



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Sunday it was an honour to join our prefects in laying a wreath at the Remembrance Service at the Biggin Hill War Memorial. A very special 'well done' to our prefects for attending and representing our school so brilliantly! I must also take a moment to recognise our children from other attending organisations who were incredibly respectful and so well behaved during the service - well done!

This week we have celebrated 'Anti-Bullying Week' which started with Odd Socks Day on Monday! Our entire school community (including staff) came to school in odd socks to celebrate that we are all unique

and different. Today we have also celebrated 'Children in Need' and the children have enjoyed wearing their own clothes including either something spotty; something yellow; or something bear-themed - they look SPOTacular! As mentioned in our letter last week, we also collected a suggested donation of £1 for each child in their own clothes and all monies collected this morning will be split equally between both the Anti-Bullying Alliance and Children in Need. Thank you so much for your generosity this morning; to find out more about both of these amazing charities, please visit: <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk> and <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Yesterday, our year 5 and 6 Netball team held a mini tournament against each other. Each game was 7 minutes long and it was great to see the children enjoying netball and showing some competitive team spirit. Our thanks to parents and carers for watching and also to Mrs Horgan for both leading and organising the mini tournament for the netball team.

We would also like to thank you all for your very kind donations towards our Christmas hampers. As in previous years, our hampers will make the most wonderful raffle prizes at the Christmas Fair on 9th December.

It will be our pleasure to welcome parents and carers (R-Y6) to school this afternoon from 2.30pm for Look at my Learning. Children are very much looking forward to sharing their learning from Anti-bullying Week with you. We anticipate that Look at my Learning will end at 3pm so teaching staff can organise and prepare the children for dismissal at 3.15pm. Children will not be dismissed early.

I am also delighted to inform you all that Ms Reed is expecting her first child in March next year. We are sure that you will join us in congratulating her and her husband on this exciting news.

On Monday (21st November), our year 6 children look forward to a trip to Lullingstone Country Park - please can I just ask that all children are in school by 8.45am to allow for the swift departure of this trip.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Maisie B**
Pyramid: **Rio DB**
Taj Mahal: **Jay H-B**
Giants Causeway: **Neave W**
Colosseum: **Elissia C**
Royal Mile: **Theo J**
Loch Ness: **Alice B**
Sydney Opera House: **Tayte B**
London Bridge: **Dacie C**
Parthenon: **Poppy C**
Mount Everest: **Emma W**
Globe Theatre: **Marnie D**
Mount Fuji: **Logan B**
Orinoco: **Mia C**
Wembley: **Jacob A**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.2%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

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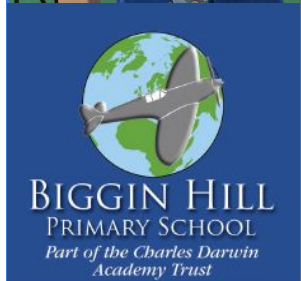
Attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Orinoco: 97.4%
Sydney Opera House: 97%
Globe Theatre: 97%
Mount Everest: 96.8%
Mount Fuji: 96.1%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **ATTENBOROUGH**
2nd: **ROWLING**
3rd: **HOLMES**
4th: **HAWKING**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?
DID YOU MISS OUR OPEN DAYS?

Don't worry, there is still an opportunity to tour our school.
Tours are running on the below dates and must be booked in advance.

Monday 21st November 11am - 12noon
Wednesday 30th November 9.30am - 10.30am
Thursday 8th December 11am - 12noon
Thursday 5th January 9.30am - 10.30am

To book a tour please contact Mrs Helps at
s.helps@bigginhillps.com. For more information, please contact
admin@bigginhillps.com or 01959 575846

Children are very welcome to attend our tours.
Come and meet our amazing children and see our school in action.
We are looking forward to meeting you!

Visit our website
www.bigginhillprimary.com

'We take pride in everything we do'

We are all looking forward to the BHPS Christmas Fair

The Biggin Hill Primary School Christmas Fair 2022

Friday 9th December 2022 - 3.30-5.30pm

There will be lots of Christmas goodies to buy as well as refreshments, games, Christmas stalls and more! Staff and volunteers from the Friends will be running the fair so parents and carers can come along and enjoy the experience with their children.



'We are looking forward to seeing you all there!'





ROLL OF HONOUR

Rodney C - a true Hero!

Rodney C, Year 6, was delighted to be invited as a guest to the recent unveiling of the Strongest Link Garden at London Biggin Hill Airport. This special garden pays tribute to the Battle of Britain veterans. The statue, which was designed by award winning designer John Everiss, is of a young pilot looking up at the sky! The garden is truly spectacular and is open to the public.

More information about the unveiling of the Strongest Link Garden at London Biggin Hill Airport can be found on their website at:

https://biggin-yourairport.co.uk/general/the-strongest-link-garden-unveiled-at-london-biggin-hill-airport/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=the-strongest-link-garden-unveiled-at-london-biggin-hill-airport.

Rodney was invited to this very special ceremony to watch the unveiling of the garden because of his involvement as a Veterans Young Reporter for the RAF Chapel, Biggin Hill. Rodney also fundraises for the

Normandy Veterans Association (NVA) where he is an honorary member. At the unveiling, Rodney was also delighted to meet Cllr. Hannah Gray, Mayor of Bromley. Rodney was delighted to be able to chat to the Mayor about his interest in the veterans and his amazing contributions.

In the past, Rodney has attended a veterans service at The Biggin Hill Memorial Chapel and also interviewed veterans. He also proudly supports the Royal British Legion with the selling of poppies, which he has done for over 4 years. Rodney was previously recognised in our 'Roll of Honour' on 22nd July 2022 and this previous article can be found on our website in our Parent Portal section (Issue 39):

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/parent-portal/parent-newsletters>.

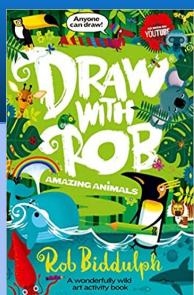
Rodney also attended the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 12th November, which he describes as 'amazing, extraordinary and a day he will never forget!'

The involvement, passion and interest Rodney has for our veterans is truly inspiring.

This is an incredible achievement Rodney - everyone at BHPS is very proud of you!



Rodney and Cllr. Hannah Gray, Mayor of Bromley



BOOK OF THE WEEK

Over lockdown many children will have enjoyed drawing along with Rob Biddulph #DrawWithRob. The first DRAW WITH ROB activity book went to Number One in the charts.

In his new book, learn to draw your favourite flying, swimming or swinging animals with his easy step-by-step instructions. The pages have perforated edges so you can display your art.
Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS *at BHPS!*

STUDYBUGS

Free Studybugs app

If you haven't already, please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and is unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now at:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Mr Devlin, Assistant Headteacher
(Achievement and Attainment)

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE

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For children remaining in school, we are all very excited to allow the children to watch the first England match. We do apologise for this clash with year 6 however this was unavoidable. For any children in R-Y6 that do not wish to watch the match, we will be providing some World Cup themed activities for them to complete. On Monday, do look out for an email from Mrs Sanford regarding the activities for children to complete around the World Cup if they wish to at home.

Also on Monday morning, Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, will be running a Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for parents/carers of Reception and Year 1 between 8.50-9.30 (see email from Mrs Lucas sent on 11.11.22). If you would like to attend and have not indicated this already on the google form, please email Mrs Lucas directly at h.lucas@bigginhillps.com. We are very much looking forward to running this session and hope the approach we have taken will be both interactive, fun and informative.

As well as the above, on Monday we will also be welcoming families that were not able to attend our BHPS Open Days to our first of four individual tour dates running at the school. We always enjoy showing prospective families around our school and we know the children will help us to make them feel very welcome.

Today children will be bringing home a letter and raffle tickets from the Friends of BHPS for the Christmas Fair - full details on how to purchase tickets is in the letter. The Friends will also be running a Christmas jumper sale on 23rd November in the KS2 Hall directly after school.

On Monday, we will be sending a letter to you regarding Christmas donations for Bromley Foodbank - please take time to read the letter on Monday when you receive it. We will be collecting Christmas food items on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th November. We are very aware this is both an expensive and busy time of the year and would like to reassure families that donating is entirely voluntary. If you feel you are able to donate, this will be greatly received by Bromley Foodbank.

We would also like to remind you all that on Friday 25th November we have our school photographs for both individuals and siblings.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Our very best wishes,

Mrs Lawrence

SENCo, Deputy Headteacher and
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



YEAR 3

Leon and the Place Between

This term year 3 have been reading 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister. The story is set in a circus so for our first lesson we experienced what a circus might be like. We listened to circus music, sat under a big top parachute, performed magic tricks, tasted popcorn and learnt how to spin diabolos and plates. The children really enjoyed it and could speak about how their senses had been used when we were back in the classroom. **Mrs Sanford and Mrs Buchanan**

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

18th November:

- Own Clothes Day, Children in Need - suggested donation of £1.
- Final day for hamper donations.
- Learning Highlights (R-Y6), parents and carers welcome into school from 2.30pm.

21st November:

- Year 6 Lullingstone Country Park School trip.
- Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for parents/carers of Reception and Year 1, 8.50-9.30 (see email from Mrs Lucas sent on 11.11.22), KS1 Hall.
- Reception Intake 2023 Tours (pre-bookable only), 11am-12noon.

22nd November:

- Top up swimming (Y6 - selected children only).
- Tea and Tots, KS1 Hall, 1.30pm.

23rd November:

- Pre-loved Christmas Jumper collection sale, KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.

25th November:

School photos - individual and sibling photos.

26th November:

- The Biggin Hill Christmas Light Switch On! Miss Turner, Mrs Lawrence and Mr Devlin meeting Choir children attending at 4.15pm inside the church.

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

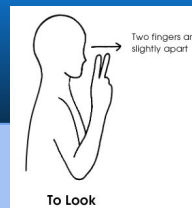
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Polish

Hello: Dzień dobry

Good Morning: Dzień dobry

Good Afternoon: Dobry wieczór



MAKATON

Sign of the Week

**Miss Knott,
SENCo
Assistant**

HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND

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