



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We started this week with a visit from the 'Wonderdome' to support the children's learning in science. Children in Yr R,3,5 were fascinated to visit this mobile planetarium and enjoy an immersive experience of our universe - I think it will be a science lesson they remember! My thanks to Ms Reed, Science Lead, for organising this exciting lesson for our school.

I would like to thank our KS2 Choir (Y4/5/6 children) for singing so beautifully at the Biggin Hill Christmas lights 'Switch On' last Saturday. Mrs Windover and Mr Devlin were both very excited to tell me how amazingly all the children sang and how well they represented Biggin Hill Primary School.

Last Friday, it was good to be able to have the school photographer here for individual and sibling photographs - the children were exceptionally well behaved and looked so smart. Thank you to Mrs Lineker for expertly organising the logistics of the day!

On Tuesday, I sent out a letter asking for donations for Bromley Foodbank. If you feel that you are able to contribute, please bring your donations in on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December - all donations are greatly appreciated.

I was delighted to show Mr Aston Smith, soon-to-be the new headteacher at Charles Darwin School, around the school on Thursday. It was a pleasure to welcome Mr Smith to the school, introduce him to the children and staff. Of course, we will miss Mr Chotai, however, I am very much looking forward to working with Mr Smith and to further developing the relationship between the two schools.

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have provided donations for our Christmas Fair Hampers. Your generosity is very much appreciated. I know the Friends are very much looking forward to making the Christmas Hampers up for our Christmas Fair - I am sure these are going to be amazing!

Children in Y1-6 have also enjoyed a demonstration from some woodwind musicians. The musicians played some pieces which the children recognised to encourage a love of music. The musicians, who are both highly qualified and specialist music teachers, are both offering lessons (chargeable) at Biggin Hill Primary School. If you are interested in this opportunity for your child, please see our article on page 3. Thank you to Miss Turner, Music Lead, for organising this beautiful demonstration for the children.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Nina C**
Eileen Collins: **Austin H**
Tim Peake: **Daisy W-S**
Eugenie Clark: **Ronnie C**
Greta Thunberg: **Dominic D**
Josephine Baker: **Peony P**
Jesse Owens: **Evelyn A**
Lek Chailert: **Jude B-S**
Marcus Rashford: **Amber T-S**
Laura Dekker: **Gwen D**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Liam S**

'Congratulations'

Louis Braille and Leonardo Da Vinci:

Not in assembly due to school trip

Ida B. Wells and Mo Farah:

Not in assembly due to buzz day

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.5%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Jesse Owens: 96.5%
Lek Chailert: 96.4%

*At BHPs every school
day matters.*

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **HOLMES**
3rd: **ROWLING**

2nd: **ATTENBOROUGH**
4th: **HAWKING**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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I would also like to mention Mr Day this week, who has been responsible for the startup of both our Cross Country and Football clubs. Being able to offer these enrichment opportunities is very important for our children for both physical fitness and wellbeing. Mr Day could not run these on his own, and I would very much like to thank Ms McLaren for supporting Mr Day to run the Cross Country Club.

This morning, it was great to wave off the children on another school trip - year 4 are all at the Science Museum today! We are sure that they will have a great day.

We hope that the publication of the upcoming Christmas events programme (which is mostly unchanged from the calendar sent in July) and the term dates for next year helps families with some forward planning!

Finally, earlier in the week, I received an email from Bromley Brighter Beginnings thanking us for our huge donation of toothbrushes from our 'Toothbrushes for Team Points' campaign that we ran in September and October. It was very nice to be recognised as a school on their facebook page. More information can be found at:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BromleyBrighterBeginnings/permalink/2241518802654777/>

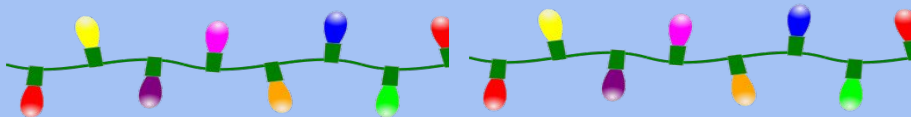
We are busier than ever at BHPS; the children put so much effort into their learning and the staff are working hard to make sure that the curriculum engages and enthuses them. We are all looking forward to a great Christmas term BHPS style!

Let the festivities begin!

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

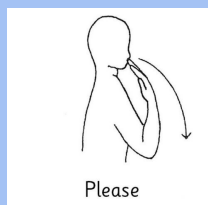
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



The weather has certainly turned this week and it has been notably more chilly. Please can you ensure that all children have a warm coat, hat and gloves in school each day. Please ensure that these items are named.

Thank You

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



Please

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

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.

2nd December:

Y2 Drumming Workshop - KS1 Hall.

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:

Bring in your Foodbank donations for Bromley Foodbank.

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).

6th December:

Friends Secrets - more information to follow directly from the Friends.

7th December:

Bring in your Foodbank donations for Bromley Foodbank.

7th December:

Friends Secrets - more information to follow directly from the Friends.

7th December:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall - Christmas Party (Pre-bookable - now FULLY BOOKED).

8th December:

Discovery Homework due in.

8th December:

Christmas Panto - KS1 and KS2 performances.

10th December:

Very Special visitor to school!!!!!!

10th December:

BHPS Christmas Fair 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Children to be collected at the end of the school day. BHPS Xtra After School Club and Cross Country will not be running on this day.

10th December:

Christmas Jumper Day - children are able to wear their Christmas jumpers with their school uniform.

YEAR 3

All sorts of new learning!



We have been doing all sorts of new learning in Year 3 this half term.

In music we have been learning to play the glockenspiel. We spent some time looking at our glockenspiels to see what we noticed and we have learnt how to play the notes D and E. We are beginning to learn some new musical vocabulary including "stave" and "minim".



In PE we have been working on our throwing and aiming. This week we worked in small groups to

create our own games. We were given specific equipment and told that our games must include some of the skills we have been working on recently. We had to work together as a team to agree on our game and what the rules would be. We also had a special PE lesson where we did some archery! Everybody had a turn at using the bow and arrow, and some children who had previously done archery with Beavers were the coaches.

On Monday we had an exciting visit from a mobile planetarium. We went inside a dark dome and saw some amazing photos of our solar system. We learnt lots of interesting facts including that a year or a day can be a different length of time on different planets, and that not all planets and suns are the same size.

Ms Reed and Miss Castledine

FLUTE AND BRASS LESSONS AT

Biggin Hill Primary School

On Wednesday we had two fantastic local musicians come to visit the school. They both trained at the Royal College of Music, London and talked to the children about how to play Brass and Woodwind instruments. The children enjoyed listening to them play a range of music from the theme to Star Wars and Frozen to Amazing Grace. They demonstrated how to play the trumpet, trombone and flute. If you would like further information regarding lessons at school with them, please contact: rdeacontrumpet@gmail.com for Brass lessons or rdeaconfute@gmail.com for flute lessons. Any other music enquiries please contact Miss Turner at school.

Miss Turner, Music Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

13th December

Y6 at Charles Darwin for Matinee performance (actual performance 11:15am-1pm). Y6 permission slips MUST be sent back for your child to attend. Y6 to come into school as normal.

13th December

KS2 (Y3,4,5 & 6) Sing-a-long - KS2 Hall 2.15pm.

Tuesday 14th

9.30 EYFS Nativity KS1 Hall.

Tuesday 14th

11.00am Y1 & Y2 Sing-a-long - KS1 Hall.

Tuesday 14th

2.15pm KS2 (Y3,4,5 & 6) Sing-a-long KS2 Hall.

Wednesday 15th

9.30am Y1 & Y2 Sing-a-long KS1 Hall.

Wednesday 15th

11.00 EYFS Nativity KS1 Hall.

Wednesday 15th

2.15 KS2 (Y3,4,5 & 6) Sing-a-long - KS2 Hall.

Thursday 16th

9.30 KS2 (Y3,4,5 & 6) Sing-a-long - KS2 Hall.

Thursday 16th

Lunch period - Christmas Lunch - look out for a menu reminder from the Admin Team.

Friday 17th

9.10am Headteacher Awards
Families of children receiving awards will be invited to the assembly.

Friday 17th

PM Christmas Parties - further information from Class Teachers to come.

20th December and 21st December
INSET Day.

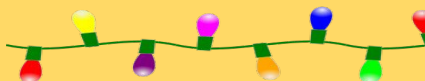
22nd December - 3rd January 2022

Christmas Holiday - school closed.

4th January 2022

First Day back to school - welcome back!

Ticketing information will be sent home via your child's class teacher on Monday 29th November 2021.



ROLL OF HONOUR

Outstanding performance at her first Gala!

Annabella B recently attended her first Gala and, after such an outstanding performance, won 2 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal as well as a trophy for best swimmer!

*This is an amazing achievement Annabella B.
Everyone here is very proud of you!
Congratulations*



*Thank you to Mrs
Spear for the kind
donation of books to
the school.*

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The National Trust

The National Trust have some lovely festive activities on offer for families this year. For more information, visit their website at:
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/>
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chartwell>
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/quebec-house>

The National Trust are running everything from carols, storytelling and a family trail. You can even join Percy the Park Keepers 'Winter Wonder' family-trail at Emmetts Garden. More information at:
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/exploring-percy-the-park-keepers-winter-wonder-trails>

The National Trust have so much on offer this festive season!

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 Everyone!

We are super excited to welcome you to our Outreach session on Emotional Regulation on Wednesday 1st December. Never fear if you cannot make it! There will be a virtual session on Thursday 2nd! To register your interest please follow:

<https://forms.gle/OGm1BTmTuPWZYCE16>

Congratulations to our EYFS team and Mrs Blackburn who are now trained in Makaton in level one. We are using Makaton in all assemblies and as much as possible around the school in a bid to become a 'Makaton Friendly' school recognised by the Makaton Charity. For more information about Makaton, please visit <https://makaton.org/>.

Best wishes, **Mrs Lawrence**



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PUPIL VOICE *Reception and Year 1*

Reception Team

What do you like most about school?

"Lunchtime."
"Playtime."
"Doing my work."
"I like P.E."

Tell me about Forest School?

"Forest School is muddy and you climb trees."
"We have hot chocolate and a cookie with it."

Do you feel safe at school?

"Yes."
"Yes, I feel safe at school."

Year 1

What do you like most about school?

"Running on the playground."
"Maths."
"Learning."
"Playtime."
"P.E, I like games."

Tell me about Forest School?

"Hot chocolate!"
"Climbing trees."
"Finding bugs."

Do you feel safe at school?

"Yes."
"Yes."
"Our teachers are here."
"Your safe because there is a gate."

LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK *(for next week)*

Romanian

Hello:

Buna ziua

Good morning:

Buna dimineata

Good afternoon:

buna ziua

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

**Thank You
for your
Christmas Hamper
donations**

A REQUEST *Reception Team*

Our Reception Team are looking for donations of specifically winter or summer clothing (woolly hats, gloves, sun hats etc). This is to support the children's learning about seasons.

If you have any unwanted items, please could donations be handed in to the EYFS teachers.

**Thank you
Reception Team**

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