



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Monday, it was a privilege for us both to welcome families to our Ambassadors and Special Recognition Assembly. Being able to present these special awards and recognise children for their achievements both inside and outside of school is always a pleasure! Well done to everyone who received either an Ambassador or Special Recognition badge.

Last Saturday, our BHPS Choir sang during the switching on of the Biggin Hill Christmas lights. The Choir sang four songs beautifully. Our thanks to Miss Turner, Music Lead, for organising for BHPS to be there and also to Miss Wigfield and Mrs Snelling for both attending and supporting.

This week has been Assessment Week at the school for children in Reception to Year 6. It is necessary for us to undertake assessments so we can gain a snapshot of where everyone is and plan our teaching and learning accordingly. Children responded very well to the week and we are very proud of all of them.



On Tuesday, children enjoyed a little more World Cup fun as Harrison Catering served a special World Cup menu! Thank you to their amazing kitchen team for organising this special lunch for the children.

I am sure many families tuned in to watch the match in the evening - such a brilliant win for England against Wales! Come on England!

On Wednesday morning we were delighted to extend a warm welcome to prospective families of children who are due to start school in September 2023. Families thoroughly enjoyed looking around the school and finding out all about BHPS. Again, the children were just fabulous and such a credit to the school - thank you to them all.

Yesterday afternoon our Netball team played a fantastic match against Marian Vian School. Although we did not secure a win, our BHPS team played brilliantly and showed amazing sportsmanship - well done to them all and to Mrs Horgan for coaching and organising the match!



Christmas has really started at BHPS. Today was 'Own Clothes' day in exchange for a bottle and a packet of wrapped sweets - thank you all so much for your incredibly kind donations. These will be used at the Christmas Fair for both the Bottle Tombola and also the Sweets stall.

Our Christmas preparations for singalongs and shows are in full swing at school; this week it has been wonderful to hear children singing and to see them rehearsing. We haven't opened the glitter yet....but it won't be long!

Next week is the start of our festive fun and we are very excited for all the Christmas events we have planned. Please remember we have our

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Halle P**  
Pyramid: **Harry S-W**  
Taj Mahal: **Noah W- E**  
Giants Causeway: **Riley C**  
Colosseum: **Jordan C**  
Royal Mile: **Isabelle R**  
Loch Ness: **Lauren C**  
Sydney Opera House: **Oliver C**  
London Bridge: **Evelyn A**  
Parthenon: **Thomas S**  
Mount Everest: **Ruby D**  
Globe Theatre: **Jude L**  
Mount Fuji: **Chloe F**  
Orinoco: **Ava J**  
Wembley: **Elsie T**

*'Congratulations'*

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.1%

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

**Excellent attendance 'gold'**  
**98-100%**

Globe Theatre: 98.7%

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

Sydney Opera House: 97%

Mount Everest: 96.8%

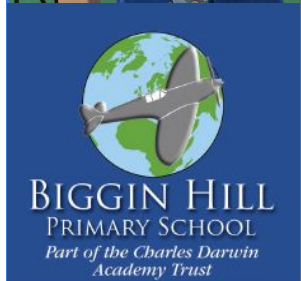
Parthenon: 96.2%

Taj Mahal: 96.1%

## HOUSE POINTS

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

*'Congratulations to our winners'*



*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!'*



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE

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Christmas Fair straight from school next Friday, so do come along and support the school and join in with the fun.

We have also provided a little insight describing what Olive, our school dog, has been doing. Please see our article on page 4 and our 'School Dog' policy is available on our website at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/policies>.

If there are any families who do not wish for their child to have contact with Olive, please do let me know at: [h.freeman@bigginhillps.com](mailto:h.freeman@bigginhillps.com).

On Monday and Tuesday next week, the Friends will be running 'Elfridges' for us. Please note that we are now **not** able to accept any more orders for 'Elfridges' as this is now closed.

Have a wonderful weekend.

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and  
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Our very best wishes,

*Mrs Lawrence*

SENCo, Deputy Headteacher and  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

## YEAR 2

*Learning all about explorers!*

Year 2 have been learning all about explorers! We went exploring in the woods during our first lesson and found all sorts of interesting creatures. We have been learning all about Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong. We watched news footage from 1969 of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon. We had lots of questions about outer space!

In English we have been reading "The Bear And The Piano". We watched a video of a classical music concert and learned lots of musical vocabulary like "orchestra", "conductor" and "baton". We wrote our own stories about an animal learning to play a musical instrument.

In PE we have been learning how to keep possession of the ball in invasion games by using a bounce pass, a chest pass and an underarm throw.

***Ms Reed, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Windover***



## ROLL OF HONOUR

*A GOLD medal!*

Evie M, Year 5, took part in her first gymnastics floor competition, which was held at Eden Park High School last Sunday. Evie came 1st winning a gold medal!

***Evie - well done. Everyone at BHPS is very proud of you!***

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### 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. **We are also happy to accept donations at the end of the school day.**

### 5th December:

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

### 5th and 6th December:

- Friends of BHPS, Secret Present Room 'Elfridges' N-Y6 (for children where parents/carers have ordered).

### 6th December:

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

### 7th December:

- Pyramid Class - walking/visit to the local library.

### 8th December:

- Christmas Jumper Day (suggested £1 donation) for Save the Children.  
- Taj Mahal Class - walking/visit to the local library.  
- R 2023 Intake Additional Tours (Pre-bookable only), 9.30-10.30am.

### 9th December:

- Y4 Lullingstone Roman Villa.  
- BHPS Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm.

## LANGUAGE

*Of the Week*

*(for next week)*

Scottish  
Hello: Halò

Good Morning: madainn mhath  
Good Afternoon: feasgar math

## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*



Christmas tree

**Miss Knott,  
SENCo  
Assistant**

***The Biggin Hill Primary School Christmas Fair 2022***

***Friday 9th December 2022 - 3.30-5.30pm***



## OUR NEWEST MEMBER OF THE INCLUSION TEAM

*Olive!*



### *Our BHPS school dog - Olive*

**Breed:** miniature, red poodle

**Risk assessment in place:** Yes

**Governors approved:** Yes

(September 2022)

**School Policy in place:** Yes

**Owned by:** Mrs Freeman and lives with her in the Freeman household as well as slowly integrating into life as the BHPS school wellbeing dog!

Over the last few weeks, Olive has slowly become integrated into life at BHPS. This journey started around 4 weeks ago when she briefly popped her head (from a distance) into assembly to meet all the children.

Also, on 8th and 9th November, Olive popped her head into the BHPS Open Days and was introduced to a hall full of new faces!

Last week was a big week for Olive as she spent two whole days at the school. Olive enjoyed gate duty in the morning and some well being duties during the day. Olive even attended the senior leadership meeting but slept the entire way through! Mrs Lawrence and Miss Knot have also started to welcome Olive into the Inclusion team. This week, Olive has been in school for two mornings and has been particularly useful in helping a few children feel more settled at the start of their school day.

Outside of school duties, Olive is very settled at home with the Freeman family and doing very well with her training. Olive has even enjoyed a weekend stay at Miss O'Mahony's house.

Olive is settling into life at BHPS school very well and has been so well received by our families and children. Our 'School Dog' policy (including risk assessment can be found on our website at:

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/policies>.



## ELF on the SHELF!

*What have you been doing!*



The Biggin Hill Primary School

'Elf on the Shelf' has been up to mischief already this week!

## BROMLEY FOODBANK

*Thank You*



*Thank you to everyone for your kind donations and generosity towards Bromley Foodbank*

## CHILDREN IN NEED AND ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

*Thank You*

We have raised **£282** in total. Split between the two charities, we have raised:

**£141** - Children in Need

**£141** - Anti-Bullying Alliance

*Thank you to everyone for your kind donations and generosity.*

## *Online safety*

If you need advice on keeping your child safe online, visit: [internetmatters.org](https://internetmatters.org). This website offers advice on specific online issues; setting controls; guides and more.



**HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND**  
**<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/>**

