



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have had a marvellous 'All things Christmas' week in school. After everything that was missed last year, and the cancellation of the Christmas Fair and indoor shows this year, we have been so pleased and relieved to be able to deliver an outside singalong and mini Christmas Fair for each year group and we hope these events have warmed your hearts. We know that it means so much to the children to be able to perform in front of their loved ones. I would especially like to thank the teaching team and support staff for adapting so

quickly and for showing such exceptional teamwork during such challenging times. Thank you also to all parents and carers for being so positive and supportive about our revised Christmas programme! Thanks also to the Friends of BHPS, Mrs Gilham, Mrs Clark and Mrs Windover, and their band of merry helpers for their hard work towards the mini Christmas Fairs. Finally, keeping all the children dry whilst they sang was a concern that we didn't need to worry about - thank you to Mr Day, Year 4 teacher, and Ms Dawkins, a parent, for coming to the rescue with 'pop up' gazebos for if and when we needed them!

This morning it was a pleasure to host our Head Teacher Award virtual assembly in school. Along with our Ambassadors assembly last month, this is always something that makes me feel incredibly proud to be headteacher here.

It has been a very busy period in school and so much work has taken place around ensuring the children are getting the most from their learning. Last week we held PPRs (Pupil Progress Reviews) and will use the outcomes of these reviews to inform planning and necessary intervention work in the spring term. As you know we have also launched 'Aspire', our new learning classroom this term. This has been a successful initiative thus far and we will continue to monitor the progress of the children who attend very carefully. Wellbeing of children and staff has also been very much at the top of our agenda in school and there have been some important and exciting developments in this regard (more information will follow about this in the new term).

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HEAD TEACHER AWARDS



'Congratulations'

Eileen Collins: **Primrose R**
Tim Peake: **Alma P**
Eugenie Clark: **Emily B-S**
Greta Thunberg: **Elinam K**
Josephine Baker: **James C**
Jesse Owens: **Milo S**
Lek Chailert: **Ellie D**
Marcus Rashford: **Henry B**
Louis Braille: **Nathaniel B**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Ciaran D**
Ida B. Wells: **Riley T**
Mo Farah: **Shirley S**
Laura Dekker: **Teddy E**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Maisy K**

'Pre-School Star of the Week'

Ludwig van Beethoven:
All children

Weekly Whole School Attendance 91.9%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance '**gold**'
98-100%
Lek Chailert: 98.9%

Good attendance '**green**'
96-97.9%
Eileen Collins: 96.7%
Eugenie Clark: 96%

At BHPS every school day matters.



HOUSE POINTS

1st: **HAWKING**

3rd: **ATTENBOROUGH**

2nd: **HOLMES**

4th: **ROWLING**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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Observations of teaching and learning this term have been very pleasing; we are seeing such engaging and creative lessons which children are really enjoying. It has been a pleasure to see how hard children are working!

We also say "goodbye" to Mr Chotai, Headteacher at Charles Darwin School, and on behalf of the staff and children here we wish him all the very best for his retirement. We are looking forward to working with Mr Smith, as Headteacher of Charles Darwin, from January 2022. Mr Chotai will be continuing as CEO of the Trust temporarily.

It is just under a year since I stepped in the shoes of Mr Ellis, and though it has been somewhat of a "Baptism of Fire" as far as new headships go - I have thoroughly enjoyed my new role. I could not run this school without the fabulous staff team that we have here and I would like to take this opportunity to thank every member of staff for the role that they play in making BHPS the very special place that is. Thank you also to the many volunteers that come in and read with children and to our parents and carers for being so incredibly supportive of your children and of the staff team this year, it has meant a great deal to us all.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank the children for all their hard and fabulous work - they really do bring a smile to us all and make us very proud each day.

On behalf of all the staff at Biggin Hill Primary School, I would like to thank you for your kind gifts, cards and messages - I wish you a very safe and happy Christmas and a marvellous New Year!

We all very much look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

Mrs Freeman

Mrs Freeman
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

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!

4th January 2022

* NO TEA AND TOTS *

7th January 2022

Y4 Roman Day.

11th January 2022

Y3 Horton Kirby Education Centre.

11th January 2022

Y5 Swimming.

11th January 2022

Tea and Tots, 1.30pm KS1 Hall.

12th January 2022

Young Voices Concert (O2) -

POSTPONED. As soon as we have more information we will be in contact.



*** Thank You ***

Thank you for your kindness and generosity at our year group Christmas Singalongs and Mini Christmas Fairs.

YEAR 2

Such and exciting half term!



This half term has been so exciting for Year 2, between visits from bears, dinosaurs, elves and even the man in red himself, Father Christmas (!) we have had an amazing time!



Recently, we have been learning about Kenya. To support our learning about Kenya we have taken part in a drumming workshop.

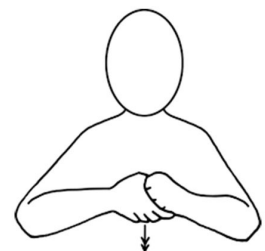
We spent the day learning about Traditional African Tribal drumming and percussion. We began by watching an artist drum and then had a go at it ourselves. We were all in time

and had so much fun! We worked on developing our rhythm and became confident at listening and responding. At the end of the day, we had a whole class performance with drums and a selection of other percussion instruments.

Miss O'Mahony, Miss Burgham and Mrs Windover

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Friends

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE, DEPUTY HEADTEACHER and the *Inclusion Team*

Hello to you all!

What an end to the Autumn term! It has been a pleasure to watch your children perform this week and I am not ashamed to say that Mrs Freeman and I were moved to tears on more than one occasion! We are so incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated Friends team, who have worked their socks off to ensure the children have enjoyed the Christmas festivities at school as much as possible - thank you!

We know that this time of year can be tricky for some of our children, and the current circumstances could heighten already rising anxieties. Please do not hesitate to email should you need any support over the Christmas period or on the return to school in January.

I wish you all a very Merry (and safe!) Christmas!

Mrs Lawrence



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LANGUAGE *Of the Week*

(for the first week back)

Hungarian

Hello:

Helló

Good morning:

jó reggelt kívánok

Good afternoon:

jó napot

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.



A MESSAGE FROM MR DEVLIN

Assistant Headteacher



Hi everyone!

After first starting at BHPS nearly 8 years ago, I was delighted to be appointed as Assistant Headteacher earlier this year. At the end of my first term I can honestly say that I love every minute of working at this school. I feel privileged to be part of a fantastic team and get to work with the most amazing children. Their hard work and determination is evident throughout the school and they should all be proud of their achievements every single day.

As part of my role I am responsible for assessment and achievement across the school. We have been busy developing our systems of assessment in school and children in years 1 to 6 have recently taken part in the first assessment week of the year. I look forward to continuing to develop our systems and will be writing to you in the new year to let you know how we will be sharing this information with you.

Last week, children in year 2 completed their phonics screening check. This would normally have taken place at the end of year 1 but was postponed this year, due to covid. I am pleased to say that we have maintained our high pass rate for this and already have plans in place for children still requiring support with their phonics.

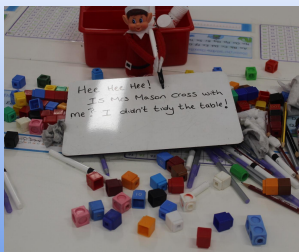
Wishing you all a wonderful and relaxing Christmas and a happy new year.



Mr Devlin

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What has the Biggin Hill Primary School Elf on the Shelf been doing?



Honestly, the Biggin Hill Primary School 'Elf on the Shelf' has been up to mischief again!!!

Thank You



Thank you for your contribution. We raised **£287.76** for Save the Children

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



On behalf of everyone at Biggin Hill Primary School, we would like to wish our **AMAZING** children and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

