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Dear parents and carers,

Lots of our learning this week has been based on our core value of **COMMUNITY**. Children have been thinking about what it means to belong to a community. This has been especially poignant as we have also been reflecting on the sad news of Queen Elizabeth's death. It is at difficult times that communities come together to support one another and we are very proud that Torridon is such an excellent example of this.

I am pleased to let you know that our new Wellbeing Hub has opened this term. Vicky Clarke is working with a range of children and families across the school, offering support and guidance to help develop positive mental health and wellbeing. If you would like to speak to Vicky or feel you may need some support for you or your child, please do not hesitate to get in touch via the admin email address.

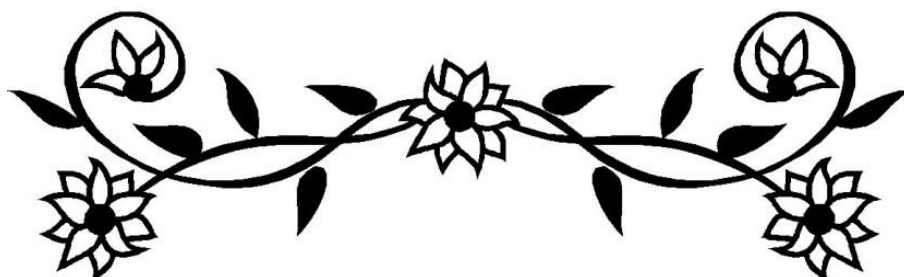
We are excited to be welcoming The Fantastic Fred Experience to Torridon next week. We will be learning about ways to look after our physical and mental health through drama performances and workshops. More details can be found later in the newsletter.

Thank you to those of you who were able to join the PTA Coffee morning this week. We are looking forward to the Play Street which will be taking place on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. Look out for more details later in the newsletter.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Very best wishes

Manda George  
Headteacher



# Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 1926 - 2022

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a national Bank Holiday.

School will be closed and will reopen on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.



## Dates For Your Diary

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Bank Holiday
Week Beginning 19 <sup>th</sup> September	After School Clubs start
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Fantastic Fred Wellbeing Workshops
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	PTA Play Street
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September	Y5/6 Online Safety Workshops
	PTA Annual General Meeting
	Headteacher and Chair of Governors meeting prospective parent governors
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent and carer open evening
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	School Photos
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole school musical performances (6pm)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Non Uniform Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to school
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Gardening Day
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Coffee Morning
	Year 2 SATs meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check meeting for parents and carers (5pm)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school assessment week
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Disco
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term (2pm Finish)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>FIRST DAY OF THE SPRING TERM</b>

## After School Clubs

	Reception	Years 1 and 2	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6
<b>Monday</b>	Dance Club	Mini Makers African Dance	Games Club Chess Club Create (iPads) Multi-sports Rock band
<b>Tuesday</b>		Book Club Forest School	Choir Let's Talk Active Club Arts Award Maths Club
<b>Thursday</b>	Cooking	Ukulele Lego Club	Making Beginners Football Typography Design Outdoor Games
<b>Friday</b>			Mindfulness Steel Pans

# Back To School Play Street

**Friday, 23 September, 3:15-5:00**

**Birkhall Road between Ardoch and Hazelbank**



Join us in celebrating the new school year as we reclaim the street for play and fun! The road will be closed to through traffic, creating a safe space for children to play and adults to chat. Children are encouraged to bring their bicycles, scooters, and games. Come along and get to know other Torridon parents and carers, enjoy a treat from the PTA's bake sale, purchase second hand uniforms and find out more about upcoming PTA events.

## **Important safety points:**

- Parents and carers are responsible for their children during the Play Street event. You or a designated, responsible adult must attend the event with your child.
- Volunteer marshals will be on hand to monitor the road closure and escort drivers who require access. Please help us to clear the street of children and equipment if necessary.
- If you drive to school to collect your child, please note that you will not be able to park on Birkhall Road between Ardoch and Hazelbank.

## **Can you help?**

Can you give an hour or two of your time to marshal the event or help on the cake and uniform stalls? Can you donate a treat for us to sell? Please let us know [here](#).

## **Contact us**

We're always happy to answer any questions or hear your comments or suggestions. Please contact us at [friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftorridonpta@gmail.com).

# Rights Respecting School



## Right of the Week: Article 12

'Every child has the right to express their views freely and their views should be taken into account when decisions are made.'

After exploring Article 12 and highlighting the importance of student voice, we have created a new School Council committee. We are excited to meet regularly where we hope to discuss global and local events as well as sharing our opinions on topics related to our community. These meetings will offer children the opportunity to express their views freely and influence decision making within Torridon Primary School.

School Council		
Class	Representative	Deputy
1G	Essie	Sayon
1M	Chloe	Robin
1N	Petra	Hafiziou
2G	Zaydon	Havana
2S	Kayden	Denver
2SW	Esther	Zach
3L	Yasmine	Phoenix
3S	May	Mila
3A	Otis	Xavier
4C	Annaliese	Arun
4W	Isla N	Evie
4V	Isla T	Jordan
5L	Daisy	Manjot
5R	Nawel	Amira
5S	Cayden	Paris
6A	Thai	Leo
6C	Samaya	Amani
6L	Joshua	Shardonai



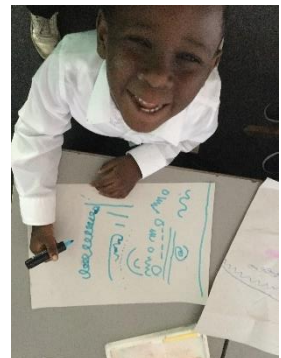
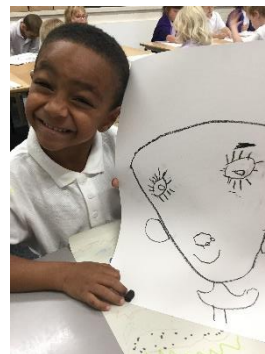
## Resource Base Sensory Morning



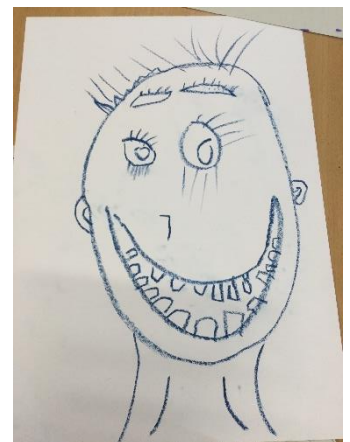
It was lovely to welcome some of our parents and carers of children who attended the Resource Base this morning. The children were very excited to welcome their families and share some of the lovely learning that happens in the Base.



## Year 1 Art



Here are some wonderful photos of Year One starting out in the Art Room! They explored line and came up with an incredible selection of different types of lines which they drew in a variety of drawing materials. Then they put their line experiments into practice and drew an outline self portrait. We can't wait to see what they look like when they are coloured in next time! Watch this space!



# Parking

Despite regular reminders from staff on duty and in the weekly newsletter, I am extremely disappointed to have to report that unsafe and inconsiderate parking outside the school continues to be an issue. This week, we have had instances of:

- parking across residents' driveways
- parking on double yellow and zig zag lines
- idling engines
- children being let out of cars in the middle of the road
- parents leaving young babies in cars whilst dropping older siblings to school
- adults shouting and swearing at each other in front of their children

We teach our children to make good choices, to keep ourselves and others safe and to show respect at all times. We need to be leading by example and acting as role models for our children. The behaviours seen by some drivers this week do not reflect that.

If you must drive to school, PLEASE park safely and considerately away from the school entrance.

Thank you for your support.

## Parenting Support



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PARENTS  
EMPOWERING  
COMMUNITIES



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and Maudsley  
NHS Foundation Trust

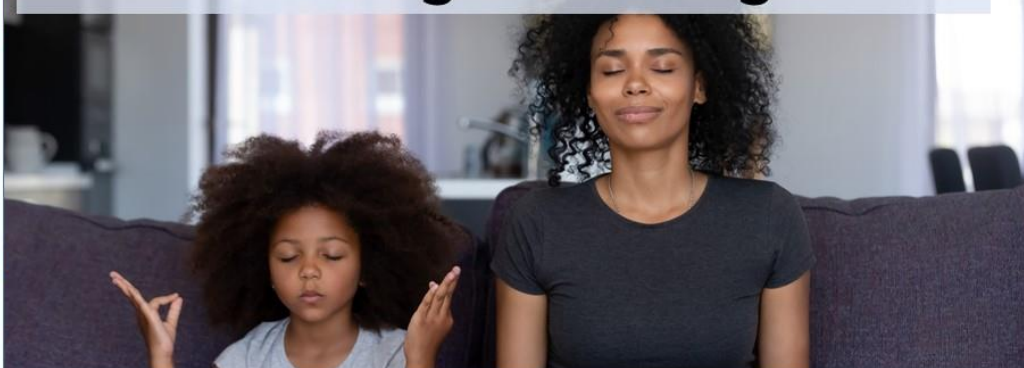
Good  
parenting  
ideas based  
on science,  
research &  
experience



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THE CENTRE FOR  
PARENT & CHILD  
SUPPORT

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### From surviving to thriving...



Join our research into a new parenting group for parents of children aged 2-11 who experience strong emotions and struggle to trust in relationships.



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- Learn to manage emotions and behaviour
- Improve communication and relationships
- Meet other parents who share your experience

For more information, sign up here:

[https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_3luWeTjmKHZaKYC](https://kclbs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3luWeTjmKHZaKYC)

or contact Ellie Baker at [ellie.baker@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:ellie.baker@kcl.ac.uk)



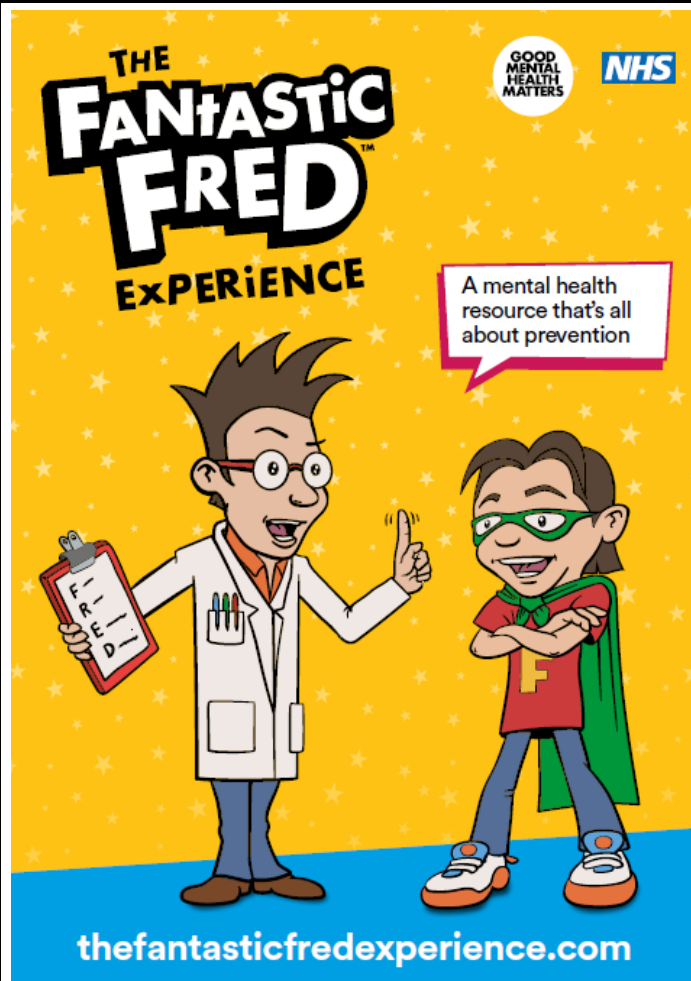
## Stars of the Week

*Week commencing 12.09.22*

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Alicja	For settling well and adapting to the nursery rules. Well done!
Nursery AM	Yasmine	For building confidence and playing nicely with her friends. Well done!
Red Class	Margot	For showing excellent behaviour on the carpet and being a good role model in listening to instructions and tidying up
Blue Class	Oscar	For being an excellent helper and always following instructions!
Yellow Class	Erin	For fantastic listening and always being helpful to others. Well done!
1G	Patryk	For always trying his best, contributing thoughtfully to class discussions and consistently doing the right thing. Well done Patryk!
1M	George	For consistently trying his best in English and Maths this week. I am really impressed George!
1N	Hafiziou	For doing his absolute best! He has been so focused on all of his learning and really impressed us with his independent writing. Great work!
2G	Zaydon	For his amazing writing in English and for his wonderful contributions on the carpet. Keep it up!
2S	Denver	For his wonderful contributions during our carpet sessions and for his beautifully neat handwriting 😊
2SW	Iona	For showing great determination and putting a lot of effort into her writing.
3A	Evan	For showing great determination and kindness towards everybody, including himself.
3L	Tracy	For showing resilience and determination in her learning.
3S	Caleita	For being an aspirational mathematician.
4C	Malik	For his well thought out contributions in class as well as being very polite.
4V	Muhammed	For always being focused in his learning and for always participating in class discussions.
4W	Saatvika	For being a fantastic role model all week and making a huge effort to produce quality learning.
5L	Eva	For being an aspirational learner in maths. She has shown great resilience when rounding to 10 and 100. Well done!
5R	Lakshan	For consistently demonstrating his ommitment to improve and giving thoughtful contribution to class discussions.
5S	Izzy	For her resilience this week and for working hard in maths when rounding to the nearest 100. Well done!
6A	James	For his consistent positive approach to every area of his learning.
6C	Aaleyah	For working really hard in maths. You have used your initiative and asked important questions to further your learning. Well done!
6L	Maile	For producing high quality learning as well as taking pride in your presentation – well done!
Resource Base Blue	Meritt	Well done for doing fantastic maths in your Year 5 class.
Resource Base Green	Joshua	Well done for settling into the Resource Base so well and playing so nicely with the children and adults.



## Fantastic Fred Experience



We are looking forward to meeting 'Fantastic Fred' at our wellbeing workshops on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The Fantastic Fred Experience is a preventative and educational mental health resource for primary aged children delivered by a team of trained actors.

The letters in FRED's name represent the areas of educational focus:

**F**OOD Eating the right foods



**R**EST Getting enough sleep



**E**XERCISE Being active



**D**EVICES Managing time on devices



Specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, it delivers simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health and explains the link between our physical and mental health.

## Harris Girls Academy Bromley

 **Harris Girls' Academy**  
Bromley

# OPEN EVENING

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022: 5.00pm – 8.00pm

# OPEN MORNINGS

Daily from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022: 9.15am

Please contact [N.Saunders@harrisbromley.org.uk](mailto:N.Saunders@harrisbromley.org.uk) to reserve a place on the morning tours.

Tel: 020 8778 5917 [www.harrisbromley.org.uk](http://www.harrisbromley.org.uk) Lennard Road, Beckenham BR3 1QR



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## Year 7 Music Scholarship Opportunity



Applications for Music Scholarship places at Prendergast School for entry into Year 7 September 2023 are now open.

Please see the [Prendergast School Music Scholarship Video](#) for information.

The deadline for applications for Music Scholarships at Prendergast School is 4:00pm on 19 September 2022.

## Friends of Torridon PTA Coffee Morning

Thank you to those who were able to attend the PTA Coffee Morning yesterday. It was great to see you there.

Many of you said how much you loved the delicious muffins which Megan made and she has agreed to share the recipes so here they are:

[Blueberry Banana Muffins](#)

[Pumpkin Spice Muffins](#)

Thank you Megan.



## Instrumental Lessons

We are delighted to welcome two new piano tutors, Alex and Alethea to take on most of our piano tuition and join Samantha, Samuel and Chris. They are both talented and experienced musicians, and as you will find out, lovely people too.

We currently have spaces in violin, piano, guitar, drum kit, drum fun, recorder, clarinet and saxophone.

If you would like to apply for a lesson for your child, please complete the form that has been sent out by email and return it to [music@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:music@torridonprimary.lewisham.sch.uk) or print it and hand it into the school office.

# Polio Booster Vaccination



UK Health  
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## Leaflet for parents

# Have your polio vaccine now

### Who is being offered a polio booster?

All children aged 1 to 9 years in London need to have a dose of polio vaccine now. For some children this may be an extra dose of polio vaccine, on top of their routine vaccinations. In other children it may just bring them up to date.

### Why is my child being offered a polio booster?

Since February 2022, we have found a type 2 polio virus in sewage samples taken from north London. This suggests that the virus is now spreading between people. This has probably happened because vaccine uptake for the infant and toddler vaccinations in London is lower than it should be.

By giving an extra polio vaccine dose we aim to boost each child's protection, starting with the areas of London where the virus has been detected. Boosting immunity in those who are already vaccinated should also help to reduce the risk of the virus continuing to spread.

### What is polio?

Polio is an infection caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system – it can cause permanent paralysis of muscles. Before the polio vaccine was introduced, there were as many as 8,000 cases of polio in the UK in epidemic years.

Because of the success of the polio vaccination programme, there have been no cases of natural polio infection in the UK for over 30 years (the last case was in 1984) and polio was eradicated from the whole of Europe in 2003.

The polio virus found in London should not pose any risk to those who are fully vaccinated. However, whilst it is spreading, there is a small chance that those who have not been fully vaccinated, or those who cannot respond well to vaccines, could be at risk of catching polio.

The good news is that we have picked this virus up early and we want to act now to protect as many children as we can. Please come forward as soon as you are invited.

### How can my child get the polio booster?

The NHS will contact you to ask you to book an appointment for your child's polio vaccine.

### Is there anyone who cannot have the vaccine?

There are very few reasons why children cannot receive the polio vaccine. If your child had a serious allergic reaction to a previous vaccination or to certain uncommon antibiotics (neomycin, polymyxin or streptomycin) you may want to check with your doctor.

### Which vaccine is my child being offered?

We are using 3 different types of vaccines that all provide excellent protection against polio – they are already used in the routine programme and safely given to millions of children each year.

The only difference between the 3 vaccines is the other infections that they protect against. They all provide protection against polio, tetanus and diphtheria, but some may also top up protection against whooping cough and hepatitis B. It does not matter which of the 3 vaccines your child gets, unless they have missed out on some earlier vaccines.

### Are there any side effects from this vaccine?

Your child may have some redness, swelling or tenderness in the arm where they had the injection, this will usually disappear in a few days. Rarely, a hard lump may appear in the same place but this will also resolve on its own, usually over a few weeks.

Occasionally, children may be unwell and irritable and develop a temperature and a headache.

You can also report suspected side effects of vaccines and medicines online by searching for the Yellow Card scheme or by downloading the Yellow Card app. See below.

### Polio booster campaign

The vaccine you are offered will be the right one for the age of your child.

Age group	Polio vaccinations your child should have already had	Recommended polio vaccinations for this campaign
1 to less than 3 years and 4 months	3 doses of polio vaccine	A single polio booster vaccine – (Infanrix hexa or Vaxelis). At least 4 weeks after their last dose
3 years 4 months to 9 years	4 doses of polio vaccine	A single polio booster vaccine – (Boostrix-IPV or Revaxis) unless they had received their pre-school booster in the past 12 months

After your child has had this extra dose, you still need to complete or catch up on the routine doses at the recommended age (or as soon as possible afterwards). Check with your GP practice.

### For more information, you can read these leaflets:

- Immunisations for babies up to 13 months
- Immunisations for pre-school children
- Immunisations for young people

Read the **Infanrix Hexa** or **Vaxelis** product information leaflets (PIL), the **Boostrix-IPV** PIL or the **Revaxis** PIL for more details on your vaccine, including possible side effects.



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[www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](https://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)

You can also report suspected side effects on the Yellow card site or by calling 0800 731 6789 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday)  
[www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](https://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard)



## The extraordinary life of QUEEN ELIZABETH II



1926

Princess Elizabeth is born in London.



1945

Towards the end of World War II, 18-year-old Elizabeth joins the Auxiliary Territorial Service and trains as a driver and a mechanic.



1947

Princess Elizabeth marries Prince Philip, an officer in the Royal Navy.



1948

The princess gives birth to her first child, a boy named Charles who will grow up to be King.



1966

Her Majesty is at Wembley to see England beat West Germany (as it was called before the Berlin Wall came down) 4-2 in the World Cup final, presenting the trophy to victorious captain Bobby Moore.



1957

Her Majesty gives the first televised Christmas broadcast to the nation. 'The Queen's Speech' goes on to become a permanent and powerful tradition of the festive season.



1953

The new Queen is crowned at Westminster Abbey – the first coronation to be televised. Sales of TVs soar as many families buy one for the first time to watch the ceremony. The eventual worldwide audience is around 277 million.



1977

Britain and the Commonwealth celebrate the Queen's silver jubilee (marking 25 years on the throne). A chain of beacons is lit around the country, and thousands of street parties are held.



2015

Having ruled for 63 years, Queen Elizabeth becomes the longest-reigning monarch in British history – overtaking her great great grandmother, Queen Victoria.



2022

The nation celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with more events and street parties. Sadly, however, Her Majesty's health declines and she passes away months later, aged 96. After 70 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth II leaves a legacy of lasting affection and respect from people not only in the UK, but around the whole world.

### Did you know?...

### Rest well, Your Majesty – and thank you.

The Queen received her first Corgi, Susan, as an 18th birthday present. She loved that breed of dog throughout her life, going on to own another 30 of them.



As Britain was still recovering from the effects of the war, the young Princess Elizabeth had to save ration coupons to buy the material for her wedding dress!

The Queen took the unusual step of inviting a TV documentary crew into Buckingham Palace in 1969. This let people see the Royal family in a way they'd never been able to before.



In 1982, a mentally ill man broke into the palace and reached the Queen's bedroom! Reports suggest Her Majesty calmly kept him talking for 10 minutes until the security team arrived.



It was Queen Elizabeth who, in 1993, decided to open up Buckingham Palace to visitors from the public for the first time.

To help launch the 2012 Olympics in London, Her Majesty featured in a short film where she meets super-spy James Bond, as played by Daniel Craig.



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