



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,



A very warm welcome back to school to all our children and families - we hope you all managed to enjoy the festive period and had the opportunity to see family and friends.

I am delighted to advise that our children have come back to school full of enthusiasm and seem very happy and settled. As you know, we have lifted the restrictions that were put in place just before Christmas and very much hope that there is no need to revert to these this term. That said, we will of course keep a close eye on the situation and will continue to ensure that our systems of control remain in place. Please can I remind everyone of the need and importance of wearing masks on site, this will help to minimise the risk of transmission and will help to keep our children and the wider school community safe. Also, if you are coming into school for a meeting, we politely request that you complete an LFD test beforehand.

The rules have changed again and from Tuesday 11th January anyone who is asymptomatic and has a positive result from a lateral flow test should assume that they have COVID and complete a minimum of 7 days isolation, this should be done rather than completing a PCR test. This is a temporary measure and more information about this can be found on the government website:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm\\_source=29133936-ab09-4ad6-b091-6438d44c9026&utm\\_content=immediately](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/confirmatory-pcr-tests-to-be-temporarily-suspended-for-positive-lateral-flow-test-results?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=29133936-ab09-4ad6-b091-6438d44c9026&utm_content=immediately).

Anyone who is symptomatic should book a PCR test and follow the government advice.

Our next safeguarding bulletin, which will be sent next week, will focus on attendance and punctuality. Attendance at school is mandatory and as children have missed so much school in the last two years, we must do everything we can to ensure that their learning is not further disrupted by unnecessary absences.

I am also pleased to announce that two new staff have joined our fabulous support staff team; Miss Mercer, Learning Support Assistant in KS2 and Miss Buck, Early Years Practitioner in our Pre-School. On behalf of all the staff and leadership team, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to BHPS.

Wellbeing of both children and staff remains a focus area this term; the  
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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Noah B**  
Eileen Collins: **Naomi D**  
Tim Peake: **Riley C**  
Eugenie Clark: **Myla G**  
Greta Thunberg: **Jenson P**  
Josephine Baker: **Molly L**  
Jesse Owens: **Regan M**  
Lek Chailert: **Joshua C**  
Marcus Rashford: **Bella C**  
Louis Braille: **Zachary C**  
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Lyla C**  
Ida B. Wells: **Finley A**  
Mo Farah: **Lewis C-B**  
Laura Dekker: **Ruby F**  
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Leila J**

*'Congratulations'*

*Weekly Whole School  
Attendance 88.4%*

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

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

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

**Lek Chailert: 96.6%**

*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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leadership team believes that our entire school community needs to have good wellbeing in order to give and achieve their very best. If you are concerned about the wellbeing of your child, please contact their class teacher in the first instance or a member of the inclusion team.

Although this is a short half term, it is a busy one. The leadership team will be undertaking a whole school work scrutiny to ensure that standards of teaching and learning remain high across all year groups and curriculum areas. Towards the end of this half term, we will also look to develop a small pupil focus group with representatives from across the school. The aim of this group will be for us to gain their views about how they are given feedback about their work and how they feel that they are being helped to improve in their learning.

Today we sadly said goodbye to Ms McLaren who we know children and staff will miss. We gave her a proper BHPS send off in celebration assembly. We thank her for all of her hard work at BHPS and wish her all the best in her new school.

It's going to be a fabulous spring term at BHPS!

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### **7th January:**

Year 4 Roman Day.

### **11th January:**

Y3 Horton Kirby Education Centre.

### **11th January:**

Y5 Swimming.

### **11th January:**

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall.

### **11th January:**

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) teaching Parent 'DROP IN' 3.15-4pm.

### **14th January:**

Y5W Assembly, 9am.

*Aspiration and Careers Week was due to take place next week and has been postponed. We hope to be able to announce our new dates for this in the coming weeks.*

## COATS, HATS and GLOVES

We are experiencing some very cold weather, please ensure that all children have a warm coat, hat and gloves in school each day. Please ensure that **all** items are named.

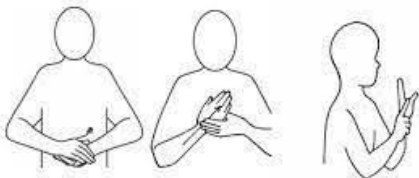
*Thank You*

## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*

**Miss Knott, SENCo  
Assistant**

Happy  
New Year



## BHPS PRE-SCHOOL

*Traditional Tales*



Pre-school had a fabulous first week back after the Christmas break. It has been amazing to catch up with the children and talk about their celebrations and special events. A special thank you to all the families that shared pictures of their Christmas experiences via Tapestry. These were a great talking point and an opportunity for children to discuss things that are important to them and reflect with their friends. This term's topic is Traditional Tales and

our first story focus is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We have turned our play loft into the bears cottage and the children have reenacted some hilarious interpretations of the story. It's great to start the New Year having so much fun!

**Miss Belaon, Pre-School Manager**



## A MESSAGE FROM THE Inclusion Team

Hi Everyone!

A very happy New Year to you all from myself, Mrs Sargeant and Miss Knott!

Bromley Children's Project is a fantastic resource and is part of Bromley's Local Offer for families living within the borough of Bromley. The service provides advice, support, resources and courses/forums in order to promote positive parenting and healthy relationships within families. For more information on accessing their services, please follow [https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200071/parental\\_support/769/bromley\\_children\\_project](https://www.bromley.gov.uk/info/200071/parental_support/769/bromley_children_project) or contact a member of the Inclusion Team.

Have a great weekend!

**Mrs Lawrence**



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## PUPIL VOICE School Council

**What are you enjoying most about being part of the School Council?**

"That the school council is making school better for the students."

"Being able to share ideas. It also makes me feel more mature."

"Giving ideas."

**What are you hoping to get from your experience of being on the School Council?**

"That we make the school better even though it is good."

"To learn what everyone likes, what responsibility is like and to have responsibility."

"If there are some people that are not confident, I want to make them more confident."

**Is there anything you would like to see change at BHPS?**

"The hut, playground equipment and more charity runs and stuff that involves charities."

"The outside and the outside look of the classrooms."

**What made you want to be part of the School Council?**

"I thought it would be interesting."

"I love to make things better and make people happier, also to make things more gentle. This is what made me want to be part of the school council."

"We've had our first meeting and I was really impressed with their enthusiasm, their listening skills and how articulate they were at expressing their ideas. The school council had some creative and strong ideas to improve lunchtimes and we have already started working on some of these. We'll be having our next meeting very soon."

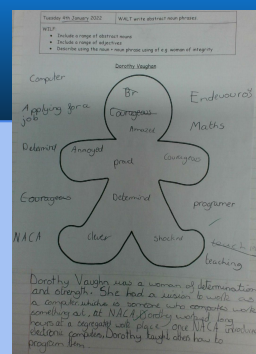
**Mrs Lucas, School Council Lead, Biggin Hill Primary School**

## LANGUAGE Of the Week

(for next week)  
**Welsh**

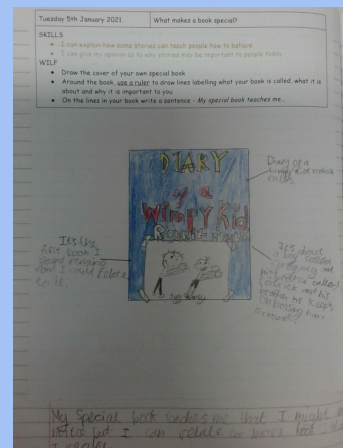
**Hello:**  
hə'lo  
**Good Morning:**  
Bore da  
**Good Afternoon:**  
prynhawn Da

## YEAR 5 Hidden Figures



Year 5 is enjoying learning about our new literacy text

'Hidden Figures'. It is a non-fiction text about the stories of four different black women and their incredible achievements working at NASA. Did you know that computers used to be actual people and not just machines? We've also started our new RE topic about how Sikh stories are important today; we thought about which books are special to us.



**Miss Farrell and Miss Wigfield**



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Part of the Charles Darwin  
Academy Trust*

## IN-YEAR ADMISSION TOURS!

We are able to run bookable tours for in-year admissions.  
*Come and meet our amazing children and see our school in action.*

To book a tour please contact Mrs Helps via email  
at [s.helps@bigginhillps.com](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com) or at 01959 575846

Visit our website at: [www.bigginhillprimary.com](http://www.bigginhillprimary.com)

*'We take pride in everything we do'*

*Our school prospectus can be viewed via our website at:*

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/docs/BHPS-21-22-ONLINE%20PROSPECTUS.pdf>.



## 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.

## COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

Regular lateral flow 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:

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<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

## 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**