



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Part of the Charles Darwin  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents and carers last Friday afternoon to 'Show my Learning' where the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work with you - thank you all so much for coming.

On Monday this week, Mrs Lucas was delighted to welcome so many Reception and Year 1 parents and carers to our Phonics and Early Reading workshop. We hope you found this informative and the visit to your child's class to see phonics teaching in action was both fun and beneficial! Mrs Lucas also forwarded Reception and Year 1 parents and carers some very useful websites which will help with supporting reading and phonics at home. Thank you to Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, for holding the workshop and also to our teaching staff for being so accommodating and sharing the teaching of phonics with you.

On Monday, our year 6 children enjoyed their trip to Lullingstone Country Park. Although the day was wet and cold, the children showed exceptional resilience and impeccable behaviour! Thanks again to our year 6 team and volunteers for taking and looking after the children so brilliantly.

For the children who expressed an interest in watching England's opening World Cup game on Monday afternoon, we permitted an 'off curricular' 90 minutes. It is fair to say that the enjoyment and cheers throughout the school could be heard far and wide! The vibe throughout the school was just brilliant - come on England!

Thank you for your very kind donations for Bromley Foodbank on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Today Mrs Sargeant was delighted to pass on our collective school community donations to this amazing charity and they were received with huge gratitude and thanks. To find out more about the Foodbank and how they support our community please visit their website at: <https://bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk/>.

Earlier in the week we wrote to you all with our Christmas arrangements and hope these events will be enjoyed by all. We always enjoy the festive season at BHPS and aim to ensure that our children have very fond memories of these events!

On Tuesday, Miss O'Mahony, Assistant Headteacher, sent out a questionnaire to find out how you feel we are doing with promoting equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the school. If you have not already done so, we would be very grateful if you could please complete so we can find out how you feel we are doing.

This is a very busy time of the year for the Friends of BHPS. Thanks to them all for selling pre-loved Christmas jumpers (donated by our parent/carer community) and school uniforms after school on Wednesday. Pre-loved uniforms will next be on sale at the Christmas Fair on 9th December.

Can we just remind all families that the deadline for 'Elfridges', which will take place in school on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December, is 4pm on Tuesday 29th November. Payment can be made online via ParentPay or in cash. If

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Bertie C**

Pyramid, Taj Mahal,  
Giants Causeway, Colosseum,  
Royal Mile, Loch Ness, Sydney  
Opera House, London Bridge,  
Parthenon, Mount Everest,  
Globe Theatre, Mount Fuji,  
Orinoco and Wembley

*Stars of the Week*  
*'Congratulations'*

*All children for being so amazing  
today for the school photographs*

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.7%

**Weekly Class Attendance**  
(Thursday to Thursday)

*Excellent attendance 'gold'*  
**98-100%**  
Sydney Opera House: 98.8%

*Attendance 'green'*  
**96-97.9%**

Mount Everest: 97.8%  
Globe Theatre: 97.7%  
Orinoco: 96.6%

## HOUSE POINTS

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

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*



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*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](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com). For more information, please contact  
[admin@bigginhillps.com](mailto: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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> 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!*



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paying by cash, please ensure you complete the slip. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to buy gifts for parents and carers in a safe and secure environment.

If you would like to purchase raffle tickets for the Christmas Raffle at the Christmas Fair, please return your duplicate raffle ticket strip to the Friends of BHPS. Please ensure that your contact details are written on the reverse of each individual ticket and payment of 50p per ticket or £2 per strip – marked for the attention of "BHPS – Raffle" is placed in the Friend's box in the main office. Please note that payment can only be made in cash.

Today was also school photos day which is a day where the day is a little out of normal routines. We would just like you all to know that children from pre-school to year 6 were brilliant throughout today and a credit to the school!

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Freeman* Our very best wishes, *Mrs Lawrence*  
Headteacher and , Deputy Headteacher and  
Designated Safeguarding Lead Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## YEAR 6

### Trip to Lullingstone Country Park



On Monday, Year 6 spent the day in Lullingstone Country Park, where they started their learning about rivers. They started the day recreating the stages of the water cycle. Next they worked in groups to investigate water filtration. They found out that water filtered very slowly through concrete and sand, but it filtered quickly through gravel and soil. In the afternoon, they learned all about the River Darent; its name was derived from celtic phrase 'stream where oaks grow'. The River Darent starts in Westerham and flows through Sevenoaks, Lullingstone and Darent before flowing into the Thames Estuary. Year 6 enjoyed the field work activities they took part in including measuring the depth of the river and investigating the speed of the current.

They worked incredibly hard all day and weren't discouraged by the rain! Well done Year 6!

**Miss O'Mahony and Miss Wigfield**

## ROLL OF HONOUR

### Bromley Football Club Mascots!

Jacob D, Milo A and James S were all mascots on Sunday 11th November for Bromley Football Club's home game vs Halifax Town. It was a tremendous honour for them to be mascots!

*You all made brilliant Mascots - well done.  
Everyone at BHPS is very proud of you!*



## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### 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.

### 28th November:

- Ambassador Assembly, 9.10-9.45am (by invitation only).

### 29th November:

- Top up swimming (Y6 - selected children only).  
- Tea and Tots, KS1 Hall, 1.30pm -3pm.  
- Payment deadline for Friends - Elfridges (Secret Present Room) R-Y6.

### 30th November:

- R 2023 Intake Additional Tours (Pre-bookable only), 9.30-10.30am.

### 2nd December

- Children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for a bottle and a packet of wrapped sweets (NO NUTS please) and sweets rather than chocolate.

### 5th December

- Y5 Egyptian Day (Portals to the Past) KS1 Hall.

### 5th and 6th December

- Friends of BHPS, Secret Present Room 'Elfridges' R-Y6 (deadline for ordering a gift is 29th November at 4pm).

### 6th December:

- Top up swimming (Y6 - selected children only).  
- Tea and Tots Xmas party, KS1 Hall, 1.30pm -3pm.

## LANGUAGE

### Of the Week

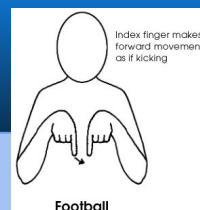
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Welsh  
Hello: hæl'lo

Good Morning: Bore da  
Good Afternoon: prynhawn Da

## MAKATON

### Sign of the Week



Football

**Miss Knott,  
SENCo  
Assistant**