



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE



Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier in the week, we forwarded a letter to you all from the Director of Public Health England regarding elevated levels of Group A Strep. I have today reattached the letter as it provides important information and advice.

On Monday, Year 5 had a fabulous day learning all about the Egyptians with their visit and workshop run by 'Portals to the Past'. Both Miss Gray and Miss Farrell have informed us that the children had a fabulous day!

Our thanks to the Friends of BHPS for running 'Elfridges' on Monday. The children loved the opportunity to purchase surprise gifts for loved ones. There is a huge amount of effort that goes into this. Thank you very much to the Friends for giving up their time to run this special event for the children. We are aware that Pyramid class were a little late back for dismissal and we would like to apologise for this - thank you so much for your understanding.



On Tuesday, we held our 'Tea and Tots' Christmas party for some of the youngest members of our school community - we even had a special visit from an Elf! The party, which was organised by Mrs Sargeant, was brilliant fun! A very special 'thank you' to Mrs Sargeant

and Mrs Spears for a festive afternoon for the little ones! Our 'Tea and Tots' baby and toddler group has now finished for this term and will start again on Tuesday, 10th January at the normal time.

On Monday, we sent out some information regarding the Creative Ballet club that Boom Arts are running at school during the spring term. We are very excited to be able to provide this club at Biggin Hill Primary School, however we must inform you that in order for this club to run, Boom Arts require a minimum of 15 children to attend. For more information about this club and to find out how to book, please visit:

<https://boomartsacademy.class4kids.co.uk/info/1311>.

We are also very pleased to announce that Creation Station will be continuing to run their Create Club for children in year 2-6 during the Spring term. This club will take place in the Hub on Wednesday's after school. For more information about this club and to find out how to book, please visit:

<https://portal.thecreationstation.franscape.io/class-overview/3520>.



Thank you for taking part in our Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' yesterday. All money donated at the gate or in class will go directly to 'Save the Children'. Once again, thank you for supporting this amazing charity - to find out more about their wonderful work, please visit their website at: <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>.

Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Kemp for donating three beautiful Christmas trees! Mr and Mrs Kemp have been donating Christmas trees to the school for a number of years and we are so grateful for this added bit of festive cheer!

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Stanley P**
Pyramid: **Saihoon A**
Taj Mahal: **Poppy M**
Giants Causeway: **Lily M**
Colosseum: **Amelia P**
Royal Mile: **Phoebe C**
Loch Ness: **Willow L**
Sydney Opera House: **James C**
London Bridge: **Kody B**
Parthenon: **On school trip**
Mount Everest: **On school trip**
Globe Theatre: **Gabby H**
Mount Fuji: **Amelia B**
Orinoco: **Shiloh K**
Wembley: **Jerry K**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 92.9%*

Weekly Class Attendance
(Thursday to Thursday)

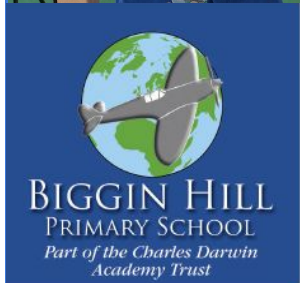
Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **HOLMES**
2nd: **ATTENBOROUGH**
3rd: **HAWKING**
4th: **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. For more information, please contact
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

'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 9th 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!



EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AT BHPS

Miss O'Mahony, Curriculum and Equality and Diversity Lead

Cultural Diversity Day We would like to celebrate the rich diversity of our pupils, staff and community through a special celebration in the summer term. If you would be interested in sharing an aspect of your culture with our pupils as part of their learning, please email s.o'mahony@bigginhillsps.com. This could include cooking, singing, stories, a making activity or dance!

Promoting Equality and Diversity through assemblies

At BHPS, we develop our pupils' awareness of the protected characteristics through weekly assemblies.

Through these assemblies, we celebrate differences and learn about the achievements of people around the world. Some of our assemblies this term have been: European Day of Languages, Sophia Duleep Singh, Braille Week, Show Racism the Red Card, Diwali, Ira Aldridge, Steven Hawking, Ellie Simmons and Hanukkah.

Equality and Diversity Ambassadors

We want every child at BHPS to feel accepted, recognised and celebrated. Celebrating diversity is very important to us and we hope our new ambassadors will play an integral role in how we do this as a school and make what we already do, even better.

Our ambassadors will meet with me half termly and will also be encouraged to bring their own ideas to help develop equality and diversity across the school. Our ambassadors are:

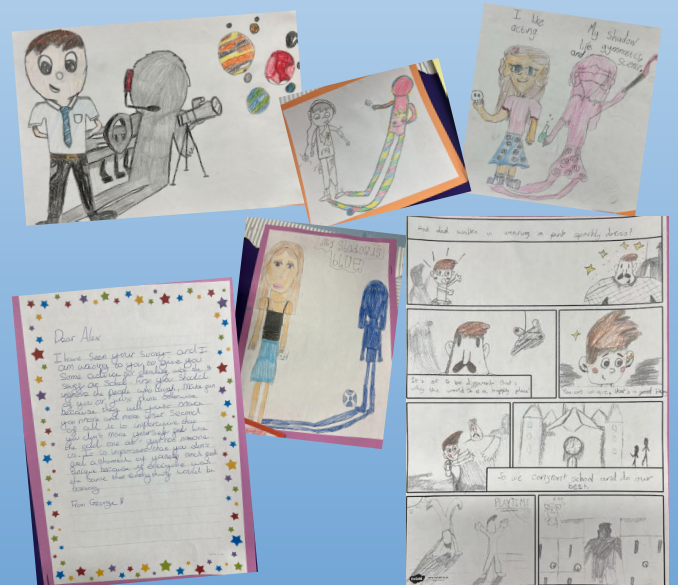
2L - Isabella	4E - Daisy
2R - Inola	4P - Kiera
3B - Megan	5F - Elvie
3S - Ella	5G - Luca

6O - Shiloh, Kye and Mia
6W - Hannah, Harrison and William

My Shadow is Pink

We looked at the book 'My Shadow is Pink' by Scott Stuart. This is a beautifully written story that touches on **gender identity** and **self-acceptance**.

We met the main character who loved princesses, fairies and 'things not for boys'. Using this story, we explored the importance of self-acceptance and being proud of your individuality. We created comic strips to predict the end of the story, wrote letters of advice to the main character and designed our own shadows based on our interests.



Show Racism the Red Card

SHOW
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THE
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CARD

We showed our support for anti-racism on 21st October. This charity works to show the importance of treating everyone equally.



What is unconscious bias?

Unconscious bias is when we think favourably of someone or treat them differently because we believe we are alike and treat someone less favourably because we believe we are not alike. Our beliefs and values are inherited from our environment, experience and from the people around us, particularly those we look up to. Beliefs can drive our behaviours and influence our actions. Throughout our lives, we subconsciously form opinions about different groups of people. These beliefs can change behaviour and attitudes without us even realising it. It is essential that we try to unlock embedded values beliefs, as these might manifest in unconscious bias or stereotyping.

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Today we are all looking forward to the BHPS Christmas Fair between 3.30-5.30pm. Please come along to browse and shop - there really is something for everyone.

It certainly feels more Christmassy this week at BHPS. We hope to be able to deliver 'Plan A' in terms of performances however do keep an eye on your email on a daily basis as we will use this to communicate any changes to individual year groups in the event of very poor weather. We would just like to remind families that the last day of term and day in school is Tuesday 20th December.

We look forward to seeing you all at the BHPS Christmas Fair later this afternoon.

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

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

9th December:

- Harrison Colouring competition (running at lunch club) closes today.
- Y4 Lullingstone Roman Villa.
- BHPS Christmas Fair, 3.30-5.30pm.

Monday 12th December:

- Y6 'Elf' Matinee at Charles Darwin School (11:15am-1pm actual performance). See communication sent on 6/12/22 directly from the Y6 team.

Tuesday 13th December:

- Top Up Swimming (selected Y6 children only).

Wednesday 14th December:

- BHPS Christmas lunch (please ensure your children know what they are choosing in time for registration).
- Harrison Catering competition winner announced today at the Christmas lunch.
- Discovery homework due today.

Thursday 15th December:

- Reception Christmas Singalong and Comedy Fest! (inside), 9.15am.
- Y1 and 2 Musical Nativity (inside), 2.15pm.

Friday 16th December:

- Y1 and 2 Musical Nativity (inside), 9.15am.
- **PLAN A** - Y3 and 6 Outdoor Christmas Singalong and Christmas Story, 11.00am.
- **PLAN B** - Y3 Indoor Christmas Singalong and Christmas Story, 10.15am.
- **PLAN B** - Y6 Indoor Christmas Singalong and Christmas Story, 2.15pm.
- VIP - Man in Red visits BHPS.

Monday 19th December:

- **PLAN A** Y4 and 5 Outdoor Christmas Around The World Singalong, 11.00am.
- **PLAN B** Y4 Indoor Christmas Around The World Singalong, 9.15am.
- **PLAN B** Y5 Indoor Christmas Around The World Singalong, 10.15am.
- Preschool Christmas Singalong, 2.30pm.

Tuesday 20th December:

- Christmas parties (communication will come directly from year groups).
- HT Awards Assembly (by invitation only).
- Last day of term - normal finish time (normal uniform - feel free to add Christmas accessories).

**First day back after Christmas is
Wednesday 4th January 2023**

A NEW COAT

for Olive!



Our thanks to Mr and Mrs Allen for purchasing and donating a festive coat for our school dog, Olive!

ELF on the SHELF!

What have you been doing!



The Biggin Hill Primary School 'Elf on the Shelf' has been up to mischief again this week!

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

Irish

Hello: Dia Dhuit

Good Morning:

Dia is Muire Dhuit

Good Afternoon: Dia Dhuit

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Snowman

*Miss Knott, SENCo
Assistant*

Online safety - If you need advice on keeping your child safe online, visit: internetmatters.org. This website offers advice on specific online issues; setting controls; guides and more.



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

