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Provisional Itinerary

- ❑ Coach drive to London
- ❑ Historic and educational walk along the South Bank of the River Thames, seeing various historic landmarks, from Tate Modern, Shakespeare's Globe, The Golden Hinde, HMS Belfast to the Tower of London and Tower Bridge
- ❑ Boat trip along River Thames, from Tower Bridge to Westminster/Big Ben/London Eye, with educational commentary about the history of London and nearby buildings/landmarks
- ❑ Historic and educational walk near Westminster, including Big Ben, Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace
- ❑ Attend West End Musical, *Wicked*, at Apollo Victoria Theatre
- ❑ Coach drive home

Thames South Bank Walk

- ❑ Our coach will drop us at a location close to the Tate Modern on the South Bank and we will then enjoy a walk along the South Bank of the Thames passing a range of historic landmarks.
- ❑ A great opportunity for children to build both their geographical and historical skills, and learn about the origins of many of these interesting landmarks



Thames Boat Trip

- ❑ The boat trip takes in a route from Tower Bridge to Westminster Bridge, passing a wide range of London landmarks. After our boat trip, we will eat our packed lunch with a spectacular view of London Eye.
- ❑ The boat trip is such an exciting opportunity to see a unique view of London while travelling on the River Thames



Historic Walk – Westminster

- ❑ After our boat trip, we will eat our packed lunch with a spectacular view of London Eye.
- ❑ We will then enjoy a historic walk seeing landmarks such as Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and Buckingham Palace, on our way to the theatre.



West End Musical - Wicked

- ❑ To inspire the children as part of our creative arts offer at BMS, we will be attending a West End Musical production of “Wicked”.
- ❑ It will be a fantastic opportunity to see one of the most critically acclaimed, popular musicals in London.
- ❑ This will aim to inspire all the children, and will link to our great BMS High School Musical production!



Further details

We will keep parents informed about specific details in future information updates but some key provisional information items are noted below:

- ❑ It will be an early start – likely to need to be at school at 7am (children will need to have a nice filling breakfast at home beforehand please).
- ❑ Children can bring a mid-morning snack and will also need to bring a nutritious, healthy packed lunch.
- ❑ To maximise our trip time and also arrive home by mid-evening, children will bring an early evening food snack – we will not be stopping for a “dinner” as this would notably delay our return time on the evening.
- ❑ Children to arrive home to a nice, warm, later-than-usual dinner at home, approximately 8:00-8:30pm at school. Parents will be kept informed about our arrival time back at BMS.
- ❑ *We will provide further specific information about food arrangements near to the time of the trip, regarding containers, storage, etc.*

Further details

- ❑ Children will not bring phones on the trip. Staff will take photos on the trip so that parents can have the chance to see the great time the children will have. We will ensure lots of great photo opportunities.
- ❑ Two adults will oversee each group when walking, group size approximately 15 children.
- ❑ We will ensure children have friends in their group, which can be across classes.
- ❑ We will confirm clothing nearer the time, but likely to wear our school hoodies to help us identify our group throughout the trip.
- ❑ Children given a full safety briefing beforehand to ensure safe movement around London at all times.

Staff and parent helpers

- ❑ Mr Savage (6Z class teacher) and Miss Gallanders (SLT and Head of Y6) will be leading the trip.
- ❑ The Year 6 teachers are all looking forward to coming on the trip and will be joined by other teachers and staff members
- ❑ We will be looking to welcome some parent helpers to join us on the trip. Please let the office know if you are interested. We are likely to receive more offers than we can accommodate, so please don't be offended if we are unable to welcome you on to the trip. We will let parents know if they can join us as soon as possible.
- ❑ The number of staff and parent helpers will be confirmed once we have final numbers of children confirmed on the trip, to ensure we have the correct adult to pupil ratios required for this type of trip.
- ❑ Parent helpers will need to complete the appropriate DBS checks

Safety and security

- ❑ The trip will be fully risk-assessed under the school's procedures to ensure the trip is a safe and successful one for all participants.
- ❑ Mr Savage and Miss Gallanders will complete a full reconnoitre trip to walk our whole route (in London) so we are fully prepared for the trip and the exact routes and locations we will take, and to enable us to plan for any pitfalls or hazards that could be encountered and prepare appropriate contingency plans.
- ❑ Full briefing for all staff and adult helpers (including parent helpers) will take place shortly before the trip
- ❑ We will be in groups for the different aspects of the trip in London, with adults allocated to a group of children, and regular headcounts taking place during the trip. A teacher will lead each group, assisted by another adult helper.
- ❑ The appropriate number of first aid staff will accompany the trip, and parents will be asked to provide all appropriate medical information and any inhalers, etc.
- ❑ Our reconnoitre trip will also enable us to organize for appropriate stopping points for bathroom breaks, water top-ups, etc.

What Next?

- ❑ Look out for further information arriving shortly, which will enable you to confirm your child's place on the trip and make a deposit to secure this place.
- ❑ We are asking for parents to confirm your child's participation by the end of this month – by Thurs 1st Feb – so that we can then make final arrangements for our staffing and confirm booking of tickets for our boat trip and West End Musical.
- ❑ We are anticipating costs to be in the region of £90-100, but will confirm this once we know final numbers of pupils (as the price will differ slightly according to the numbers of confirmed children).
- ❑ Provisional payment schedule as follows:
 - Deposit - £30 by 1st February
 - Instalment - £25 by 1st March
 - Instalment - £25 by 1st April
 - Balance (to be advised) by 1st May



Please contact the school with any further queries. Look out for further letters/communication, and please make payments via Weduc

