

## A VERY SPECIAL ASSEMBLY

Pupils at the school had a special assembly on Monday to celebrate a life time of service to the people, country and world by Queen Elizabeth II who died last Thursday afternoon.

The learning was linked to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration earlier in the year. Pupils were taught the meaning/definitions of the following:



Monarch,  
Monarchy,  
Sovereign,  
Rex/Regina,  
Mourning,  
Coronation,  
Lie in state,  
Half-mast

Pupils watched a short news-clip on the life of the Queen and the legacies that she had left behind. Quotations from leaders around the world were shared alongside messages sent by faith leaders.

Pupils also learnt some information about the new monarch King Charles III. The key messages included that pupils are part of witnessing a history that will be studied for many decades and centuries in the future.

## TEACHING OF PHONICS

Bigland Green teaches systematic, synthetic phonics from the Early Years. The phonics programme used is called 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds'. Parents can visit the link below for useful resources.

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Class teachers will also be able to provide information that parents can use to help their child at home. Some of this information has already been shared with parents in the LIT sessions.

## HOW SAFE IS YOUR CHILD ONLINE?

Visit this link that provides you with practical advice to keep your child safe on the internet

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## BANK HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Bigland Green will be closed for pupils and staff members on Monday 19 September in respect of the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. School will open as normal from Tuesday 20 September. Kindly remember that Bright Minds for Year 4, 5 and 6 starts at 8:00 AM alongside Life Skills.

## YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Children were really delighted to be able to attend the swimming sessions on Monday. The sessions are taking place at Stepney All Saints school while St Georges pool is closed. The logistical details were discussed and agreed at the Year 4 LIT session last week.

A big 'Thank You' to all the parents, children and staff members for your support and assistance. We have reviewed some of the logistics based on the feedback received so that everything runs more smoothly. The next swimming session will be on Monday 26 September.

## BEFORE SCHOOL PROVISION

Last term the governing body approved a policy on 'before school provision' for Reception to Year 3 (as the school already has a provision for Years 4, 5 and 6). The policy is available on the school website or from the school office.



## ATTENDANCE QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead

- Nora Ephron

## NO MOBILIES ON SCHOOL PREMISES



Bigland Green has had 'no mobile on school premises' policy following safeguarding and other guidance from DfE and the Local Authority. While the vast majority of parents and carers are very supportive, there are a

minority few who are reluctant to follow this policy.

Bigland Green will enforce this policy strictly from this term and any breaches will be dealt with formally. Parents are respectfully reminded that all parents are legally bound to follow all school policies and the school's code of conduct. These are all available on the school website.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have limited places remaining for after-school clubs. Kindly make payment as soon as possible this week at the school office to secure a place for your child. Please complete the link if you are interested: [forms.gle/43kVCAvk5ETWdCR76](https://forms.gle/43kVCAvk5ETWdCR76)

## SECONDARY TRANSFER

Parents with children in Year 6, (born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012), will need to make an online application via eadmissions portal for their child/ren to transfer to secondary school in September 2023. Please see the link below:

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

Please complete the form once you have submitted your secondary application:

<https://forms.gle/bkqK8z6zZqnN4UDz5>

Closing date is Monday 17 October 2022.

## ATTENDANCE FOR 5 - 9 SEPTEMBER

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

Sunflower	100%	Lavender	99%
Daffodil	95%	Bluebell	96%
Honeysuckle	89%	Camellia	99%
Geranium	94%	Rose	99%
Tulip	95%	Ivy	96%
Crocus	98%	Hydrangea	99%
Violets	98%	Hyacinth	94%
Orchid	97%	Poppy	100%
Excellent		Needs Improving	
Good		Poor	

## GOOD ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

As seen above the majority of classes have excellent attendance. Thank you to parents who have worked hard to make a strong start at the beginning of this term. Please continue this effort to maintain high attendance throughout the rest of this academic year!

## 100% ATTENDANCE

Well done to all the pupils who had 100% attendance during the last academic year. Congratulations for their parents who must be extremely proud of their child's achievement. The school publishes termly attendance newsletter celebrating the achievement of pupils with good attendance and punctuality. We request that all parents aim to ensure that their child has good attendance this year. All pupils with 100% attendance will be given a special certificate at the end of the year.



If any parents feel that their child had 100% attendance but their name was not printed in the newsletter then kindly contact the school office so that we can check our records. One of pupils missed out from the newsletter was Ahana Ayaat who had 100% attendance.

## EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

This is a strong reminder that Bigland Green does not authorise holiday during term time. Any request for leave during term-time must be submitted 10 days in advance. Please note leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. If the absence is classified as unauthorised, parents are at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice.

## DEALING WITH INCIDENTS/CONCERNS

It is part of normal growing up for children to fall-out with friends, be upset or act out-of-character. Parents and carers are gently reminded that if you are concerned about an incident involving your child which took place at school then kindly contact the classteacher directly. You can do so by emailing the classteacher or seeing them in person.

It is important that parents/carers do not approach parents of other children who may have been involved. This will not help but complicate the situation. It will also be against the school policy.

Classteachers' emails have been sent to the Parent Hub.

Quote of  
the Week

**"The key is not spending time, but in investing it."**