



MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see all the odd socks in school on Monday and, alongside many other schools over the country, we are very proud to support Anti-bullying Week. Our theme in school this week has been 'unity' and children have enjoyed learning about kindness, friendship, working together and supporting each other. I would like to thank Miss Wigfield for coordinating our anti-bullying activities in school this week.

On Saturday 21st November the Biggin Hill Christmas lights will be switched on. This year, this event will be streamed live via facebook and will feature a pre-recorded reading of the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' by some of the children at Biggin Hill Primary School. My thanks must go to Mrs Windover for organising our participation at this event on behalf of our school. This event, organised by the New Life Church, is usually such a lovely community event that we all look forward to. Please do try and watch the live stream - all the details you need are on the second page of this newsletter and on our website.

This week we have added our Virtual Open Event to our website and hope that prospective parents / carers gain a feel for our amazing and unique school, our beautiful setting and the wonderful school community we have here at Biggin Hill Primary School. To view the Virtual Open Event, please visit our website at <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/>

I hope you enjoy the articles from Reception and Year 3 this week.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Ellis



STARS OF THE WEEK



Jill Barklem: **Daisy S**
Beatrix Potter: **Alfie I**
Emily Gravett: **Stanley D**
Eric Carle: **Ellie G**
Abi Longstaff: **Russell G**
Michael Rosen: **Klara P**
Helen Cooper: **Joshua C**
Jeremy Strong: **Freya C**
Berlie Doherty: **Tamsin C**
Adam Frost: **Maxwell H**
Michael Bond: **Lila B**
Katharine Woodfine: **Annabella B**
Abi Elphinstone: **Mia M-B**
Andrew Donkin: **Liam O**
Sinead O'Hart: **Ralph P**

Attendance
97.3%

Team Point Winners of the Week:

Dame Kelly Holmes

RECEPTION SUPERHERO WEEK *and* CELEBRATING DIWALI

In Reception we have had a Superhero Week as part of our anti-bullying campaign. We have enjoyed the story *Supertato* and created our own superheros, made superhero masks and built superhero cities. Finally, we have rescued vegetables from the Evil Pea! In our Outdoor Learning Area we made boats for our superheros, making sure they float on the water, so we can all make a successful escape!



Last week we celebrated Diwali by learning the story of Rama and Sita. We tasted indian food, dressed up and danced to bollywood music and made diva candle holders.

Mrs Gilham, Mrs Clark and Miss Powell



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



This week in school has been anti bullying week. Our theme this week was **unity** so we learnt all about how we can work together as a whole school to beat bullying. One way that we show we are all unified is that we all wear the same uniform. On Monday, we wore our odd socks to school to celebrate that, although we are unified and work as a team, we are each unique and this is what makes us interesting. We used our literacy time to think about what qualities people need to have to be able to stop bullying and how different people's individual qualities can complement each other as a team. We have also made paper chains that show different ways to stop bullying to remind us as we walk around the school.

Miss Wigfield

It's the most wonderful time of the year...



Biggin Hill Lights Switch On



Thank you to all the children who took part in the reading of the Christmas Poem. It will form part of a live event being streamed this **Saturday 21st November**.

The stream will go live at 4:50pm with the programme starting at 5pm.

There are two places that it is being streamed:

<https://www.facebook.com/newlifebh>

<https://www.facebook.com/bigginhillcouncillors>

I hope you enjoy it, see you online on Saturday at 5pm!

Mrs Windover

PUPIL VOICE



This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Year 6 children.

When you learn new skills do you have enough opportunity to practice and use them?

"Yes."

"Yes."

"Yes. We normally get loads of opportunities in maths."

Can you give me an example?

"In SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) we keep going back to review all the SPAG stuff."

"In history we go back to what we have learnt."

"I guess in science as well."

Do you have the opportunity to improve your work once it is marked?

"Yes, you get bmails."

"We use a purple pen to improve and add stuff."

"We use bmails a lot."

What else helps you apart from written marking and bmails?

"Talking it over with your teacher as it can be explained more."

What attitudes do you need to help you learn effectively?

"You need to be positive."

"You need to have patience."

"You need to include people and their ideas."

Are there clear rules and expectations about how to use and respect the school environment, equipment and resources?

"Yes."

What are you working on to improve at the moment?

"Fractions."

"Multiplication."

"BIDMAS (brackets, indices, division, multiplication, addition and subtraction)."

Are you and your peers able to learn?

"Yes."

What disrupts your learning?

"Nosies."

How do you think you are doing with your learning?

"Good."

"I am doing OK with learning."

"Terrific!"

MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE AND YOUR CLASS TEACHER

Please can you ensure that your child has everything they need with them at the start of the school day.

Can we ask you to look at the Google Class Stream regularly as information will be shared on here about what the children have done in school and what is coming up.

Thank You

Look out For

Stories on our YouTube Channel

This week: Mrs Sanford and Mr Day

Next week: Miss Farrell and Mrs Lineker

Explode Your Colour



**** Sparkle and Colour ****

We raised £338.36

Thank you for your generosity

OWN CLOTHES DAY FOR BROMLEY FOOD BANK



On **Friday 27th November** we will be collecting for Bromley Food Bank. Please see the letter from Mrs Freeman, this can also be viewed on our Parent Portal on our website:

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/parent-portal/whole-school-parent-letters>

YEAR 3

What makes the Earth angry?

Our topic this half term is 'What makes the Earth angry?' We have started the topic by learning about volcanoes. We made our own volcanoes outside. Here are some quotes from the children about it.

"We put alka seltzer and vinegar in a pot and closed the lid. It exploded because there was lots of pressure building up inside the lid."

"The pressure built inside the pot and the lid shot off into the air."

"The pot was like a volcano because the liquid pushed the lid off just like the magma would in a volcano."



Mr Day and Mrs Sanford

A MESSAGE FROM THE INCLUSION TEAM

Message from Julie Cook, Children's Wellbeing Officer for Bromley Mencap: *Bromley Mencap offer support and wellbeing to families of children with additional needs; especially siblings.*

Under normal circumstances siblings would be supported through group trips and activities. Under the current climate we are offering:

Zoom parties for siblings playing games and making crafts

Zoom workshops for families including the use of visual aids, social stories and signing Workshops to nurture the hopes and ambitions of your young people.

If you would like any further information please contact Julie Cook on julie.cook@bromleymencap.org.

Please contact either myself or Mrs Sargeant if you would like any more information about this service before contacting Julie. Have a marvellous weekend! *Mrs Lawrence*



Reading Café



We have launched our brand new *Reading Cafes*: these have been introduced to help further promote reading for pleasure, and to reward regular reading at home. These will take place in your child's class each week and include a number of fun activities and reading games.

During the Reading Cafe, children can choose from a menu of activities linked to their reading book, or other stories that they may know. All the teachers have been working hard to create their own menus, which include lots of engaging activities for children to take part in.

The final Reading Cafe each half term will be a whole class reward based on the number of points that each class has collected. Children can collect:

- ★ 1 point for returning their reading record each week
- ★ 2 points for reading at home at least 3 times each week
- ★ 3 points for reading at home more than 3 times per week
- ★ Bonus points for completing written activities linked to their book (e.g. writing a book review).

All children have been involved in choosing the rewards for their class and are now looking forward to collecting lots of points. You can help them by recording in your child's reading record every time that they read at home, and making sure that these are returned to school on your child's book changing day.

Children have enjoyed taking part in choosing their own rewards and we look forward to hearing about all the books that they are reading.

Mr Devlin, Literacy Coordinator