

PLATINUM JUBILEE PARADE

To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, Bigland Green has organised a special parade on Friday 27 March. The parade will start at 2:00 PM and go around Watney Market. The school is expecting press coverage of the event by newspapers and community TV. Parents who wish to take part are requested to be at the main school gates at 1:50 PM the latest. School will finish at the normal time of 3:30 PM on the day for children.



Pupils at Bigland Green have been learning about key events in different decades over the past 70 years in their classes. There will be special presentations that children will share with their peers to share their learning. We will aim to capture some of this in the newsletter.

AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE

Aiming for Excellence is a free tutorial support given to pupils who have the potential to achieve a great deal with little support. Usually, this support is offered during the half-term holidays to selected pupils who have the ability to excel.

During the next half-term, *Aiming for Excellence* support will be given to selected pupils in the current Year 5 cohort. Parents will receive a letter from the team leader with more support. Kindly ensure that the consent slip is returned before the deadline to avoid disappointment. Thank you.

COOPERATION AND SUPPORT

This is a gentle reminder to all parents that the school gates need to be locked at 3:40 PM for safety and security. Kindly vacate the playground before this time. Thank you.

BRIGHT MINDS FROM 7 JUNE



From Tuesday 7 June the Bright Mind sessions will be for current Year 3, 4 and 5 pupils. These sessions allow pupils to take part in 'pre-teaching' and 'catch-up-interventions' that helps pupils to make excellent progress.

These sessions have helped Bigland Green to be in the top 3% of schools in the country over the past five years. Our ex-pupils have also done extremely well in their GCSE results in their secondary schools. The school will continue to provide this free provision while it has the funding to do so.

The last session of Bright Minds for current Year 6 pupils will be on Friday 27 May.

READ TO LEARN ~ TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

Read to Learn is every Tuesday to Friday from 9:00-9:15 AM. Parents who are aiming to be part of this are requested to complete a short form as part of the school's Risk Assessment. This will be given to you the day you attend. Also, a request to all parents to switch off their phones and to stay until the end of the session. Thank you for your cooperation.

VACANCY FOR SEPTEMBER

The school is advertising to recruit a Teaching Assistant to start in September. The successful candidate will have the passion to turn dreams into reality and help increase children's life chances. They will have GCSE grades A* - B in English and mathematics, and preferably a degree.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

TAs have weekly CPD sessions and the opportunities for career progression. Bigland Green has a fantastic track record of supporting TAs to become teachers. More information can be found on the school website.

BRIGHT MINDS FOR CURRENT YEAR 3 PUPILS FROM TUESDAY 7 JUNE

Current Year 3 pupils will have their first Bright Mind session on Tuesday 7 June from 8:00 AM. The sessions are Tuesday to Friday from 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM. These sessions are extremely effective and beneficial for pupils who are aiming to achieve the expected standards or higher level in the National Curriculum.

The school will telephone parents next week to obtain verbal consent and provide any further information. We hope that all pupils who are aiming to achieve the standards of the National Curriculum will attend these sessions from June so that they have a head start next year.



HALF-TERM CLOSURE

School will be closed for half-term closure from Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June. Children and staff return to school on Monday 6 June at the usual time. Kindly note that Bright Minds for current Years 3, 4 and 5 will be from Tuesday 7 June at the usual time of 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM - Tuesday to Friday until Friday 15 July.

YEAR 6 FOOTBALL MATCH

This week Year 6 had a friendly in-school football match. The children all enjoyed taking part and worked very well together.

Well done to Orchid Class children for winning 5-2!



TRIPS AND VISITS

These are the following dates of upcoming trips:

Date	Class	Trip
Wed 25 May	Year 5 Violet	Credit Suisse offices BEE project
Fri 17 June	Year 6 Poppy	Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre
Fri 24 June	Year 6 Orchid	Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre
Fri 01 July	Year 6 Poppy	Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre
Fri 08 July	Year 6 Orchid	Shadwell Basin Outdoor Activity Centre

INTERCULTURAL PROJECT

Bigland Green hosted five teachers from Ireland and three teachers from Portugal. The visiting teachers observed the school in action and took part in a number of activities to gain a better understanding of education in England, particularly at Bigland Green. They were all very impressed with the interventions and individual support given to pupils in the school.

During the half-term a number of staff members will join teachers from Ireland and Sweden in Portugal to learn about their education system.



Quote of the Week

‘Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.’