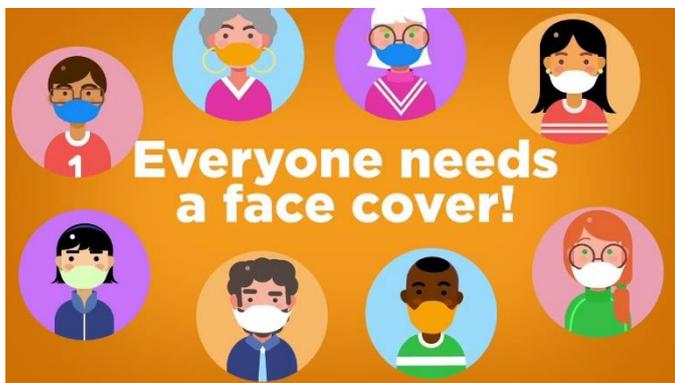


FACE COVERING/MASK

Parents/carers are reminded to wear a face covering/mask when dropping and collecting their children to and from school. If you are exempt, then kindly have that displayed.

The school needs support and cooperation from everyone to ensure that it can continue to provide education to pupils. Without the required cooperation the school is very vulnerable and likely to encounter closures of whole classes and year groups.



BRIGHT MINDS BREAKFAST

Thank you to parents for your support with ensuring children attend Bright Minds and Life Skills regularly and on time.

Please note the following dates for the Bright Minds breakfast for children:

Year 6 - 10 December

Year 4 and 5 and Learning Minds Breakfast - 17 December

As Year 6 will be in Gorsefield on the week beginning 13 December there will be no Bright Minds for Year 6 during that week.

SMOKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

Smoking in and around the school is prohibited - whether it is conventional cigarettes or e-cigar. Parents and carers are requested not to smoke while dropping or collecting their children. The school has been made aware of some parents smoking around the school gates. Please note that Bigland Street is a 'smoke free' zone to protect your children and others.



HOUSE TEAM TREAT

A special treat for the house team that has the most points across the school for autumn term will be on the last day of term, Tuesday 21 December. The winning team will be revealed in the morning and invited to a special showing of *The Snow Queen*.



Encourage your child to keep earning house points at school, who will win this term?

FULL-TIME NURSERY PLACES

Full-time Nursery places are only offered by the government to children whose parent(s) qualify for 30 hours funding. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Bigland Green, as in the past years, is able to offer a small number of full-time Nursery places that will be funded by the school itself. The school will use the following criteria to offer places to children who are currently attending Bigland Green Nursery on a part-time basis:

1. Children with confirmed social or medical needs.
2. Children with confirmed additional learning needs who will benefit from a full-time place.
3. Children who live within the Bigland Green catchment area.
4. Strong recommendation from teachers/Assistant HeadTeacher of EYFS that a full-time place will benefit the child and/or the family with clear rationale.

Interested parents can collect an application form from the school office. The completed form must be received by the school by Thursday 9 December 2021 the latest. Those who are offered a place are expected to become full-time in January. As Nursery is non-statutory, the school's decision will be final and there is no scope for an appeal against the decision.

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Below are key dates for your diary as we move toward the end of the term and the calendar year.

6 December	Year 1 visit to St George's church (am)
9 December	Deadline for application for a full-time place in Nursery
10 December	Last day of After-school clubs and Learning Minds Year 6 Breakfast from 8:00AM
13-15 December	Orchid class to Gorsefield
15-17 December	Poppy class to Gorsefield
15 December	Children's Xmas lunch
17 December	Bright Minds, Learning Minds and Life Skills breakfast in the morning from 8:00 AM - no late admissions.
20 December	Class Treats -regrettably, we cannot accept any donation of food/drink nor will we be able to invite parents to the class treats this term.
21 December	Winning House Team treats
	Last day of term - children finish school at 2:00 PM

TRAINING DAY IN JANUARY

Please be reminded that Tuesday 4 January will be a Training Day for staff when school will be closed for children. Pupils return to school on Wednesday 5 January - Bright Minds and Life Skills from 8:00 AM; other pupils from 9:00 AM as usual.

ATTENDANCE: 22 to 26 NOVEMBER

Good attendance is 97% and above. Anything below needs improving. How is your child's class doing?

Sunflower	86%	Lavender	93%
Daffodil	91%	Bluebell	88%
Honeysuckle	90%	Camellia	90%
Geranium	95%	Rose	97%
Tulip	98%	Ivy	96%
Crocus	96%	Hydrangea	94%
Violets	97%	Hyacinth	96%
Orchid	96%	Poppy	99%
Very Good		Needs Improving	
Good		Poor	

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, then kindly telephone the school office before 9.30AM. Please inform us on the first day of absence **and** every subsequent day thereafter. Thank you to all the parents who are doing this already.

TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE SCHOOL

Please avoid calling the school between the hours 8:50 AM to 9:10 AM and from 3:20 to 3:40 PM as staff members are usually on gate duties. If you need to inform the school of someone else collecting your child, then kindly do so before 3:15 PM so that the message can be communicated to the class in time. Thank you for your kind understanding and support.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

There is an additional bank holiday in 2022 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Therefore, the last day of the school year will be on Thursday 21 July 2022 (not Friday 22 July as publicise in the school's term dates).

The provisional term dates for 2022-23 are now available from the school website. Kindly note that the provisional dates are subject to change and any changes will be communicated in writing.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD - NOT ON THE MOBILE!

Research shows that 'talk' is the foundation of true learning. At Bigland Green we want parents to talk to their children when dropping them to school and when collecting them from school.



To achieve this and for reasons of safeguarding, mobile phones are not be allowed in the school premises. Please do not be offended if you are asked to put your phone away before entering the school gates.

Tower Hamlets continues to have a high infection rate

PLEASE WEAR A FACE COVERING/ MASK

please do not be offended if you are stopped and asked

protect yourself ~ protect others!

Bigland Green ~ a great place to learn & grow

Masks are mandatory for adults on the school premises from 29 November.

Please do not be offended if you are asked to put a face covering before entering the school premises.

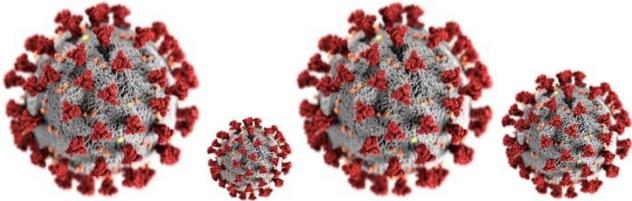
Quote of the Week

'Think diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude...'

OMICRON – COVID 19

You will know that a small number of people in the country have been affected by a new variant of Covid 19. Public health and the LA is encouraging everyone to take this seriously and take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and others.

It is extremely important that everyone in the school community continues to strictly adhere to the school's policies and procedures. We need to be extra vigilant and mindful.



COVID IS A REAL RISK TO LIVES

Kindly maintain social distancing as much as feasible during drop off and collection time. It is not safe to have small group discussions in the school premises or on the street. If you must talk to others, then kindly do so with adequate distancing and protection.

Most importantly remember to wash hands with soap and water more often. Coronavirus is a real risk to the



vulnerable and we need to be mindful at all times and protect ourselves and those around us. Please follow the rules and encourage others to do the same.

HOW TO STOP COVID SPREADING

- Wash hands with soap and water often - do this for at least 20 seconds.
- Wash hands before coming to school and as soon as you get home.
- Cover mouth and nose with a tissue or the sleeve (not your hands) when you cough/sneeze.
- Maintain good social distancing when dropping or collecting your child.
- Avoid having face-to-face discussions with other parents and have social discussion on the phone.

SEASONAL COLD AND FLU

It is normal for children to have a cold/flu during winter months. If your child's temperature is more than 38°C, please seek medical advice. 36-37°C is normal body temperature and they should be at school.

CORONAVIRUS IN THE FAMILY?

If there is a positive case of coronavirus in your household or family, then kindly inform the school office immediately. Children who are not positive can still attend school. Please do an LFD test the night before they attend school to check.

Kindly take them to PAL Space where they will have an LFD test before going into their classes. This will provide an added layer of reassurance and protection for everyone, including the child involved.

Staff members who have a positive case in their household must follow the NHS guidelines. Most staff will be able to come to work as normal but the school strongly advice all staff members to take an LFD test in such situation before coming to school. Please see the school office if you need any clarifications.

Main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- ❖ a high temperature (38°C or above)
- ❖ a new continuous cough
- ❖ a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child has the symptoms, then please go for a PCR test at the Watney Market test centre. You will normally have the results within 24 hours and a peace of mind. The test centre at Watney Market is open from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

If the school has strong evidence that the safety of pupils are at risk then the school will administer LFD (lateral flow device) tests to the whole class. If you do not want your child to be tested then kindly inform the school office in writing. This action will only be taken if there was a very strong need.

**If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste**

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

Idiom of
the Week

'The icing on the cake'
Something additional that turns good into great