



Bigland Green School Council Meet

THE KING AND THE QUEEN CONSORT

His Majesty The King Charles III and Her Majesty The Queen Consort Camilla visited the British Bangladeshi Community in Brick Lane earlier this week on Wednesday 8 February.

The organisers of the visit invited Bigland Green to be part of this momentous event for the significant contributions that Bigland Green has made through providing high quality education and care, and empowering pupils/families with aspirations.

Bigland Green selected the School Council Cabinet Members to represent the school for this unique occasion.

All Cabinet Members - Abdullah Mahmood, Ayah Zaman, Ayan Uddin, Azwa Islam Haque (Year 6); Afeefa Takiyah, Ikram Babu, Kayaan Alam, Tasfia Islam (Year 5); Aayan Ahmed-Shad, Naeem Ahmed, Reyhana Berardi, and Saniyya Miah (Year 4) attended this magnificent event. They met The King and The Queen Consort at the start of their historic visit which started from Altab Ali Park.

The pupils were accompanied by Elena, Jade, Jorina and Masuda.

His Majesty The King and Her Majesty The Queen Consort exchanged greetings and shook hands with all the pupils and staff members from Bigland Green. The King asked one of the staff members about the school and wished everyone a well-deserved half-term.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed meeting The King and The Queen Consort. They felt that it really was a 'once in a life time opportunity'. They were proud to be pupils in a school that was recognised and celebrated by people in the community and beyond for its impact in shaping a better future for the next generation.



Idiom of
the Week

'A real plum'

A good opportunity or once in a life-time opportunity



Bigland Green pupil, Aya Hussain, welcoming The King and The Queen Consort to Brick Lane - 'Bangla Town'

HALF-TERM CLOSURE & TRAINING DAY

The half-term closure is from Monday 13 to Friday 17 February. The school is also closed for children on Monday 20 February for a staff Training Day. Children return to school on Tuesday 21 February at the usual time. Bright Minds and Life Skills will resume from Tuesday 21 February.

We request families to plan any visits or trips during this closure to avoid pupils missing school during term time. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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.

ITEMS NOT ALLOWED IN SCHOOL

A reminder for parents that the school's policy for pupils' uniform states jewellery is not suitable for the school day. Pupils with pierced ears may wear plain studs only.

School staff will accept no responsibility for the safe keeping of watches or jewellery. Thank you for your support in making sure your child comes to school ready for learning.

PARENT CONFERENCES IN FEBRUARY

Parents will be provided with a copy of their child's Annual Progress Report after the half-term. Parents must sign up for a slot with a teacher which will be on either on Thursday 23 or Friday 24 February.

- There will be early closure on 24 February as published previously. Children will finish school at 2:00 PM.
- Thursday 23 and Friday 24 February - there will be no after-school clubs or Learning Minds after school. Bright Minds will continue as normal at 8AM.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

Thank you to all the parents/carers who provided their views. Having considered the feedback received the school will change the uniform requirement to have the school logo on the jumper/cardigan from September 2023. The term dates are kept in-line with the Local Authority and are attached with this newsletter.

CHANGING FOR PE

Due to Covid-19 the school allowed pupils to attend school in PE kit on the days when they did PE. This will change after Easter. From 17 April pupils will be expected to attend school in full uniform every day. The changing rooms will be made available for pupils to change for PE.

FLUORIDE VARNISH DENTAL PROGRAMME

The school will be taking part in the "Healthy Teeth" screening & fluoride varnish programme this year for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils. This will be on Monday 6 March during school time. The programme is an NHS initiative to improve children's oral health.



Public Health England has identified a significant need for oral health improvement in Northeast London with over one in four children starting school with some dental decay.

Please complete the form below to give consent. We will require all mandatory fields to be completed and then signed by parents using your finger or mouse depending which device you use. The deadline for completing the form is Wednesday 1 March.

Quote of
the Week

'I hope you have a well-deserved half-term'

- King Charles III to Bigland Green staff/pupil, 8 February 2023



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Term Dates & Planned Closures for 2023–2024

Last updated: 3 February 2023

Term Dates for Children

Autumn Term 2023	begins Monday 4 September	half-term Mon 23 Oct Fri 27 Oct	ends Friday 22 December
Spring Term 2024	begins Monday 8 January	half-term Mon 12 Feb Fri 16 Feb	ends Thursday 28 March
Summer Term 2024	begins Monday 15 April	half-term Mon 27 May Fri 31 May	ends Tuesday 23 July

Progress Conferences

Progress Conferences offer opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss child's progress

Autumn progress conference afternoons/evenings
Thursday 19 & Friday 20 October

Spring progress conference afternoons/evenings
Thursday 22 & Friday 23 February

Summer progress conference afternoons/evenings
Thursday 18 & Friday 19 July

Occasional Closures

Easter closure - Eid-ul-Fitr
Monday 17 June - Eid-ul-Adha

Provisional Training Days

Draft Staff Training Days

School closed for pupils

The draft dates for the **five** training days are:

Friday 1 September

Monday 30 October

Monday 19 February

Monday 1 July

One other date to be confirmed

These dates will be confirmed in the newsletter

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Term Dates for Staff

	First Day	Last Day
Autumn 2023	Friday 1 September	Friday 22 December
Spring 2024	Monday 8 January	Thursday 28 March
Summer 2024	Monday 15 April	Tuesday 23 July

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