



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your kind donations for the Bromley Borough Foodbank. All donations were collected on Monday and we have been asked to extend our thanks for your enormous generosity.

Also, on behalf of the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School, thank you for your donations today for the Christmas hamper raffle.

I was delighted to be able to share our Christmas plans with you on Tuesday. Although we cannot quite match what we would usually do, we do hope that our festive plans ensure that we have some fun activities for the children to look forward to in school. We will make sure that all children have some memorable activities and festive fun to look forward to after such a challenging time. Please do look out for more information on your child's Google Class Stream.

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. If you do have any issues logging in, please do let us know as a matter of urgency.

Our primary objective is to keep our children, staff and school community safe. I must ask that if your child or a family member within the household is unwell with any of the key symptoms, please do keep your children at home and follow the government guidance. This is very important for us **all** in making sure the run-up to Christmas is as safe as possible.

Our wonderful children, families and my exceptional staff team are so deserving - let's all work together to make the next two weeks the very best they can be!

Have a fun and festive weekend.

Mr Ellis

STARS OF THE WEEK



Jill Barklem: **Sienna W**
 Beatrix Potter: **Elinam K**
 Emily Gravett: **Millie A**
 Eric Carle: **Aoife W**
 Abi Longstaff: **Alex E**
 Michael Rosen: **Chloe B**
 Helen Cooper: **Grace O**
 Jeremy Strong: **Ellee A, Abigail Y**
 Berlie Doherty: **Holly T, Edward BS**
 Adam Frost: **Finley A**
 Michael Bond: **Lillie M**
 Katharine Woodfine: **Harrison D**
 Abi Elphinstone: **Ashlea W**
 Andrew Donkin: **Ella H**
 Sinead O'Hart: **Bella H**

Attendance
94%

Team Point
Winners of the
Week:

Stephen Hawking

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

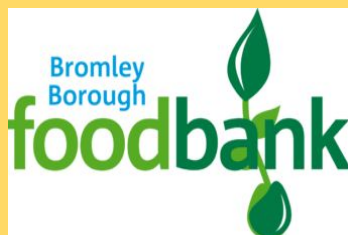


*A very warm welcome back to Martin,
our much-loved lollipop man.
We have all missed you!*



THANK YOU

Thank you for your amazing donations to Bromley Borough Foodbank - we were thrilled by your enormous generosity. Many of the items will be used to put together some Christmas Hampers for families in need. For this reason, we will be collecting at the same time next year.



Thank you for your donations

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES



Monday 7th December:

Y3 and Y5 **ONLY** Own Clothes Day (no Christmas jumpers) and hamper donations.

Friday 11th December:

National Christmas Jumper Day
Children can wear a Christmas jumper to School - we will be collecting donations for Save the Children.

Christmas week 14-18th December:

An action-packed week with educational and fun activities.

Tuesday 15th December:

Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Reception, Year 3 and children that were previously isolating where parent / carer consent was given.

Wednesday 16th December:

Christmas lunch
Unfortunately we can't all use the hall. We do have a normal Christmas menu but classes who currently eat in class will continue to do so. Information about ordering a Christmas lunch will follow soon.

Thursday 17th December:

Man in Red
This will be an outside event this year. Children will visit in their classes to avoid any mixing beyond their class.

Friday 18th December:

Christmas party in class on the last day!
Children must bring their own food and drink.
Parents/carers to provide either on a disposable plate with cling film or in a lunch box.

Hamper raffle

Tickets will go on sale on Wednesday 9th December.

It's the most wonderful time of the year...

Cards

Children can bring in cards but only for distribution across their year group.
A box will be set up in each classroom for children to place them in. Cards will be distributed to the correct children.



Look out For
Stories on our YouTube Channel
This week
Mrs Gilham and Mrs Clark
Next week
Mrs Churchward and Mrs Buchanan

PUPIL VOICE



This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Year 4 children.

Are you expected to produce your best work?

"Yes, because otherwise the teachers don't know what you can do."

"Yes and I really want to do my best work as I want to get my pen licence."

How do you know if you have done well?

"Because the teacher comments and praises you and by reading your work back to yourself you'll decide if it's good or if you can do better."

Can you give examples of how you have used the Year 4 environment, resources and equipment to help your learning?

"We've been working outside the classroom with our maths group to share our ideas together."

Do you have opportunities to work with other pupils in your class?

"Yes, we work together and we use lolly sticks to choose who works together."

"Yes sometimes we can choose our partners or our teacher pairs us up."

What are you working on to improve at the moment?

"My handwriting to get my pen licence."

"My handwriting because I like writing and I want to get my pen licence."

"My writing and my drawing as I'd love to be an architect."

YEAR 2

Learning about Kenya



Year 2 have been busy learning lots about Kenya. We started off by finding Kenya on a map. We had already found Jamaica on a map so we could compare the two countries. We noticed that Kenya, unlike Jamaica, isn't an island but they are both warmer than England because they are nearer the Equator.

We learnt all about what it is like to go to school in Kenya. We saw that Kenyan children have lessons, assembly and breaktime just like us, but there were some differences too.

We had fun learning about the "Big Five" animals - do you know what they are?

We looked at artwork by a Kenyan artist called Martin Bullinya. We noticed that he used primary colours to create different shades of orange. We practised mixing colours to create our own art in the same style.



Ms Reed and Miss Castledine

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE!

Hi Everyone!

Please remember to check your child's googlemail for a message sent last week with a top secret mission! Please email your responses to k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com as soon as you can. The responses I have received so far have been AMAZING so keep them coming! Have a lovely weekend; I look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Mrs Lawrence

Ssshhh.....
**TOP
SECRET!**