

HALF-TERM CLOSURE

The half-term closure is from Monday 14 to Friday 18 February. The school is also closed for children on Monday 21 February for a staff Training Day. We request families to plan any visits or trips during this closure to avoid pupils missing school during term time. We would like to wish everyone a good, restful half-term and thank you for all your support to making this a great term at Bigland Green.

AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE (A4E)

Selected pupils in Year 6 will be receiving targeted support during the half term to prepare them for their secondary schools. This will be from Monday to Friday next week. School uniform is not required - please use the PAL space gates to drop and collect your child.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day 2022 was celebrated on Tuesday 8th February with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online.' This week children have explored virtual assemblies in their classrooms. Children have had important and meaningful discussions about some of the online issues that were raised from these virtual assemblies.

Virtual assembly for 3-7 year olds:

<https://vimeo.com/671941436>

Virtual assembly for 7-11 year olds:

<https://vimeo.com/671943928>

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS TO STAY SAFE AND POSITIVE ONLINE

- Have conversations with your children without judgement.
- Be informed about your child's favourite app and games.
- Get support if things go wrong.
- Reassure your child that whatever happens online, you are there to support them.

Please take the time to look through this link to find further activities you can do with your child and a video to help you start having conversations about being safe on the internet.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>



School Council Choice Awards



Zakariya has been chosen because he is always kind, friendly and gets along with everyone



Marwah has been chosen as she shows confidence in her learning and has high expectation in what she does. She is a good role model to her class.

KEY DATES:

Thursday 3 & Friday 4 March, 3:30 - 5:30PM.	Parent Conference - short telephone conversations
Thursday 3 and Friday 4 March.	No after-school Clubs or Learning Minds (Bright Minds before school will continue as normal).

NURSERY ADMISSIONS

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 and you would like a nursery place for September 2022, you must apply online via the eadmissions portal.

The closing date is 16 February.

<https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/Documents/Education-and-skills/Admissions-and-exclusions/Admissions-2022/Nursery-prospectus-2022.pdf>

ENRICHED LEARNING

IN YEAR 1

Spring 1 has been an exciting time for year 1. The learning provided by the robust curriculum has been enhanced with visits and workshops delivered by school governors.

WHAT HAPPENS IN A SYNAGOGUE?

This term as for their unit of learning for RE, the children in year 1 have been learning about sacred places. Following their visit to the Church in December, they continued their learning by looking at sacred places associated with other faiths.



As a part of their learning about Judaism a Rabbi was invited to visit and deliver a workshop to both classes. He taught them about the different areas of a synagogue and its functions.

He brought in artefacts for the children to explore and learn from. The children were taught a new song and listened to stories from the Old Testament.



GOVERNOR VISIT

The learning was enriched further with a visit from former Headteacher, CEO and current school governor, Jacqueline Kirsch.



ALL THE SAME YET DIFFERENT

With Jacqueline the children learnt that sacred places can be anywhere and not always a purpose built building of faith. She showed them artefacts from her youth and discussed how Jewish homes can be sacred places.

IBN BATUTA

For wider curriculum the unit of learning in year 1 has been explored. The children have learned about; Captain Scott who led an expedition to the Antarctic, Sunita Williams who ran a space a marathon and Ibn Battuta, the Berber Maghrebi scholar, who explored Eurasia on camelback and wrote a book called Rihla about his travels.



As Ibn Battuta lived centuries ago, he could not visit the school so an adult from the school dressed up and lead a drama and Q&A session for the children.

Quote of
the Week

“Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow.”