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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start by thanking the children and staff that took part in the reading of 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' during the New Life Church Facebook live-streamed event last Saturday. We were so delighted to be asked to take part in this pre-recorded event. Along with the Biggin Hill community, I watched this with my family and was immensely proud of our wonderful children and school. Many staff have commented on how much this event lifted their spirits!

As I am sure you can imagine, this week has been a challenge for both our staff and families, however, we remain committed to doing the very best for our children. On behalf of Mrs Freeman, Mrs Lawrence and myself, I would like to thank my staff team for the exceptional way they continue to handle the current situation and our families for their wonderful support. It is very clear, we are **all** working as one to ensure that we provide the children at our school with the very best - thank you.

For children in school, everything is running as normal as possible. For children that are isolating and learning at home, all work has been and will continue to be communicated via your child's Google Classroom. It is imperative that this is accessed and looked at each day - please note that all class teacher messages will be communicated via this platform. If you are experiencing any problems accessing your child's account, please email me at j.ellis@bigginhillps.com

We are aware of how difficult the current situation is, however, I would urge any families that feel they need any support to reach out to Mrs Sargeant, our Family Support Worker and Inclusion Assistant. Please email her directly at k.sargeant@bigginhillps.com

Lastly, thanks again for your continued support of both your children and us as a school. We couldn't do what we are doing without this - thank you!

Have a very restful and safe weekend everyone.

Mr Ellis



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.

Mrs Windover

STARS OF THE WEEK



Jill Barklem: **Harry M**
 Beatrix Potter: **Emrys S**
 Emily Gravett: **Emily B-S**
 Eric Carle: **Joshua S**
 Abi Longstaff: **Connor D**
 Michael Rosen: **Poppy C**
 Helen Cooper: **Jude S**
 Jeremy Strong: **Chloe F**
 Berlie Doherty: **Matilda C**
 Adam Frost: **Alfie M**
 Michael Bond: **Natalie F**
 Katharine Woodfine: **Joshua C**
 Abi Elphinstone: **Luke M**
 Andrew Donkin: **Lollie S**
 Sinead O'Hart: **Isabelle P**

Attendance
95.8%

Team Point Winners of the Week:

Dame Kelly Holmes

SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

To view the Virtual Open Event, please visit our website at <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/>

Look out For

Stories on our YouTube Channel

This week
Miss Farrell and Mrs Lineker
Next week
Mrs Gilham and Mrs Clark

ROLL OF HONOUR

During the last half term holiday Ronnie R and his sister spent a day delivering lunches (provided by High Elms) to families in need.

Ronnie and his sister planned the best route to enable all deliveries to be made; they both felt this was so fulfilling, they have enrolled on the scheme to do this again over Christmas.

*We are so proud of you!
From everyone at BHLPS*

Keep a look out for our lovely new home and school reading books.

PUPIL VOICE



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

Do you have the opportunity to make choices about where you work?

"We sometimes take a vote!"

Are you making good progress?

"Yes, I think so."

How do you know?

"Because I get to go on to gold a lot!"

Do you have opportunities to work as a team?

"We do some group work, especially in Maths and Topic. We also play as a team when we're doing PE."

Can you give me some examples?

"We do team work".

"When we are on fact-finding hunts during Geography and History. We sometimes do this outside too. It's fun!"

What attitudes do you need to help you learn effectively?

"Good listening and trying to do your best!"

YEAR 1



Why does it get darker earlier in Winter?

In Year 1 we have started a new topic called 'Why does it get darker earlier in Winter?' We have learned lots about the different seasons and seasonal changes. We have talked about why the Sun is important and how shadows are made. We enjoyed reading 'The Owl who was afraid of the dark' and we went on a walk hunting for sources of light. We are looking forward to making our own shadow puppets and using them to put on a little show for our friends.

Mrs Churchward, Mrs Lucas, Miss Turner

YEAR 5

Amazing Pinball Machines



Year 5 have been working this week on building pinball machines. We have had to use and consider a range of forces for our creations, including gravity and levers. We investigated the different ways we could propel a marble and which would be the most appropriate for a pinball machine (we realised that blowing it probably wouldn't work!) We also used our learning about resistance and friction to help us decide which materials would be best to use. We used our investigations to design our pinball machines. These were very tricky to make and we had to think carefully about the techniques and materials we were using to build these.



Miss Elliott and Miss Wigfield

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