



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



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 'well done' to our prefects for attending, representing our school and also for looking so amazingly smart in their school uniform. I must also take a moment to recognise our children from other attending organisations who were incredibly respectful and well behaved - well done!

This week the children have enjoyed 'Anti-Bullying Week' BHPS Style! Our entire school community (including staff) came to school in odd socks for 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday to celebrate that we are all unique and different. We also all enjoyed a whole school assembly themed around 'One Kind Word' led by Miss Wigfield, PSHE Lead.

Although this subject matter can sometimes be difficult, the children have really enjoyed some of the engaging anti-bullying activities this week and have shown such maturity during class discussions. I would like to thank Miss Wigfield for coordinating the anti-bullying activities across the school. For more information about Anti-Bullying Week, please see our article on page 3.

On Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, we FINALLY took delivery of our new desks - they look AMAZING! I know there was a little disruption to the start of the school day on Tuesday, however, this



was very much outside of our control, and with everyone involved we managed to have the school looking ship shape just after 10am. As I am sure you can imagine, this was a logistical challenge -

but we did it! I would like to thank one of our parents, Mr De Brito, and the many staff who helped on Tuesday morning. Finally, thank you to Mr Walpole, our Site Manager, who without his exceptionally hard work this would not have been possible. The children love their new-look ...

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Raine T**
Eileen Collins: **Elissia C**
Tim Peake: **Logan H**
Eugenie Clark: **James S**
Greta Thunberg: **Emma O**
Josephine Baker: **Fynnley T**
Jesse Owens: **Milo S**
Lek Chailert: **Frankie L**
Marcus Rashford: **Morgan D**
Louis Braille: **Edward S**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Daisy F**
Ida B. Wells: **Riley T**
Mo Farah: **Jack W**
Laura Dekker: **Jimmy L**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Poppy R**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.6%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'

98-100%

Good attendance 'green'

96-97.9%

Marcus Rashford: 98.6%

Louis Braille: 97.7%

Josephine Baker: 97.4%

Eugenie Clark: 97.2%

Jesse Owens: 96.8%

Lek Chailert: 96.7%

Ida B. Wells: 96.5%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **ATTENBOROUGH**

2nd: **HAWKING**

3rd: **ROWLING**

4th: **HOLMES**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

... continued
classrooms!

Children in Reception to Year 6 attended a whole school 'Science Fizz Pop' assembly on Wednesday - I think that it is fair to say that we have some budding scientists among our amazing BHPS children! We are very excited to advise that in the new year 'Science Fizz Pop' will be offering an external after school club for children in Year 1-6. I have attached their advert within this newsletter for reference. This was also emailed to Y1-Y6 parents and carers on Wednesday 17th November.

Next Thursday, 25th November, I am delighted to advise that Mr Aston Smith, the new headteacher from January 22 at Charles Darwin School, will be visiting our school with Mr Chotai. His visit is scheduled towards the end of the school day, therefore, please say 'hello' and help us to provide a very warm BHPS welcome.

Please also remember, if you know of any friends with children due to start school in September 2022, we are offering pre-bookable tours of our school - our advert on page 4 provides more information.

The festive season is fast approaching and I would like to make a plea for donations for our Christmas Hampers. In previous years', we have been able to make the most amazing hampers for our raffle but to do this we do need your help. Each year group has been given the theme for their hamper and we are asking for donations please. We have extended the deadline for hamper donations to **Friday 26th November**. After such a hard 18 months, we want this year's Christmas Fair to be extra special for all our families.

Finally, the Biggin Hill Christmas lights 'Switch On' is taking place on Saturday 20th November between 4-5pm and we are very excited to announce that our amazing BHPS Choir (Y4/5/6 children only) will be singing at this event (note, Y4/5/6 Choir children attending will meet Mrs Windover and Mr Devlin slightly earlier at 3.45pm). This is a lovely community event and it would be great to see families there supporting the KS2 Choir and our amazing school.

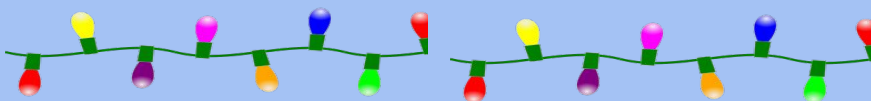
The last word from me this week is for our children - each week they amaze us - their helpfulness and good cheer this week have been particularly worthy of note!

Have a fabulous weekend and we hope to see as many of you as possible at the Biggin Hill Christmas lights 'Switch On' on Saturday.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

20th November:

Christmas Lights 'Switch On', New Life Church (next to Waitrose).
Y4/5/6 Choir will be performing between 4-5pm. Y4/5/6 Choir members attending, please arrive at 3.45pm to meet Mrs Windover and Mr Devlin.

22nd November:

Year 6 Swimming lessons

22nd November:

Wonderdome Mobile Planetarium (EYFS, Y3 and Y5) in school events

23rd November:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

26th November:

Y5 Egyptian Buzz Day

26th November:

Y4 Science Museum trip

26th November:

Hamper donations deadline

26th November:

BHPS gardening party - see Inclusion article

29th November:

Ambassadors Assembly, 9am (by invitation only)

29th November:

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

29th November:

Year 6 Swimming lessons

30th November:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

1st December:

Outreach Session 2 (9-10.30am) - Emotional Regulation.

3rd December:

Whole School (not Y4) Non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the Bottle Tombola and a bag of wrapped sweets (product must not contain any nuts).

3rd December:

Year 4 Roman Day

6th December:

Year 4 ONLY Non-school uniform day in exchange for a bottle for the Bottle Tombola and a bag of wrapped sweets (product must not contain any nuts).

6th December:

Year 6 Swimming lessons (last session for Y6)

7th December:

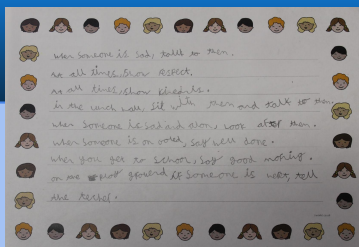
Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall - Christmas Party (pre-bookable only)

10th December:

Very Special visitor to school!!!!!!

10th December:

BHPS Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5.30pm



ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

'One Kind Word'

This week, the school have been celebrating anti-bullying week. The theme of anti-bullying week this year has been 'One Kind Word' and we have been focussing on how we can prevent bullying through kindness and positivity. We have learnt that there

are different types of bullying including verbal, physical and cyber bullying. We have used our anti-bullying knowledge within our literacy and our art work this week. More information about our anti-bullying week learning, including examples of the children's amazing work, will be sent out before Christmas as a video.

Miss Wigfield, PSHE Lead



FIZZ POP SCIENCE CLUB

A new and exciting after school club starting 12th January, 2022

WWW.FIZZPOPSCIENCE.CO.UK

FIZZPOP

SCIENCE

Experiment! Discover! Inspire!

School: Biggin Hill Primary School
 Day and Time: Wednesdays 1520-1620
 Dates: 12/01, 19/01, 26/01, 02/2, 09/02
 5 Week Programme Cost: £43

Our After School Programmes are designed to inspire our children towards gaining an interest in the Sciences. Our workshops are a mixture of exciting demonstrations and thought provoking hands-on experiments and tasks.

'What's the Matter' - The Science of stuff

AIR-MAZING SCIENCE

How amazing can the air around us be? Find out as we Fly, Spin and Float objects using the theories on AIRMAZING AIR! Levitating Balls, Giant Smoke Circles and Air Blasts in your face!

'LIQUID SCIENCE'

Water we going to do here? It's going to be a little wet that's for sure. From Tornadoes to Petrified Pepper!

FLAMING HOT SCIENCE

Heat is the main theme of this fireball of a session! By popular demand we have a small EXPLOSION! Plus use your body temperature to make objects inflate and change colour.

'FIZZ, POP, BUBBLE'

This session is all about the Fizz and Pop! We explore Bubbles - Catchable Bubbles, Giant Bubbles, Rainbow Bubbles and Smelly Bubbles. Plus make your own Bubbling Sweet to take home!

'WHAT ON EARTH IS THAT?'

Let's find out What On Earth Is That? A mysterious powder that can drink a lot, paper that completely disappears and make your own liquid that thinks it's a solid!!

FUN GRADUATION!

Hopefully we have opened your eyes to the world around us! You will be rewarded with a certificate and a special gift in this fun filled final session.

Terms and Conditions: Refunds can only be given for cancellations made seven days prior to programme commencing. Any cancellations not made within this period will be charged £5.00 administration fee. No reimbursements will be given for any child asked to leave the programme due to bad behaviour. Refunds can not be given for children missing sessions. Programmes may change without prior notice, however every effort is made to keep to workshops as far as possible.

ONLINE SIGN UP ONLY

Visit our website...

WWW.FIZZPOPSCIENCE.CO.UK

Click on the at top right of web page

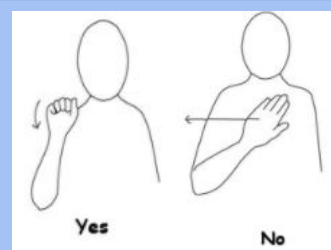
CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Biggin Hill Primary School Christmas Fair 2021

Friday 10th December 2021 - 3.30-5.30pm

There will be lots of things to buy as well as face painting, refreshments and games. Each class will also be making something to sell at the fair, which the children are very excited about! 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.

MAKATON SIGNS OF THE WEEK



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Please help us... we need your hamper donations!

Christmas *Hampers* Donations

We hope to have another amazing raffle this year. We would like each year group to collect items for a themed hamper. Each year group has a collection box outside their classroom - please feel free to send in items as and when you are able to. The deadline for the hamper donations is **Friday 26th November**. We are very happy to take any unwanted gifts that you may have lying around, so please do raid your re-gifting cupboards! Please note that items should be new and within sell by date.

Class	What we would like you to donate please!
Pre School	For Girls (Children) eg. toys, sweets, colouring books, stickers etc
Reception	For Boys (Children) eg. toys, sweets, colouring books, stickers etc
Year 1	For Him
Year 2	For Her
Year 3	Baking – think cookie cutters, cinnamon, sprinkles, cupcake cases, wooden spoons etc
Year 4	Hair - accessories, products, etc
Year 5	Chocolate
Year 6	Toiletries



Our School Prospectus can be viewed via our website at:

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/docs/BHPS-21-22-ONLINE%20PROSPECTUS.pdf>.



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2022?

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.

16th November 11am – 12noon
30th November 11am - 12noon
7th December 11am - 12noon
6th January 9.30am - 10.30am

Come and meet our amazing children and see our school in action.



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

We are looking forward to meeting you!
'We take pride in everything we do'

Visit our website
www.bigginhillprimary.com

A MESSAGE FROM THE *Inclusion Team*



Hi Everybody!

A big thank you this week to Miss Emma Gray who has secured almost 1000 bulbs to be planted around the school as well as gardening equipment for the children! We are in need of large pots, compost and most importantly some helping hands to prepare the sensory garden and areas outside each classroom for the winter and spring months. If you can spare any time on Friday

26th November throughout the school day to attend a BHPS

gardening party (complete with tea and biscuits!) please email me!

Hi everyone,
With the dark nights rolling in and the weather beginning to turn cold it's easy to forget the importance of getting outside to clear our minds and exercise.

As part of steps towards positive mental health we need to try and take in as much daylight as possible so this weekend instead of staying indoors why not wrap up warm and explore the amazing countryside we have around us.

Have a great weekend.



Mrs Lawrence

Deputy Headteacher, Inclusion Lead
and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
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Mrs Sargeant

Family Liaison and
Mental Health Lead
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LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK

Polish

Hello:

Buna dimineata
(Boo-nuh
dee-mean-yaht-sah)
(means hello in the
morning)

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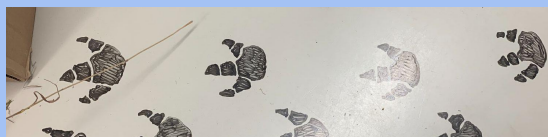
Buna ziua
(Boo-nuh Zee-wah)
(means good day or good
afternoon)

YEAR 2

Science..... living things and their habitats

This half term in science Year 2 are learning about living things and their habitats. We are learning how to decide whether something is alive, dead or has never been alive. Our Science Driver question is: Would a Dinosaur make a good pet?

In our school environment we found animals, insects and plants which are alive. Leaves and twigs which had fallen from trees and plants, wooden benches and play equipment which were dead and plastic toys which have never been alive.



On Friday 12.11.21 we came into school to find that we had been visited by a creature the night before. There were footprints and nests fillers with eggs in our hallway! We examined the foot prints and decided that, it must be an insect, bird, fish or reptile (as we have learned that these animals lay eggs) and decided based on the shape and the claws, it must have been a mother dinosaur! (We also know it is female animals who give birth to young, with the exception of seahorses!)



Miss Burgham, Miss Windover, Miss O'Mahony

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Being extremely careful, gentle and quiet we each chose an egg to incubate in our classroom and we are eagerly anticipating them hatching to confirm that we were right about what kind of creature laid them for us!

We will be making a habitat for our baby dinosaurs in the next few weeks as our DT focus for the term. We will need to use all of our learning in science about living things and their requirements for survival to do this. Watch this space...

PARKING OUTSIDE *SCHOOL*



Please can we ask parents and carers to park and drive respectfully outside our school and think of our local residents when parking.
Please also be aware of the following restrictions outside our school.

We are aware it is congested at drop off and collection - please help us to keep up our good relationship with our local residents by parking respectfully outside our school.

SYSTEMS OF CONTROL *REMINDER*

COVID SYSTEMS OF CONTROL

Please can I also remind parents and carers to make sure that children do not come to school if they have any of the three key COVID symptoms. If children do exhibit any of these symptoms they should be taken to have a PCR test.

PLAY EQUIPMENT *Important Notice*

AT THE END OF THE DAY

We would prefer that our equipment on the playground is not used out of school hours.
However, if your child does use this play equipment during this time, they must be supervised by parents or carers.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

Parents and carers of primary age children can access rapid lateral flow testing. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the spread of the virus, protect loved ones and is in the interest of public safety. More information can be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

Further guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

IMPORTANT NOTE

We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. We must ask that if your child is unwell with any of the key symptoms, please keep your child at home and follow the government guidance. This is very important for us **all** in making sure everyone is as safe as possible.

Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence