

# HOOK DAYS: CREATIVITY ON TAP!

Stunning starters, fabulous finishes or simply as a class treat... Bigfoot's here to help!

Bigfoot believes that at the heart of all high quality learning experiences is the opportunity for children to actively engage with people, places and situations. Our 'Go Mantle' and 'Buzz' days encourage students to become part of the story, helping them to understand more intricately about themselves and the world in which they live.

“ We use Bigfoot as our first port of call for teacher cover or 'hook days'. The staff are friendly, professional and prepared to work in challenging conditions. Most of our pupils are EAL and since using Bigfoot in our school we have seen them improve in their speaking and listening skills and in their overall confidence. ”  
Jenny Woodrow, Headteacher at Heathbrook

## 'BUZZ' DAYS

Bigfoot's 'Buzz Days' utilise the expertise of a trained Bigfooter who will bring with them an imaginary kit bag of inspiring activities that will enthuse your students about a chosen topic or theme...and all based on the curriculum! We can work with the same group all day, or up to 4 different classes, delivering up to two workshop topics within the school day.

All Bigfooters are experienced professional arts facilitators who have been trained to help equip your students with the skills to investigate, discuss and practically explore any given topic creatively. All we ask is that the students be brought to and from the working area (classroom or hall), as well as registered, by a member of school staff, and we'll do the rest!

Schools can opt for one of our tried and tested workshops, or ask us to create a bespoke 'Buzz Day'. Please see below for an example of what we can deliver in your school:

### MUSIC:

(please also see our 'Music' flier for further details)

- FunkJunk Orchestra
- Our school symphony
- Film soundtrack
- Time travel
- Around the world
- Journeys
- Seasons and the great outdoors
- Colours
- Money and the music in our everyday.
- Clocks and time

### ART:

(please also see our 'Visual Art' flier for further details)

- **A ship called success;** Transition/ PSHE
- **Threads of memory;** Journeys/ Multicultural
- **Wall of protest;** BHM/ Multicultural
- **Telling stories with clay;** Shakespeare/Literacy
- **The interconnected world;** Cyber safety/ PSHE

\*Please contact Bigfoot for a comprehensive up to date list of plans on offer.

### DRAMA:

- Toys from the past; History
- The great fire of London; History
- Hero Days; BHM/ History
- Myths and Legends; Literacy
- Intro to Shakespeare; Literacy
- An African Tale; Literacy
- Going Green; Geography
- Volcanoes and Earthquakes; Geography
- Moving People; Geography
- The Human Body; Science
- Earth, Sun and Moon; Science
- Inventions and Machines; Science
- Big Steps; Transition/PSHE
- Cyber Safety; PSHE
- Respect; PSHE



## SPECIALIST 'BUZZ' DAYS

To fall in line with a number of yearly school celebrations, as well as key curriculum topics, we are now delighted to offer a range of 'specialist buzz days' that have all the content and fun of a normal buzz day, with a little added extra in the form of an intro assembly, teacher in role, puppetry element, or art exercises!

- Hero Days; Black History Month
- Intro to Shakespeare; Literacy
- Roald Dahl Story Explorers; Literacy
- The Write Stuff; Literacy
- Cyber Safety; Internet Safety
- I Like Myself (years 1 and 2); PSHE
- Mindfulness; PSHE
- Big Steps; Transition (Year 6/7)
- Little Steps; Transition (Year 2/3)
- Think Simple, Act BIG; Refugee Week
- British Values & Rights Respecting Schools; Citizenship
- Gender Sterotyping; Citizenship

“ Within a few minutes of the lesson starting the children were working in active collaboration with each other, sharing ideas, talking animatedly, drawing, writing and making plans. Learning was happening everywhere [and] it was emerging in all directions, both from the children and the adults, driven by the needs of the context. ” **Tim Taylor, Teacher, February 2013**



## GO 'MANTLE' DAYS

**Mantle of the Expert** is the inspirational work of the late Dr Dorothy Heathcote, who transformed how drama could be used to bring alive any topic or theme by enabling children to become 'Experts' in any chosen field. The entire process of Mantle is about child ownership and making learning inquisitive, creative and exciting. All projects, whether just one day covering a teacher absence, or as part of a three day project introducing a topic to a whole year group, culminates with the children, in the guise of a company, providing a solution for their client.

Schools can opt for one of the following 'Go Mantle' workshops for KS1 or KS2. Alternatively, we are happy to write a bespoke 'Go Mantle' workshop for your school based on any suitable topic.

### Our Past

#### (history & heritage):

- Egyptian Tomb Raiders
- The Roman Box Archaeology Team
- Greek Gods Research Team
- Guy Fawkes Surveillance Team
- Great Fire of London Fire Squad
- Henry VIII Tudor Banquet Team
- Museum Task Force; Habitats through history (Celts, Romans, Saxons and Tudors)
- World War 2
- The Battle of Bosworth
- Magellan; An age of discovery

### Ourselves

#### (like each of us, this is an eclectic range of options!):

- Zoo Keepers
- Space Research Company
- Toymakers Shop
- Super Hero School Creators
- Mathematical Kids Television Company
- Pirates Cove

### Our World

#### (geography, animals and ecology):

- Gorilla Expert Team
- Indian Villagers; tigers attack!
- Siberian Tiger Expert Team
- Amazon Survival Team
- Fair trade Caribbean Farmers
- Eco beach Clean Team
- Dinosaurs LIVE!
- Nature Detectives and the giant beanstalk!
- Deep Sea adventurers
- The Hunter
- Polar Lands

### Bringing texts to life:

- The Lorax
- Peter Pan
- The Tunnel (Anthony Browne)
- Shakespeare's Players
- Hansel and Gretel

\* Bigfoot is the only UK wide company that can currently offer Mantle based learning to schools. We are, therefore, proud to say that all our 'Bigfooters' have been trained so that they can join the small handful of Mantle providers.



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