

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 AM - Tuesday to Friday until Friday 15 July. We would like to wish everyone a good, restful half term and thank you for all your support

AIMING FOR EXCELLENCE (A4E)

Selected pupils in Year 5 will be receiving targeted support during the half term to prepare them for their transition to Year 6. This will be from Monday 30 May to Thursday 2 June. School uniform is not required - please use the PAL space gates to drop and collect your child.

HEALTHY SNACKS

We are noticing an increase in unhealthy food/snacks being brought into school. We would like to remind parents that we are a Sugar Smart school and encourage pupils to have healthy snacks that are low in sugar, fat and salt. Proper nutrition promotes growth and healthy brain development in children. Pupils that attend clubs and learning minds are provided with a healthy snack and drink before the club starts but you are also welcome to provide your child/ren with a snack, given that it is healthy. Please work with us to promote healthy eating habits to all children.



THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE, BARTS HEALTH OPEN DAY

Year 6 school council cabinet members will be holding a stand on June 8 at the Royal London Hospital to display the fantastic learning Bigland Green pupils have been studying about the 70 years of service the Queen Elizabeth II has achieved throughout her reign. The Queen is the hospitals patron and granted them the 'Royal' title during her visit in 1990. The learning will be shared with patients and the community. Please feel free to visit our stand from 11AM - 12PM.

School Council Choice Awards



**Naveed Ahmed
Geranium**

Naveed has been chosen because he is kind, helpful and respectful.



**Tahiyah Taher
Poppy**

Tahiyah has been chosen because she is a great role model to the class and has high expectations towards her learning

KEY DATES FOR NEXT TERM

Below are some of the key dates for next term for your diary. All dates are available on the school website.

- 6 June - school opens as normal
- 7 June - Bright resumes for Yr3,4 & 5 at 8:00AM
- 9 June - New Nursery session on the school attendance
- 1 July - Year 6 secondary Transition Day
- 4 July - Staff training
- 5 July - Sports Day EYFS
- 6 July - Sports Day for KS1 and KS2 - all day
- 8 July - Last day for clubs
- 11 July - Eid Closure (Eid-ul-Adha)
- 12 July - 2:30 Eid activities afternoon
- 14 July & 15 July - Parent conferences - Annual Reports
- 15 July - Last session for Bright Minds
- 19 July - Moving-up Day
- 20 July - 2:30 End-of-year Class parties
- 21 July - BG Awards AM & Last day of school, pupils finish at 2PM

FREE COMPUTING WORKSHOPS - YEARS 4, 5 AND 6

Does your child enjoy using digital devices at home? Do you want to develop their digital literacy skills? Microsoft and Apple are holding **free** workshops this half term for you and your child. Use the following links to register your child. These workshops will greatly support your child's Computing lessons.

Minecraft Build Challenge Ages 8+

Minecraft Build Challenge: The Queens Jubilee

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-gb/store/workshops-training-and-events/locations/london?type=In-person>

Photo Lab for Kids: Fun Family Portraits

Photo Walk: Taking Portraits on Location

<https://www.apple.com/uk/today/calendar/stratfordcity/?topics=photography&showHero=true&nearby=true&sn=R410>

ATTENDANCE FOR 16 - 20 MAY

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

Sunflower	94%	Lavender	97%
Daffodil	91%	Bluebell	85%
Honeysuckle	97%	Camellia	94%
Geranium	91%	Rose	100%
Tulip	95%	Ivy	94%
Crocus	99%	Hydrangea	95%
Violets	95%	Hyacinth	97%
Orchid	91%	Poppy	97%
	Excellent		Needs Improving
	Good		Poor

This is a reminder to parents that good attendance and punctuality are vital to children's learning and achievement at school. As seen above the majority of classes need improving, so we request your support to ensure all pupils are able to reach their full potential. With the final half term of this academic year approaching, please aim for your child to have 100% attendance so that the school is able to provide them with good education and improve their life chances.

STAFF LEAVING

The school is saying 'farewell' to Razia and Sanjidah, who have contributed a great deal to the school, Sanjidah will be going on maternity leave.

We hope that they have enjoyed their time in the school. We would like to thank them for their contributions to Bigland Green and wish them the best with the future.

SCHOOL COUNCIL HOARDING PROJECT

Our school council ran a competition to design a mural for the hoarding in the KS2 playground. Each class then chose their favourite design and had fun bringing it to life using their handprints.



BIGLAND GREEN JUBILEE PARADE

Bigland Green organised a special parade to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. Pupils, staff and parents walked through the local community with flags, crowns and hats that the children designed.



Quote of the Week

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ENRICHED LEARNING

IN YEAR 2

Summer has started with a great start for year 2. The learning provided by the robust wider curriculum has been enhanced with visits and workshops delivered by visitors.

WHO ARE OUR LOCAL HEROES?



This term as for their unit of learning for wider curriculum, the children in year 2 have been learning about local heroes, in particular Catherine and William Booth. They recognised some statues they had seen when they have been 'out and about' with

their families, decided to feed their curiosity and the rest is history! They learnt why these statues have been placed in Whitechapel and what these two people have done for the local community and the wider world



HISTORY ON OUR DOORSTEP

With Genova from The Tower Hamlets Archives, children learnt what it is to be a historian. They looked at dated documents and artefacts and moved on to creating timelines to show their understanding.

Having looked at the reasons why Catherine and William Booth started the Salvation Army, the children realised both William and Catherine were people who were ahead of their time, she because she wanted more rights for



women and the poor and he because he supported her. Their work in class included shared writing of letters to parliament asking for funding in the guise of Catherine Booth.

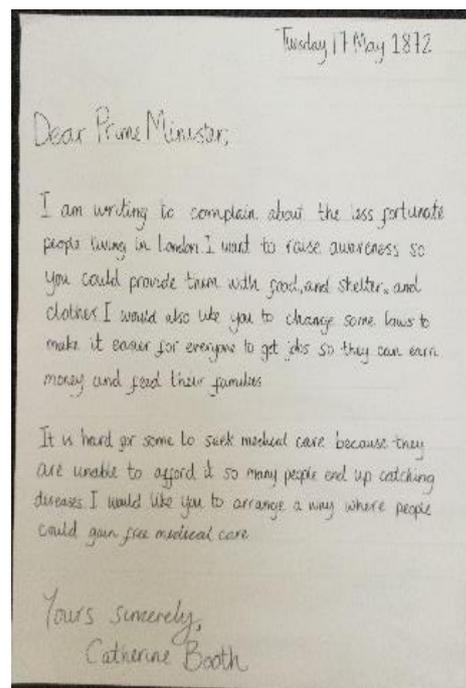
SALVATION ARMY VISIT



The learning was enriched further with a visit from Lieutenant Satrah Griffiths of the Stepney Military Corps, Salvation Army.



With Lieutenant Griffiths they learnt how and why the Salvation Army was created, why it was important to have such an institution and why it is still operating today. They designed their own flag and bonnet too. They were able to step back in time to role play the two heroes.



So next time you are out on a walk look at your surroundings. What is the significance of a statue? A sign on the wall? Who knows what stories you will discover?

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