

WELCOME BACK!

A big 'thank you' to all the parents for supporting your child's return to school on Thursday and making a great start to the academic year. Pupil attendance for this week is approximately 95% with 3 Classes having 100%. This is truly impressive and we would like this to continue with the support from parents.

LIT WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS at 9:00

The LIT (Let's Inspire Together) meetings will be as a workshop based on an issue affecting children's learning. It is vital that all parents attend the LIT sessions. Where possible, it would be beneficial if both parents are able to attend. More information will be shared through ParentHub.

Below are the dates for the LIT sessions this term.

Autumn term - September 2021	
Tuesday 7 Sept	Year 6, Poppy & Orchid
Wednesday 8 Sept	Year 5, Hyacinth & Violets
Thursday 9 Sept	Year 4, Crocus & Hydrangea
Friday 10 Sept	Year 3, Ivy & Tulip
Tuesday 14 Sept	Year 2, Rose & Geranium
Wednesday 1 Sept	Year 1, Camellia & Honeysuckle
Thursday 16 Sept	Reception, Bluebell & Daffodil

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

The school office will be closed for face-to-face contact for the time being to assess the spread of the virus. Parents can continue to telephone or send email. Thank you for your kind support and cooperation.

PARENTS' WEBINAR BY THE COUNCIL

Webinar:
How schools are staying Covid-safe this Autumn

Your chance to ask questions and hear from local decision-makers and public health experts.

Wednesday 8 September, 12.30pm




BRIGHT MINDS AND LIFESKILLS

Bright Minds will start from Tuesday 7 September for all pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6. This will help minimise any learning gaps and support this term's learning.

Bright Minds sessions are from 8:00AM on Tuesdays to Fridays. Children will use the main entrance. Children arriving later after 8:10 AM will not be able to be in the sessions and may be asked to sit outside the school office until 9:00 AM.

TRADE - PURCHASE

Parents will now be able to purchase any trade items through the school office by card payment.



Book bag - £4.00	Mouth Guard - £1.50
PE T-Shirt - £5.00	Water Bottle - £2.00

LEARNING MINDS

The school will be continuing with the Learning Minds initiative to provide additional academic support to selected children in Year 1, 2 and 3. These support sessions will be immediately after school, 3:30 to 4:30 PM and will be free of charge.

Parents of selected children will be contacted through Parent Hub with more information and to accept the place. Sessions start on the week beginning 13 September.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

The school is offering a great range of clubs after-school during the autumn term. The full club programme and sign up arrangements including online payment will be sent via Parent Hub on Monday 6 September. All after-school clubs will begin on the week beginning 13 September.

MEDICATION

Thank you to all parents who have brought their children's medication to school. If you have not, then kindly do so by Monday. All medication must be left at the school office with clear instructions in writing. A form will be provided to you at the school office.

PE DAYS & KIT

Children need to come to school in their full PE kit on the days they have PE lessons. Kindly support your child to take pride in wearing the correct PE kit so they get the best education. Correct PE kit includes suitable footwear (trainers or plimsolls, comfortable trousers/shorts, and a house-team coloured t-shirt.

Reception children will be informed of their house team so they can purchase the correct coloured t-shirt before their first PE lesson. Children stay in the same house team throughout their time at Bigland Green.

PE lesson days	
Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Monday & Friday
Year 2	Wednesday & Thursday
Year 3	Tuesday & Thursday
Year 4	Monday & Tuesday
Year 5	Wednesday & Friday
Year 6	Friday

DfE ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

School attendance is mandatory and the usual rules continue to apply, including:

- a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where the child is a registered pupil at school
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability for schools and local authorities to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

VACANCY

The school has a vacancies for a Teaching Assistant & Office Admin post to start this term.

For more information, please visit the school website.

<https://biglandgreen.towerhamlets.sch.uk/vacancies/>



SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform is compulsory for all pupils.

The uniform at Bigland Green includes:

- Green cardigan or jumper - with or without the school logo
- White polo shirts or shirts (long sleeves/short sleeves)
- Grey trousers
- Grey or black skirts/leggings
- Pinafore checked dress
- School shoes (black); pupils can wear all black trainers on the days the ball-court is allocated to them. Pupils are not allowed to wear sandals at

school.

EYFS DRINKING WATER

Children in EYFS do not need a water bottle. Every classroom has a jug of water & cups and children are supported to pour their own drink as they need it. They are taught how to safely put the cup to one side to wash it. This system is safer for young children and teaches them valuable skills. As lunch is eaten in the classroom cups are provided at this time too.

LABELLING YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES

During the autumn period children need to bring more items of clothing to school to protect them from the cold. Please ensure that your child has a coat and all items of clothing that are labelled with your child's full name in permanent ink. Permanent markers are available in the school office.

DINNER MONEY - NURSERY

Request for dinner money payment will be through Parent Hub. Fortnightly or termly payment for Dinner money is preferable.



The school asks all parents to download the Parent Hub app. The app will help parents keep up-to-date with what is going on at Bigland Green and allow you to make any payments to the school, including school dinners.

HOMELEARNING PACKS

The school's home-learning system has helped to ensure consistency and high expectations across all year groups. The school will continue with this system. As part of the 'Home-learning', Year 2 to Year 6 parents can purchase a 'home-learning pack'. More information will be sent through ParentHub.

Samples will also be available during the LIT sessions. The packs will be given to pupils during the week beginning 13 September. We request that all parents purchase a pack to support their child's learning.

PUPIL COLLECTION BEFORE HOMETIME

The school office will need to be informed latest by 3:15 PM to ensure messages can be taken to the classes. Parents will need to provide the person collecting with a password. The person collecting will be required to give the password to the staff member who is releasing the child. Password needs to be simple but cannot be your child's name or address.



The school is strongly requesting all parents to wear a face covering

Quote for
the Week

"Great things never came from comfort zones"



**Bigland
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A newsletter for the Bigland Green Primary School community

3 September 2021

**when dropping and collecting their
children from school. Thank you.**

**Idiom of
the Week**

'Hive of activity'

A place full of activity; very busy place..