



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning we were able to welcome parents and carers of 5W into school and were all treated to a fabulous class assembly. It's always such a pleasure to see how much the children have been learning - well done to 5W and Miss Wigfield.

On Tuesday we were delighted to be able to have our first external trip for the new year, a year 3 trip to Horton Kirby Education Centre. Ms Reed and Miss Castledine have reported that the children were exceptionally well behaved and had a fabulous time - this is particularly pleasing to hear as this is the first time BHPS has visited this venue for a long time! You will be able to find out more about their trip in our next newsletter.

Last Friday, our year 4 children also enjoyed Roman Day in school. This is always a day that everyone in year 4 enjoys - more information about this exciting in school curriculum day can be found in the article from the year 4 team.

Trips and curriculum days always take a lot of additional time to organise - I would like to thank both the year 3 and 4 teaching staff for providing our children with these learning opportunities.

On Tuesday we also ran a RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) drop in for parents and carers. We hope the sharing of our teaching materials and the opportunity to 'drop in' has enabled you to feel more informed about the content of RSE teaching across the curriculum - please do let us know if you have any further questions regarding this area of the curriculum.

On Tuesday we also welcomed back our little ones to 'Tea and Tots'. It is always nice to be able to provide this extra to our community and welcome both existing and new families to school.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, wrote to families on 12th January regarding reading and phonics and was able to share with you some exciting new initiatives and projects that we are launching at BHPS. If you have not already done so, please do share these initiatives with your children. To help facilitate the setting up of the small library area on each KS1 and 2 playgrounds, we need a little voluntary help to go through a mountain of books in school! If you would be willing to help on Wednesday 19th January from 1:45-3:15pm with this task, please let us know.

Please can I remind anyone entering the school site to ensure that you drive very slowly. This is for the safety of the children and the wider

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Rae L**
Eileen Collins: **Joe C**
Tim Peake: **Ronnie A**
Eugenie Clark: **Kyan I-R**
Greta Thunberg: **Lauren C**
Josephine Baker: **Reggie D**
Jesse Owens: **Freddie Y**
Lek Chailert: **Danny E**
Marcus Rashford: **Travis L**
Louis Braille: **Dexter D**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Daisy W**
Ida B. Wells: **Amelia C**
Mo Farah: **Rodney C**
Laura Dekker: **George L**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Rose S**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.3%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%
Josephine Baker: 98.1%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Marcus Rashford: 97.3%
Eugenie Clark: 96.9%
Leonardo Da Vinci: 96.6%
Ida B. Wells: 96%

*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

HOUSE POINTS

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

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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school community.

Everything feels pretty 'normal' at school for the children at the moment, I am very pleased to say. Our systems of control are working well and I feel confident that we are doing all we can to keep our children safe. Please remember the importance of wearing masks on site, and if you are coming into school for a meeting or another reason, we politely request that you complete an LFD test beforehand.

I do hope you found our Safeguarding Bulletin (sent yesterday) useful and informative. The children are very much enjoying our initiatives around attendance, especially the 'Wheel of Glory'. We must do all we can to improve attendance at school as every learning day is so important for the children.

Have a fabulous weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

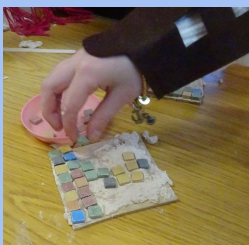
Our Pre-school
Singalong raised
£60 for
Aoife's Bubbles.
Thank You

YEAR 4

Last Friday the school was invaded by ... Romans!



Last Friday the school was invaded by Romans! Children in Year 4 arrived in school in Roman costume and had an exciting day learning more about Roman life. They made wax



writing tablets, which functioned a bit like modern day white boards, in that they could be written on and re-used. Some attractive mosaics were produced that would have taken pride of place on the floor of a Roman villa. The Romans looked very attractive wearing the laurel wreaths

they made too. The Roman bread they baked was extremely tasty. The children enjoyed playing games that would have been played in England almost 2000 years ago, whilst others enjoyed constructing a Roman hypocaust using Lego. If you're not sure what a hypocaust is, perhaps a Year 4 pupil could tell you. In the afternoon we marched like Roman legionaries and practiced forming battle formations with our shields (trays!). Everyone really enjoyed the day, and learnt more about Roman life.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

17th January:

Parent Forum & Class
Representatives Meeting 1, HT
office, 9-10am.

18th January:

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

18th January:

Year 5 Swimming.

19th January:

Volunteers in school to help sort
books in PPA Rm/Y6 Library,
1.45-3.15pm. If you would like to
help, please let us know.

21st January:

Y5F Assembly, 9am, KS2 Hall.

25th January:

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

25th January:

Year 5 Swimming.

26th January:

KS2 'Book Swap' starts today at
lunchtime, KS2 playground outside
PPA room.

28th January:

Y4B Assembly, 9am, KS2 Hall.

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



**Mrs Buchanan and
Mr Day**



A MESSAGE FROM THE *Inclusion Team*

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all managing to settle back into routine after the Christmas break. It is wonderful to see how the children have embraced the new year and the school is a hive of activity once again.

The transition back to school for some of our children is not always easy and we are aware of the challenges this can bring. If any of you are finding things a bit tricky or could just do with a chat to discuss ideas to support your child then do get in touch. Sometimes the most difficult part of the problem is asking for help.

Wishing you all the very best for the new year.

Best wishes,
Mrs Sargeant



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LANGUAGE *Of the Week*

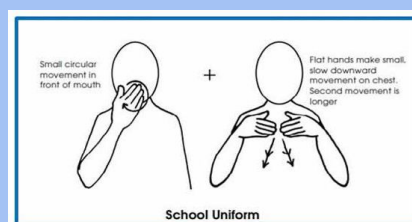
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Scottish

Hello: Halò

Good Morning: madainn mhath

Good Afternoon: feasgar math

MAKATON *Sign of the Week*



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



READING

BHPS Hot off the Press! New Reading Projects and Initiatives

Reading at Home

It is really important that every child reads at home. Ideally, there should be a balance of reading to an adult at least 3 times a week (preferably their school reading book) and sharing a book of their choice with an adult at other times. If you would like support with this then please speak to your child's class teacher. There is a genre, author or book out there for every child!

Book Fair

We sold over £1000 worth of books and used our vouchers earned to purchase a class set of thesauruses for KS2 and a vast selection of modern fiction for our class libraries.

Volunteers

Can you help us? Are you available to help us on Wednesday 19th January from 1:45-3:15?

We need some volunteers to help us sort and organise library books (a mountain of them) so we can set up a small library on each playground and start a book swap!. If you are able to help on Wednesday 19th January from 1:45-3:15pm please email h.lucas@bigginhillps.com. If you are able to volunteer a few hours at another time then please let us know. Tea and biscuits will be supplied!

Book swap

We are starting a book swap scheme for KS2 pupils on **Wednesday 26th January**. Pupils are invited to bring in a book from home that they have enjoyed reading and swap it for a different book to read. Every Wednesday lunchtime pupils will be able to swap their book for another one. The book swap will be held in the playground outside the PPA room.

Take a book home

This term we will also be starting our 'borrow a book' scheme. Specific pupils will be given a new book in one of our borrowing bags with a sachet of hot chocolate and invited to read and share it at home with their family.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, Biggin Hill Primary School.



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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 or at 01959 575846

Visit our website at: 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:

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/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