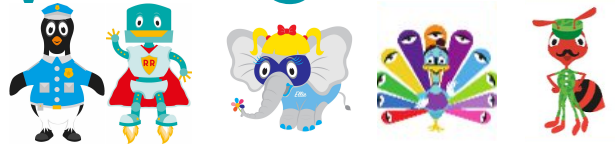


Spotlight On...



Date: 19th September 2025

Biggin Hill Primary School

Issue:1

Message from Mrs Lawrence

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your families have had a great week. In school we have had a successful week of learning, focusing on Whole Body Learning and POWER. The children have been working particularly hard on their participation in lessons and asking questions to further their learning.

Responding to questions

Seeking clarification

Paired work

Group work

Presenting ideas

Peer assessment

Remembering

Clarifying

Analysing

Comparing

Evaluating

This week, we shared information with years 2 - 6 regarding school council. This year we are linking our school council to the Unicef Rights Respecting School award. School council applications are open and children can put themselves forward to be their class representative. Children who wish to put themselves forward will be required to present their application to their classes in line with the description of the role:

- Good Listener: Listen to and understand other people's opinions and ideas.
- Good Communicator: Express ideas clearly and effectively to your peers and in council meetings.
- Organised and Responsible: Manage your time, tasks, and commitments for the council effectively.
- Assertive: Confidently put forward your class's ideas during the meeting.
- Approachable: Be easy for your classmates to talk to, ensuring everyone feels comfortable sharing their views.
- Collaborative: Work well with other members of the school council to make positive changes in the school.
- Committed: attend every meeting (fortnightly meetings at lunchtime).
- Good role model - someone who follows the Biggin Hill way.

Year 6 children will also be applying for the prestigious House Captain and Vice Captain positions as well as teachers allocating roles of Prefects.
Good luck to those who wish to apply for the role!

I wish you and your families a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lawrence

Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

Stars of the Week

0RC - Abel G
0RB - River L
1CE - Madison E
1T - April C
2E- Frankie R
2M - Rae L
3S - Nancy C
3C - Rocco L
4C - Daniel A
4LT - Neave W
5P - Niamh C
5RKP - Leo S-C
6F - Rosie M
6C - Harold B
Aspire - Summer-Rose D

Congratulations!

Weekly Whole School Attendance 93.7 %

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98% - 100%

5RKP - 98.8%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

2E - 97.2%

Well Done!

House Points

Attenborough
Rowling
Hawking
Holmes

A sponsor for our Boys Football Team Kit!

We are currently looking for a sponsor for our enthusiastic years 5 and 6 boys football team. Last year our girls team received new kits from the FA under their *Wild Cats* scheme. We would love for the boys to have new kits this year. If you or your company would be interested in this please get in touch with us via email to: adminbhps@iniciotrust.org. We thank you once again for your continued support.



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

25th-29th - September - Harvest Festival Donations

30th September - Friends AGM 9am

20th - 31st October - Half Term

11th November - Remembrance Day

14th November - Children in need

17th November - Break the Rules Day (Friends event)

19th November - Year 6 class Celebrations

25th November - Flu Vaccination

26th November - Year 1 class Celebrations

English Curriculum

As you may be aware, our English Curriculum for years 1-6 has been developing over the past year with a stronger emphasis on transcription i.e. grammar, spelling and handwriting as well as composition; creativity, structure and communication of ideas.

How is our English Curriculum structured?

The English Curriculum at BHPS is a genre based spiral curriculum. This is a way of organising teaching and learning where children revisit the same topics or skills **several times across different year levels**, each time at a **deeper and more complex level**. Children will be focusing on either fiction or non-fiction writing for a 3 week period at a time, ensuring that both fiction and non-fiction writing is covered each half term.

Each 3 week cycle consists of:

Week One - Toolkit - identifying and rehearsing skills needed for the genre

Week two - Shared and guided writing

Week Three - Independent writing, editing and improving

Next week the children will be completing their final week of fiction writing and focusing on applying their learnt skills from the previous two weeks. A key tip is that exposing your children to lots of different fiction texts can spark imagination, encourage vocabulary choices and provide a variety of plots and themes!

The next unit of work for each year group (apart from Year 1 who will be writing a second fiction piece) will be a non-fiction piece. Each year group will be writing an explanation text. Please follow this link to [BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize) for more information on what an explanation text is and the skills which are needed to be successful. On Friday 26th September, a full curriculum overview will be shared with parents.

Weekly Lunch Menus

We will continue sending out weekly menus each Friday afternoon as we feel this is working well for families and keeps this fresh in your inbox!



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND
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