



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome parents and carers into school on Monday for the Ambassadors Assembly. This is always something that both Mrs Lawrence and I very much enjoy - seeing children become ambassadors for our values is such a pleasure. Well done to everyone who received either an Ambassador or Special Recognition badge.

Thank you to everyone for acting so swiftly on Tuesday with the wearing of masks whilst on the school site. I hope the reintroduction of the blue exit gate from our grounds is easing congestion during busy times. Although we cannot enforce mask wearing, we are asking that we all show our consideration for others by wearing a mask at these very busy times.

To date our Christmas plans remain unchanged and we are committed to trying to ensure that children enjoy all that Primary School life has to offer at Christmas! Of course, if guidance from the DfE is updated, we will keep you informed and will act immediately. I would like to reiterate the importance of LFD testing and ask that, if you are visiting or coming into school for a meeting, to watch a performance or for another reason that you test before you come in. Although we cannot enforce this we would appreciate your efforts in doing what you can to keep the school community safe as we approach the Christmas holiday.

Children and teaching staff are very busy preparing for the Christmas shows; this week it has been a pleasure to hear children singing and to see them rehearsing. We haven't cracked open the glitter yet....but it won't be long!

This week, tickets will have been issued for productions. Thanks to Mrs Churchward, Mrs Snelling, Ms McLaren and Mrs Rooney for organising and dispatching all tickets for the school. I must remind all families that tickets **MUST** be obtained in advance for these events.

Just a reminder about the 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.

Finally, we are all very excited for our BHPS Christmas Fair. This promises to be a brilliant event and will raise much needed funds for our school. We would love to see as many families there as possible. Please see our advert on page 3 for more details.

Our 'Tea and Tots' Christmas party is on 7th December and tickets for

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **James D**  
Eileen Collins: **Ivy G**  
Tim Peake: **Amelia A**  
Eugenie Clark: **Phoebe C**  
Greta Thunberg: **Matilda W**  
Josephine Baker: **Aoife W**  
Jesse Owens: **Megan H**  
Lek Chailert: **Ruby D'R**  
Marcus Rashford: **Benjamin S**

Louis Braille:  
**Whole Class & Nathaniel B**  
Leonardo Da Vinci:  
**Whole Class & Bella C**

Ida B. Wells: **George A**  
Mo Farah: **Suzannah G**  
Laura Dekker: **William F**  
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Liam G**

*'Congratulations'*

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 92.5%

### Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

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

Good attendance 'green'  
**96-97.9%**

**Lek Chailert: 97.5%**  
**Louis Braille: 96.2%**

*At BHPS every school  
day matters.*

## HOUSE POINTS

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

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*

## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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this event are now sold out. Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Helps are very much looking forward to the 'Tots' Christmas party. I think there may well be a very special guest arriving for these VIP's on the day of the party!

We are all very much looking forward to a fun and festive week next week in school.

If further changes to our routines and procedures are necessary or if we do have to change Christmas plans, we will endeavour to let parents and carers know as soon as we are able to.

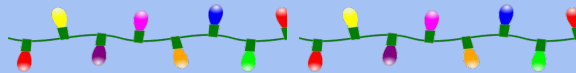
If anyone does have any questions or concerns, please do let myself, Mrs Lawrence or a member of staff know.

We are all very good at 'pulling together' for the children at BHPS and our school community. We will do our very best to make their last few 'Christmas' weeks of this half term as memorable as we can.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### *Announcement and Update*

We are delighted to announce our school council representatives for 2021-22. The children were elected by their own class after giving a speech explaining why they would be a good representative. They are:

*Year 2 - Frankie M, George M, Aoife W and Joshua S*

*Year 3 - Olivia E, Grace O, Bella C and Noah B*

*Year 4 - Fin P, Dexter D, Abigail Y and Beau P*

*Year 5 - Tiana T, Suzannah G, Alex M and Lexi D*

*Year 6 - Josh C, Aaron L, Finlay P and Leila J*

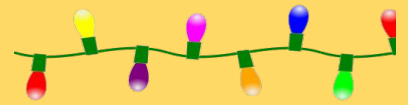
To support the School Council, we also have a marketing and communications team who are responsible for such things as setting meeting agendas, emailing staff and representatives to notify them of meetings, chairing the meetings and taking minutes. The children had to complete an application form giving examples of when they had been organised and how they communicate safely online. They were also interviewed by myself and Mrs Helps. The children all performed well at interview and our marketing and communications team are:

*Year 6 - Gwen D, Alfie K, Poppy R, Cleo C, William F and Isabella-Mae S*

**Mrs Lucas, School Council Lead**

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*



### **3rd December:**

Year 4 Roman Day - this has been postponed.

### **6th December:**

Bring in your Foodbank donations for Bromley Foodbank.

### **6th December:**

Year 6 Swimming lessons (last session for Y6).

### **6th December:**

Friends Secrets - see information from the Friends.

### **7th December:**

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### **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.

### **13th December**

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

### **Tuesday 14th**

9.30am 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**

11.00am EYFS Nativity KS1 Hall.

### **Wednesday 15th**

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

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## PRE-SCHOOL

*Nursery rhymes!*

This term in pre-school we have been learning Nursery rhymes and linking them to activities - to name a few Humpty Dumpty, 10 in the Bed, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star and Wind the Bobbin Up. We hope our pre-school parents have enjoyed listening to some of the songs the children have learnt.

Children have also enjoyed bringing in their favourite teddy from home to share with their friends and include in circle time.



**Miss Belaon, Pre-School Manager**

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### Thursday 16th

9.30am 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.

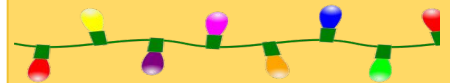
**20th December and 21st December**  
INSET Days.

**22nd December - 3rd January 2022**

Christmas Holiday - school closed.

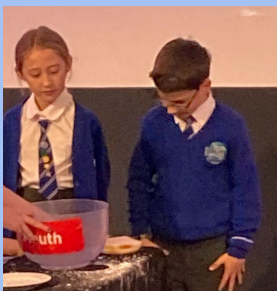
### 4th January 2022

First Day back to school - welcome back!

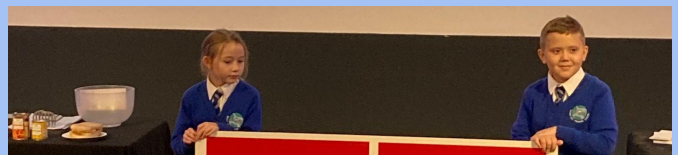


## YEAR 4

*A trip to the Science Museum*



Last Friday, Year 4 went on a fascinating trip to the Science Museum. We attended a workshop that showed us how we digest our food. It was gross, but very interesting! We looked at amazing displays about medicine through the ages, and are very pleased to live in modern times. The exhibition called the Secret Life of the Home, showed us how cookers, washing machines and vacuum cleaners have changed over the years. This was great fun as there were handles to turn to work machines. It was interesting how many appliances Mrs Buchanan remembered!



## *The Biggin Hill Primary School Christmas Fair 2021*

***Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

***We are looking forward to seeing you all there!***



## MAKATON

### SIGN OF THE WEEK



**Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant**

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**

## RECEPTION

*Hanukkah*

In reception this week we have been learning about Hanukkah, to celebrate the Jewish festival, we made challah bread. We measured out all the ingredients carefully and mixed it all together. Mrs Thorpe then kneaded the bread and carefully plaited it. It cooked for 30 minutes and then we tasted the delicious warm bread. Most of us liked it but we were all very good and tried at least a little bit.



**Mrs Churchward and Miss Powell**

*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](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com).  
For more information, please contact [admin@bigginhillps.com](mailto: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](http://www.bigginhillprimary.com)**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE

### *Inclusion Team*

Hi Everyone!

Thank you to those that aour second outreach session - Emotional Regulation. If you have any feedback about the sessions, or want to discuss anything more with the team please email either myself or Mrs Helps on [s.helps@bigginhillps.com](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com).

Next week, we will be sharing with you the next edition of 'Same but Different' with a focus on communication. Communication is key, especially at this time of year, and there are lots of different ways to make this possible if our children and young people are struggling to do so.

Mrs Sargeant, Miss Knott and I are aware that there may be some growing anxieties at the moment, with changes in guidance from the government. Please contact us if you have any worries you would like to discuss.

*Mrs Lawrence*



**Mrs Lawrence**  
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## LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK

*(for next week)*

**Slovak**

**Hello:** Ahoj

**Good morning:** dobré ráno

**Good afternoon:** dobrý deň

## ELF on the SHELF!

*What has he been up to!!!!*



Honestly, the Biggin Hill Primary School 'Elf on the Shelf' has

been up to mischief again!!!

## PUPIL VOICE

### *Year 2 and 3*

### **Year 2**

**What do you like most about school?**

"Literacy."

"Maths."

"I like learning about different countries."

"Science."

**What are you looking forward to most in the next few weeks?**

"Wearing a Christmas jumper."

"Singing."

**What are your favourite areas in school?**

"Playground."

"Lunch."

"Playground."

**Do you feel safe at school?**

"Yes I do."

"Yes."

"Yes."

**What helps you in your classrooms?**

"Teacher."

"Displays."

### **Year 3**

**What do you like most about school?**

"The staff are really nice, it is really fun and you get to learn a lot."

"I like having P.E and Forest School."

"I like hanging with my friends and being with the teachers."

**What are you looking forward to most in the next few weeks?**

"Christmas."

"The Christmas singing."

"When Father Christmas comes!"

**What are your favourite areas in school?**

"The playground."

"The classrooms."

"I like assembly."

**Do you feel safe at school?**

"Yes."

"Yes."

"Yes."

**What helps you in your classrooms?**

"Our teachers."

"My teacher."

**Is there anything else you want to tell me about school?**

"The food is nice and the playground is fun."

"The school is very very nice."

## 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***