nawaz and Damian Malinowski. Well-done Mr Rees for joining in the fun. The overall winning house was Honesty, closely followed by Integrity. The day was rounded off by a whole school 400-metre run/walk. The fun and laughter was tangible amongst everyone. Miss Stuart, Head of PE said, "The venue of Bradford Park Avenue Stadium created an inspirational backdrop for students to display great endeavor whilst having fun!"

## Competition Is A Great Way To See Our Values In Action

During the summer we ran an 'inter-form' football competition for mixed year groups. Over the course of the tournament, which ran during lunchtimes, there was some amazing football played between the year 7/8s and 9/10s inter-form teams. There was a wonderful excitement generated amongst the spectators and players alike. In the boys competition 7C came away as the champions in the year 7/8 final. After an epic 3-3 draw, between 9C and 10A in the year 9/10 final, a rematch had to be played the next day. 9C came away with 2-0 victory to be crowned champions. In the girls year 7/8 'World Cup' themed football competition the two finalists were England and Spain. The game went to an exciting penalty shoot-out. This may come as a surprise to many of you who are sports fans ... England won the penalty shoot-out! Well done Team England for winning this year's final! PE Teacher, Mr Barker said, "Thank you to everyone who has supported the competition over the last three weeks. The students really enjoyed it! Their over-all attitude to taking part made it special. It was a pleasure to watch their sportsmanship, resilience and teamwork. It was a great way to watch our values in action through physical sport".



## Students Reward Trips To Watch Man Utd Are A Winner!

Last term students enjoyed many fantastic rewards, but by far the most popular has been the opportunities to go and watch Manchester United at Old Trafford. So far, students have watched games including: Man Utd Vs Rochdale 25/09/19 (29 students); Man Utd Vs FK Partizan 07/11/19 (28 students); Man Utd Women Vs Leicester City Women 21/11/19 (28 students: all girls), and Man Utd Vs AZ Alkmaar 12/12/19 (27 students). All of the games that we have attended so far were free of charge to the school. This is a fantastic offer for a small mainstream secondary school like ours, and we are hugely grateful to Manchester United. Thank you! For many these trips have represented a threshold experience. Mr Butterfield (teacher) said, "Overall, it has been amazing to be able to take our students that consistently get things right at school, and see them enjoy an experience that they otherwise may not have. As an example, 23 of the 29 students on the first trip told us that they had never been to a football game before! I think we even managed to recruit a few new Manchester United fans in the process (great news for me personally). Every

single student expressed how much they enjoyed attending the games as a reward, and all of them came to thank me personally for taking them, which demonstrates why they have earned the reward in the first place". Syeda H (yr 11): "This was the best night ever. Man Utd till I die!". Salman B (yr 11): "I didn't used to support any team, but now I'm definitely a Manchester United fan". Maleehah A (yr 8): "I loved watching the women's football. They are so inspirational to a fellow player like me". Maleehah is one of our star players at school and knew almost all the team members at the MUFC women's game. She also attended the men's games due to her exemplary behaviour and attendance throughout the year. We are hugely grateful to One In A Million community partner, Bradford City AFC, who have also made tickets available as rewards for students in our school. As you can imagine these opportunities will become very popular for students to earn the chance to go and cheer on the 'Bantams'! Lots more exciting sporting experiences are planned including watching basketball and ice hockey league games.





## Students 'Speak Out' About Social & Topical Issues

Speaker's Trust is a competition for year 10 students, where they learn how to speak in front of a large group of people about an issue that they are passionate about. After completing a workshop with a trained public speaker from Speakers Trust, along with Mr Pickles, eight year 10 students delivered their speeches to an assembly of more than 125 students and staff. The speeches were about hard-hitting issues: from climate change to appreciating family, mental health issues to loneliness and single parents to body image, almost every social issue imaginable was discussed. Our year 7 and 8 students were impeccable as judges, listening and learning from their elder peers about their own life experiences. Tasmia T won the competition, and will now look to face other Bradford schools in a regional final in 2020. Tasmia said, "I was so nervous speaking to such a large group of people; but I'm so glad I did it! I have raised awareness about body image, mental health and eating disorders; and I have conquered a fear about raising my voice in large crowds. The Speaker's Trust competition has given me so much confidence that I didn't have before". The English department is now looking at ways for Tasmia to get in contact with her local MP and have a question asked in Parliament!



## Points Mean Prizes As New House System Is Launched

The new House System has been introduced in September 2019. Principal Mr Rees was very keen to give all our students a chance to vertically integrate with other students, in other year groups, in non-academic activities. House captains are: Ibrahim N and Sumiya B (Bronte); Annayah C and Amaan H (McMillan); Awais H and Darja I (Ripley); Abbas A and Amy M (Lister). So far, McMillan has won the first three competitions in a row. Dodgeball, Chess and The Talent Show. Each student who takes part gains points for their houses, likewise, all houses gain points for overall participation and winning. Points mean prizes and so far we have had end of term ice creams, free chocolate bars, certificates, house champion badges and fortnightly assemblies to celebrate ongoing achievements. Students are given a badge for their house, which is now part of the uniform. The House Board will also be decorated at the start of this half term with up to date points. Mr Brennan (McMillan) said, "As a head of house, it is a great feeling seeing students wanting to mix their academic studies with taking part in the house activities. Dinner times house competitions are filled with students taking part and competing for their houses, whilst demonstrating our values of compassion, honesty, integrity and excellence!".



## School Books In Visits To Local Library

Some of our SEN students from Year 7 have been visiting the local library. On one visit students picked out superhero books and identified the difference between an autobiography and a biography. This supported their learning and linked in well with their current topic in English. Easa's favourite book was 'Liar of the Leopard'. He said that he liked the way a teenage adventurer draws on all his strengths and skills to survive. Kayleigh decided to read 'Jamie and Angus Forever'. She liked how Jamie showed kindness and compassion towards his pet Angus. The students eagerly studied the biography of Stephen Hawking and were fascinated by his knowledge and achievements and how he did not let barriers stop him from reaching his dream. "I love reading and I love libraries" said Amina. Students who were not already a member of the library were able to join.



## Students Show Kindness To Elderly At Care Home

A group of students have become regular visitors to Mill View Care Home! Both the residents and the staff love it when they come to visit. On one particular visit, they each went equipped with personalised thank you letters. In return, to express their appreciation, the management of the care home put on a magnificent display of food for the students to enjoy in their American style diner. Students always exhibit our values during visits whilst acquiring lots of new life skills. The students met Constance Winscombe, a former Maths Teacher at Thornton Grammar School. They quizzed Connie with lots of maths questions. Lugman and Tahmid interviewed Gerald Wilson who served for many years in the RAF as an Aircraft Technician. His role was to repair the aircrafts. Both these students found the interview captivating as it helped them to learn about careers in the Airforce. They also got the opportunity to meet Thomas Reginald Hargreaves, the oldest man in Bradford (103). Thank you Mill View Care Home for always welcoming our students!



## Parent Coffee Mornings Cook Up A Treat

Every half term our school opens its doors for informal coffee and cake mornings to the parents of SEN students. Prior to the events, students worked extremely hard as they develop their organisational skills. On the day, they set the tables with delicious homemade treats that were kindly donated by our lovely staff and students. Lewis in year 9 mastered pouring cold drinks into cups without spilling them. He said that he liked talking to customers and serving them. Ryan in year 9 and Kyle in year 7 were in charge of hot drinks; they used good communication skills to ensure that the customers were given the right drink. Faith worked exceptionally hard, ensuring that she calculated the items correctly and gave back accurate change. This role motivated Faith to continue working on her social skills and work hard in maths as she would like to work in a shop when she leaves school. Parents and carers were greeted and served with upmost respect and integrity by the students.







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## OIAM Stars Awards Celebrates

On Saturday 16th November 2019, One In A Million held its 11th annual flagship Stars Awards Ceremony at the prestigious Bradford Grammar School. Our theme for this year's awards ceremony was 'RESILIENCE' and this was on full display with some outstanding performances and achievements celebrated from the children and young people who have attended OIAM programmes during the last 12 months. Our amazing award winners and their families were chauffeur driven thanks to Bradford Audi. STARS 2019 welcomed 270 guests and local dignitaries including Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant of West Yorkshire and The Lord Mayor of Bradford, who supported a fabulous evening expertly co-hosted by sports broadcaster Derm Tanner, and OIAM Chief Executive/Co-Founder Wayne Jacobs. During the evening, guests were treated to some wonderful performances from our OIAM Community Dance Development

Junior Group, who performed two fabulous dances to 'Scars To Your Beautiful' and 'I Am A Giant'. Anaayah Charles gave a moving performance as she delivered an emotional speech entitled, 'How to cope with grief and loss', and received a standing ovation at her close. Talented singer Amy Haguma led us into our awards ceremony with an incredible rendition of Whitney Houston's 'I didn't know my own strength' on the grand piano. Guests were then told some outstanding stories of 'resilience' from our deserved five award winners. One In A Million **Sports Young Person of the Year 2019** (sponsored by Business Enterprise Fund) went to Anaayah Charles, presented by Shaun Connell from the Business Enterprise Fund and David Baldwin, Burnley FC CEO/Chairman of the Bradford Economic Partnership, and OIAM Free School governor. One In A Million **Arts Young Person of the Year 2019** (Sponsored by Lily) went to

## The Resilience Of Young People

Lillyana Gill, presented by Rishi Handa, Director of Operations at Lily and Tanya Arnold, BBC Sports Presenter and OIAM ambassador. One In A Million **Free School Young Person of the Year 2019** (Sponsored by Bermar Building Ltd) went to Ibrahim Nawaz, presented by Rob Moon, Managing Director of Bermar Building Ltd and Stuart Rees, OIAM Free School Principal. One In A Million **Volunteer of the Year 2019** (sponsored by Napoleons Casino) went to Mark Tattersfield, presented by Jane Dodd and Barry Bradley from Napoleons Casino and The Lord Mayor of Bradford Cllr Doreen Lee. The **One In A Million Award** (sponsored by the staff of Barclays Bradford) and went to Demi Hayton, presented by Caroline Pullich, Head of SME Yorkshire for Barclays UK and Jas Athwal, Her Majesty's Deputy Lieutenant for West Yorkshire. Everyone had a fantastic evening as they celebrated the children and young people of Bradford. Jas Athwal DL

said, "STARS Awards 2019 was another outstanding evening, which showcased the great work that One In A Million do amongst children and young people in our great city of Bradford. Congratulations to all the deserving winners and performers!". Wayne Jacobs, Chief Executive/ Co-Founder added, "It has been a truly breathtaking evening with the children and young people being the real stars of the show. Thank you to all who played their part". Rounding off a successful and emotionally evening, our guests, award winners, and our team, let their hair down rounding off a successful evening by dancing the night away courtesy of DJ Neil Bird. A special thank you to STARS 2019 sponsors, donors, and to Bradford Grammar School for being wonderful hosts. Thank you to the official STARS 2019 photographer Rob Freeman. We look forward to welcoming you to STARS Awards 2020!





## “Community Fun Days Make Me Feel Very Happy”

Over 50 different children and young people attended both of our recent community fun day's. Activities on the days included: stadium tours at Bradford City AFC, modern dance, 7-a-side football, rounders, food tech, arts and crafts, cinema and online gaming. Harry G said, “Whilst playing sports like football or cricket, I learnt that playing for your teammates is more important than your own glory”. Jayden said, “I really like One In A Million. I knew I would make lots of new friends today. We get to have lots of fun. I learned that (with people) it is important that you don't judge a book by its cover - they can surprise you”. Maisy said, “It does not matter what type of person you are, everyone can try something new. Just try!”. Gracie said, “I love community days. They are always really good. They make me feel very happy”. OIAM Community Pathways Manager, Danny Forrest, said, “Our community days are very special. They provide opportunities for social cohesion and collaboration. It is great to see children and young people of all age groups and ethnicities from across the district mixing together and befriending each other”. Among the staff and volunteers supporting the days were 7 students from the One In A Million Free School. Danny added, “We are so grateful that these students give so generously of their time to serve others. They are inspirational”.



Student  
volunteers



## Young People Make A Splash At Water Activities Centre

During the summer holidays we ran four community trips to Doe Park Water Activities Centre. 37 children and young people from Shipley, Manningham, Canterbury, and Bierley took part in water activities, such as sailing and kayaking, as well as challenging themselves on the high ropes obstacle course and climbing walls. Danny Forrest, Community Pathways Development Officer, said, “it was fantastic to see the children and young people being stretched beyond their natural abilities, and learning to dig deep, and not give up. The activities require them to push themselves out of their comfort zones and solve problems, whilst overcoming challenges. They love coming up to Doe Park because they get to try new things and have lots of fun and enjoyment, all in a safe and positive environment”.







#Fearless #ReportingCrimeAnonymously #LiveStreetWise  
 #PromotingResponsibleCitizens #KeepTheEndGoalInMind #LiveResponsibly



## Streetwise Football: Fearless.org #ReportingCrimeAnonymously

Over the summer months football teams from four of our community hubs took part in the OIAM Community Shield Tournament to decide who was the winning team for our spring/summer 'Streetwise: fearless.org' campaign. During an 11-week period, young people learned how to report crimes anonymously, and how we each may have to face some difficult decisions relating to criminality. OIAM are delighted to have partnered with Crimestoppers fearless.org to theme our latest project. They are a service that allows you to pass on information about

crime 100% anonymously! This means you don't have to give any personal details. Each week the players are encouraged to visit the website to find out more details by scanning the QR Code on flyers and pitch-side posters with their smartphone cameras. This creates a website link for them and they simply click and Fearless.org will appear in their browser. The Winning Team was from our Grange/Canterbury hub (pictured above). The runner-up team was from our UAK/Keighley hub (pictured top right).



## Streetwise Football: Stub It Out N' Score #YourHealthMatters

Our winter Streetwise Football programme was themed: Stub It Out N' Score #YourHealthMatters. Smoking is the biggest cause of preventable deaths in England, accounting for nearly 80,000 deaths each year. Smoking, it's no joke! Shockingly, one in two smokers will die from a smoking-related disease. If people could see the damage - they'd stop. The good news is by not smoking

you can breathe more easily, have more energy and reduce the risk of heart disease and cancer. Ultimately, not smoking will increase your life expectancy! Your health is too valuable, and your life too unique to end early. "Stub it out n' score" in life! You are 'one in a million'. In the finale week, young people played a series of mini quiz games to help educate and reinforce the theme.



## It's Coming Home! Wembley Memories Will Last Forever

At the close of the year, OIAM took 29 young people and 3 volunteers to watch England vs Germany women's football at Wembley Stadium, known as the 'home of football'. The match was sold out, which is the first time ever for a women's football match. The total attendance was a record breaking 77,768. "The experience was immense, the atmosphere in the stadium was something to behold. I have never experienced anything quite like it before, and the looks on the young people's faces told a story of their own" said Katie Bailey, OIAM Community Activator. The young people enjoyed an unforgettable evening! Jayden H said, "this is sick (meaning great!)". Elaana M said, "I've never seen this many people at a football match before". Harry R said, "The game was 'sooooo' good, and I had lots of fun today". One child carer messaged OIAM

the next day to say, "Thank you Katie, and One In A Million, Anthony has had a wonderful time". Katie Bailey went on to say, "Some of our young people may never experience something like this again in their lives unless we take them. It was extremely fulfilling to see the happiness and joy on their faces, and to hear their excitement about the day itself. At the end of the match I had several young people ask 'when can we do this again?' Overall, the experience was absolutely amazing". Wayne Jacobs CEO/Co-Founder said, "I would like to give a special thank you to Katie for organising this whole experience for the young people, and for giving up a full day along with Charlotte Stuart, and Katy Woodcock, who are all staff members from across our organisation. We are grateful for your heart of compassion, and dedication".





## Wicketz Is A Hit With Cricket Community Hub

In partnership with Yorkshire Cricket Foundation, the Wicketz project has been delivering a form of street cricket at our Canterbury hub since early last year. They have been providing weekly cricket activities for children and young people from the hub. During the last school half term, 8 young people were selected to take part in a regional tournament at Hull University. The event included a tour of the campus and a range of informal educational talks. At the end of the day, all the teams represented on the day got together. A presentation was made and Lexi F and Finlay C were awarded player of the match awards and received a special cricket ball. At the close, the lead coach made each child write a letters to themselves saying 'what they want to become in life'. Their letters will be posted out to them in the early part of the year to remind them of their dreams and aspirations and to not give up on them! Rob Carr, Canterbury Community Activator said, "This has been a magnificent threshold experience for the children involved. They have travelled outside of the region to participate in a sport they love, and have a lot of fun! They have also got to visualise and experience a hint of what life at a university could look like in the future!"



Mark pictured with The Lord Mayor of Bradford Cllr Doreen Lee, and Jane Dodd with Barry Bradley from Napoleons (award sponsor).



## Congratulations Mark! You Are The Volunteer Of The Year Award Winner!

Dedicated. Inspirational. Outstanding. These are just a few of the words that best describe how amazing Mark Tattersfield is, and why he is the deserving winner of the One In A Million Volunteer Of The Year Award! Paying tribute to Mark, OIAM CEO/Co-Founder Wayne Jacobs said, "Mark is one of OIAM's longest serving volunteers. His journey is remarkable. He first began volunteering with us over a decade ago when our award winning Indoor Sports Hall Athletics programme was in its infancy". A friend first told Mark about our Athletics programme, and so he came along with his daughter, Lucy (pictured above), who wanted to become more active in sport. Later, Lucy went on to perform in the West Yorkshire Schools Sportshall team, and was selected for the West Yorkshire Schools track & field team. Today, Lucy is studying Physiotherapy at Newcastle University, and is working towards a career in sport! Wayne continued, "Mark still remains a loyal and dedicated volunteer even after all these years. He has volunteered at over 400 Athletics sessions, motivating children and young people, to learn how important it is to be fit, active, and resilient. He treats everyone as an equal, makes them feel valued and unique, in keeping with our values". Prior to volunteering with OIAM, Mark worked in the print industry for

25 years. However, after getting involved with OIAM, he wanted to do something more meaningful with his career. Today, Mark is working in a residential care home supporting some of the most vulnerable young people in West Yorkshire. As a volunteer and coach, Mark has continued to develop himself. He has attended training courses such as Movement Skills 1, 2, and 3, at Leeds Beckett University, in order to further his coaching to help the children develop their physical competence, confidence, and motivation. Danny Forrest added, "Over the years, OIAM Indoor Athletics has seen many young people go onto compete in regional and national trial-competitions. Mark is always there to support and champion them, as well as helping the event organisers. Whether the children win, or not, Mark is so positive towards them. This helps them draw strength. He coaches them to not give up; to try new things; to overcome fear; to continually do better than they think they can, so that through sport, their mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing is enhanced". Mark, thank you for your incredible voluntary contribution to the Charity sector for over a decade. You are the deserving winner of the Volunteer Of The Year Award.



Lillyana pictured with Rishi Handa, Director of Operations at Lily (award sponsor) and Tanya Arnold, BBC Sports Presenter and OIAM Ambassador



SCAN ME  
with your iPhone  
camera to watch  
Lillyana's video



## Thank You Meal By Children Fills The Hearts (& Tummies) Of Everyone

In the build up to Christmas, a group of children from our Canterbury hub wanted to cook a festive meal for some of our staff, volunteers, and friends of OIAM. The event was led by Rob Carr (Community Activator) and his band of merry helpers. Guests such as Cathy Prior (Provident Financial), David Garth (Bradford City AFC), Charity staff Wayne Jacobs (CEO) and Craig McHugh were left awe-inspired from the moment they were greeted on arrival, to the quality of food and table service filled with the love. Wayne Jacobs said, "This evening was a special occasion. Many of the children serving tonight were not even born when we first started working in Canterbury back in 2006. Rob and Ursula Carr have been on that journey with us since those early days, and we would like to thank them and all the amazing children for their heart to serve others!".



## Raising Safeguarding Awareness For Everyone

In autumn, during national Safeguarding Week our 5 community hubs ran a series of awareness activities and programmes. These included talks from trained OIAM staff to PC Jas Ryatt, Vicky Morrell, and Chelcea Huxley of the charity 'Give A Little Something Back'. Given the influence of social media in modern society, OIAM staff gave talks about the importance of e-safety at all times. The children produced posters to remind them of this message. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, we ran an 8-week pilot programme in Shipley called 'The Consequences of Crime' delivered by Vicky Morrell (prison guard) and Chelcea Huxley (prison counselor), which covered topics like child sexual exploitation, drugs, weapon crime, county lines/extremism, sentencing, and even had a talk by an ex-inmate who gave a hard hitting message on the lessons he had since learned.



## "Dance Like No One Else Is Watching"! Lillyana Does Just That To Win The Arts Young Person Of The Year Award!

Congratulations Lillyana - you are the deserving winner of the One In A Million Arts Young Person Of The Year Award! Danny Forrest (employee) gave recognition of how far Lillyana has come: "the first time I met Lillyana was in the car park at the Windhill Community Hub. Her mum had brought her to meet with me. They had heard about our OIAM Dance Development Centre, and thought it would be a good activity to support Lillyana's Educational, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). EHCPs are for children whose special educational needs require more help than would normally be provided in a school setting. As I approached the car to chat with her, she shied away, frightened, and struggled to verbally communicate with me. Her confidence was really low, but I knew over time, with mum's support, we could play our part, in some small way, to help her flourish". Danny introduced Lillyana and Charlie, her mum, to some of the OIAM Team at our Dance Development Centre in Manningham, Bradford. They assured her that "it was going to be ok". For those first few sessions, it was such a big challenge for her to overcome her fears and anxiety. Over time, a passion for the creative arts captured her imagination! Lillyana says, that when she dances, she feels "very happy and good about herself!" This has opened up a new world of creativity, hopes and aspirations! Laura Liddon (OIAM Dance

Coach) remarked, "It's been amazing to see how Lillyana's confidence has bounced forward from those first introductions. She's now building social capital both emotionally, and socially, as she makes new friendships and develops her self-esteem, so much so that she now performs regularly in public". Given the personal journey Lillyana has been on, she is developing resilience to counter her anxieties and additional educational needs. At One In A Million, we could not be more proud of watching how her personal independence, and interdependence, is developing over time. Laura added, "It has been very humbling to see the impact that social interaction, and team collaboration, has had on her life so far. It is fantastic to see Lillyana trust in others and work as part of a team". Lillyana's mum, Charlie Wilson, was keen to acknowledge OIAM: "One In A Million has been a big, positive, constant fixture in Lillyana's life. Coming to the dance development has been really good for her development. At the start, it took lots of encouragement to get Lillyana to join in with the performances, but it is now paying off. She is now much more confident and has made some new friendships because of the support she has been given from people like One In A Million, among others". Well done, Lillyana!

## Gift Giveaway Thanks To Junior Chamber (JCI)

OIAM would like to say a huge thanks to Junior Chamber International (JCI) Bradford for their Secret Santa Appeal, which has seen donations benefit hundreds of the children and families we work with in the community and thousands more across the city. Every year JCI Bradford gets together with Pulse1.co.uk and Pulse2.co.uk, and local businesses, to collect Christmas presents via pop-up collection points and running mini appeals within businesses. This year Kirkgate Shopping Centre, Bradford, has kindly sponsored the appeal, which is just amazing and demonstrates how worthwhile this project is to our sponsor and our community. JCI Bradford leads the way with the annual Secret Santa Appeal, which originally started in 1989. The appeal collects over 5,000 presents each year.







## Skies The Limit For Our OIAM Superhero Skydivers

On the hottest day of 2019, with temperatures soaring towards 30°C, our Superhero Skydivers jumped out of a plane in tandem from 15,000ft (2.8 miles) at the Skydive Hibbaldstow Centre. Skydivers including Shakeel Ahmed, Andrew Bako, Ben Bako, Coban Bako, Harrison Bako, Danny Barker, Wendy Nicholson and Jez Smart, took to the crystal clear blue skies above Lincolnshire, facing their fears to support our charitable programmes amongst Bradford's children and young people. Taking off on the first lift of the day, our team of Superhero Tandem Skydivers, took 20 minutes to reach their required altitude before taking the leap of faith, experiencing 9000ft of adrenaline-filled free-fall at 120mph in just 1-minute, before the canopy opened for a serene 6,000ft glide back to earth, taking in the breathtaking views of the stunning horizon along the way. Danny Barker said, "What an amazing experience! It was so good. When I got to the edge of the plane, I was nervous, but the inertia of the free fall at 120mph was just something else. There really is nothing like it. I would definitely do it again!". A big thank you to all our Superhero Skydivers for facing their fears and to everyone who sponsored them to support our work amongst Bradford's children and young people.



## The Weather Didn't 'Putt' Anyone Off At Am/Am Charity Golf Tournament

Our annual One In A Million Summer Am/Am Golf Tournament was supported by a record 23 teams of four, generously sponsored once again by our friends at Illingworth McNair Insurance Brokers. Despite the challenging weather conditions, our teams battled through the rain in great spirits, playing 18 holes of competitive 'Stableford' golf. The round was made a little more comfortable at the Halfway House, sponsored by Ninety Plus Ltd, where our staff served our golfing heroes welcome refreshments. New to this year's tournament was the 'Ace Golf Challenge' where our trick shot artist Ady Wheatcroft challenged our golfers to hit the ball onto the 17th Green from either; a pair of step ladders whilst balancing on one leg, a glass bottle or a Gym ball. This produced some of the day's funniest moments! We would like to thank everyone who donated to OIAM on this hole and our charity hole on the 11th which was sponsored by Jas Athwall DL and generously match funded by Barclays. Following the days golf, our evenings proceedings continued with a delicious two course meal, fundraising activities with prizes kindly donated by Complete IT Systems and Andrew Seal at SIL Holdings Ltd, and a Q&A with the inspirational David Garth whose Commercial Career has taken him

from Bradford City AFC to Glasgow Rangers, Manchester United, Inter Milan and back to his beloved Bradford City. Ahead of the prize giving guests were treated to a belly laughing performance from comedian Jamie Sutherland. Our prize winners on the day were; 1st Naylor Wintersgill – 84pts, 2nd The Buzzards T2 – 83pts and 3rd The Pack – 80pts. Nearest the Pin – Mike Barton, and Longest Drive – Tony Dyer. Congratulations everyone! OIAM would like to thank: our main sponsors Illingworth McNair Insurance Brokers, the members and staff at Shipley Golf Club, all sponsors and donators. A huge thank you to everyone who supported a great day, despite the rain, to support our work amongst children and young people living in disadvantaged communities of Bradford. Jamie Illingworth, MD of Illingworth McNair Insurance Brokers said, "We were delighted to sponsor the OIAM charity Golf Day for the eighth consecutive year; the work the charity does for young disadvantaged children in the Bradford district is truly inspirational". We would also like to thank Illingworth McNair, Complete IT Systems, and Clayton Holmes Naisbitt who sponsored the Bingley Juniors U11's football kit this season to help raise awareness of our Charity.





## From The Farm To The City With Fortem People

Thank you to our friends and long standing OIAM Corporate Partner, 'Fortem People Recruitment', for hosting our Autumn '19 network enrichment event as guests were treated to an inspirational tour by farmer/businessman Tom Dodgson around his impressive Souber Dairy farm, near Gargrave, North Yorkshire. Tom Dodgson, the owner of J R Dodgson & Son, Dairy Farming, gave us a fascinating insight into how they have grown a traditional family dairy farm business, established in 1927, into a modern production facility following significant investment. They now have over 1,000 cattle and selling over 22,000 litres of milk per day to one of the worlds largest dairy processors, Arla, who are a cooperative that they own a share in. A fabulous morning was rounded off by lunch and networking at Fortem People's picturesque countryside office. We would like to say a special thank you to Jane Vincent, Rachel Deeks and all colleagues at Fortem People for being fabulous hosts and to Tom Dodgson for giving up his time to share his journey 'from the farm to the city'.



## From Bradford City To The San Siro And Back!

The autumn Corporate Partners network event was hosted by Bradford City AFC at the Utilita Energy Stadium (Valley Parade). Partners and their guests were given an inspirational talk from our guest speaker David Garth, the clubs Chief Commercial Officer. His talk was titled, "From Bradford City To The San Siro And Back - A journey through the business of football". David began his career with Bradford City, before departing for Glasgow Rangers in 2003, then onto Manchester United and Inter Milan, prior to returning to Bradford City earlier this year. David gave fascinating insight into how he developed the business at some of the worlds leading brands. Following this, OIAMFS Principal Stuart Rees gave a presentation to launch the school's new apprenticeship scheme. Stuart explained the domains that make up the national areas of deprivation, and why apprenticeships are so important to students in our school. He finished with an explanation of how the government funding formula works for companies that are considering taking on their first apprentice. To find out more, contact us directly and we will send you information. We have received fantastic feedback following the event. *We would also like to give a special thank you to David, and his wife, who fundraised for OIAM this summer by trekking Ben Nevis!*



## Girl Power! Ladies Run The Extra Mile At Yorkshire Marathon Festival

A team of ladies took part in the Yorkshire Marathon Festival of Running. The team was made up of Jacqueline Carter, Liz Bottomley and Kirsty Moon who took part in the 10 mile running event on the day and Angie Buckle, Tracey Jagger and Kirsty Sykes who braved the full 26.2 miles of the marathon! All the ladies are members of Spensborough & District AC and are training partners, supporting each other through, not only the 10 or 26.2 miles needed for the day, but all those weeks and weeks of training that go before. Like the children and young people we work with, they displayed a great level of resilience in the face of this running challenge. Commenting about the day they all said, "26.2 challenging miles! We laughed and cried our way around. It tested us mentally. But the thought of the fabulous charity we were raising money for made it all worthwhile. We want to see the kids get chances to do things and see things that they wouldn't ordinarily get to do; see a show, learn a skill, find out what lights their spark through experiences. One In A Million charity does all those things". We applaud you and your efforts ladies and thank you for choosing us to support!



## The Moon's Reach New Heights To Raise Funds

Rob and Kirsty Moon have finally completed all their challenges in their aptly named 'Moon's Month Of Madness' to raise funds for OIAM! They completed five fundraising challenges between them, which included; Rob taking part in Fred Whittom Cycle Challenge, then they both rode back-to-back days on the Packetts Tour De Dales. Rob was next up, completing the 3-day Tour of The Highlands before Kirsty stepped up to take part in the Sprint Triathlon at the AJ Bell World Triathlon in Leeds. The final event of their fundraising challenges saw Rob complete the Coast to Coast In A Day event riding from Seascale, Cumbria, across to Whitby in one day. These five challenges saw them cover 750-metres swimming in Roundhay Lake, cycle over 930 miles cycled, climbing over 63900 feet, and running approximately 5-miles; and that's the challenges alone, not forgetting all the training that goes beforehand! After a grueling set of events, OIAM would like to say a massive 'thank you' to everyone who has supported their Month of Madness, and of course, a massive thank you to Rob and Kirsty who are such an inspiration to us all!





## Ilkley Town AFC Tournament Is A Winner

Ilkley Town AFC held its inaugural corporate 7-a-side football tournament and kindly selected OIAM to be their chosen charity partner. Twelve teams entered the tournament. Guests were kept entertained by live music, a bouncy castle, BBQ and of course the great football that was on show. Team OIAM were the winners of the main competition beating Square Financial in a closely fought final to round off what was a successful day. Wayne Jacobs, OIAM CEO said, "As a charity we believe that 'it takes a community to raise a child' and we would like to thank Ilkley Town AFC, Richard Giles, and Claire Crosland for running such a great tournament, whilst raising valuable funds to support our work amongst Bradford's children and young people who live in disadvantaged communities. Well done to everyone who was involved!"



Jonathan



Andrew

## Ilkley Half Marathon Runners – A Cause Worth Running For

Congratulations to Jonathan Martin, OIAMFS's Community Manager, and Corporate Partner Andrew Middleton from C&C Healthcare, completed the inaugural Ilkley Half Marathon and raised over £1,500 to support the work of OIAM. A rousing crowd of locals, friends and family cheered them across the finish line. Andrew Middleton said, "I would like to say a 'BIG' thank you to everyone who sponsored me to help the children who are supported by this excellent charity. Jonathan added, "I chose a half marathon as my big challenge for the year to support OIAM. I have seen first-hand the difference both the Charity and School make in the lives of children and young people in Bradford. Thank you Jonathan and Andrew for your valued support!"

## Danny & Cheryl Fox Light Up The Sky

Thank you to Danny and Cheryl Fox, from Foxshire LTD, hosted an alternative Bonfire party, which raised an incredible £3,990 to support the work of One In A Million. Cheryl Fox said, "We wanted to do something different this year to support a local charity as an alternative to buying fireworks. We decided to raise money for One In A Million, a charity that is close to our hearts. It was a super night and very well supported by the community". We would like to say a big thank you to all the guests who supported the evening, donated and gave raffle prizes. You really are One In A Million! Thank you Cheryl and Danny for your generosity and for adding value to others!"



## Brothers In Arms - Riders Complete 127 Mile Challenge

The Bingley Bantams went the extra mile once again to support One In A Million charity, by cycling a gruelling 127 miles, from Liverpool to Leeds along the canal, during a hot summer weekend! Brothers Keith and Ian Taylor and Andrew Vaux decided that it would be 'fun' to push their limits to raise money for our work in city. Encouraged by a support team en-route and a wave of social media following, the riders kept everyone amused with their regular humorous posts. The saddle-sore 'middle aged' riders overcame some rough terrain, punctures and mechanical difficulties to reach the finishing line on schedule in Leeds, cheered home by family and friends including OIAM staff. In his usual satire, Keith Taylor said, "I'm not doing that again!" Craig McHugh, OIAM Executive said, "We would like to say a big thank you to Ian, Keith, Andrew, and all at Bingley Bantams for raising nearly £2,000 to support the work of our charity. They have big hearts to consistently give back to help others!" Rumour has it, that they are planning to ride again in 2020, tackling the famous Coast to Coast Hadrian's Wall route. Watch this space!"



## Back Of The Net! Thornton Bantam Rooters Score With Football Fundraiser

On a very wet Saturday during the summer, Thornton Bantam Rooters hosted a charity football match against a One In A Million XI to raise money to support our work in disadvantaged communities of Bradford. Despite the conditions, the match was played in a competitive but fantastic spirit with the

One In A Million team winning by a margin of 10-3 during the 90-minute match. Following the game, both players and spectators were treated to fantastic hospitality and entertainment courtesy of The New Inn, Thornton, where presentations and fundraising for the charity took place. Craig McHugh, Charity Executive, said, "We would like to say a huge thank you to Thornton Bantam Rooters for hosting a great afternoon in support One In A Million charity. We are very grateful to everyone who supported, sponsored, donated and organised! Thank you on behalf of Bradford's children and young people!"