



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

Today children in reception to year 6 celebrated Number Day and took part in *Dress up for Digits* in support of the NSPCC across the school. Children enjoyed dressing up in a numbers theme and spent the day enjoying a variety of engaging maths activities. Thank you for your very kind donations today and to Mrs Buchanan, Maths Lead, for organising and leading the day. To find out more about the amazing work of the NSPCC, please visit their website at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>.

We were also delighted to welcome a group of parents and carers into school yesterday for an outreach session on Wellbeing and Anxiety. I would like to thank the Inclusion team for running these very worthwhile sessions for the school - I think at the current time, this wellbeing and anxiety session was very fitting and important.

We are now in the throes of finalising our programme for Careers and Aspirations Day which is taking place on Friday 25th February. There is still time to be involved with this important day! We are keen to hear from any parents and carers who would like to come in and take part in our KS2 Careers Fair and/or speak to children in either KS1 or KS2 about their job/career. If you are only available for an hour in the morning or from 1.30pm in the afternoon, we would love to welcome you to school. Please email Mrs Helps at s.helps@bigginhillps.com if you can help in any way.



Mrs Lawrence, Deputy Head and Inclusion Lead and Mrs Smart, Chair of the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School, were delighted to welcome Tim Stevens, Chair of the Biggin Hill Carnival Committee and his wife, Cllr. Melanie Stevens, to school last Friday morning. They came to present us with a £400 cheque for the school. On behalf of the children and staff at Biggin Hill Primary School, I would like

to thank the Biggin Hill Carnival Committee for their kind donation and enormous generosity towards our school.

Next week we look forward to Parent Consultations, which will take place in school on **Thursday 10th February from 3.30-6.50pm** and **Friday 11th February from 8.30-10.50am**, please note that Friday 11th is also an INSET

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:
Paris I

Eileen Collins: **Mia H**
Tim Peake: **Lily M**
Eugenie Clark: **Beau D**
Greta Thunberg: **James C**
Josephine Baker: **Cameron M**
Jesse Owens: **Heidi S**
Lek Chailert: **Ellie G**
Marcus Rashford: **Betsy D**
Louis Braille: **Sienna F**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Evie M**
Ida B. Wells: **Aaliyah-Skye D-F**
Mo Farah: **Violet P**
Laura Dekker: **Cleo C**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Zekay G**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 89.7%*

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

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

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Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Leonardo Da Vinci: 96.1%

*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **HAWKING**

2nd: **HOLMES**

3rd: **ATTENBOROUGH**

4th: **ROWLING**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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day. Jesse Owens Class (Miss O'Mahony's class) will be holding parent consultations on Tuesday 8th February from 3.30-5.30pm and Wednesday 9th February from 3.30-6.50pm. The booking system for parent consultation slots opened at 8am on Wednesday 2nd February and will close on **Wednesday 9th February at 12.00pm**. All slots need to be booked via your Arbor log in. If there are any parents/carers that would rather attend parent consultations remotely, please book your appointment via Arbor in the usual way and email your child's class teacher to advise that you would like to attend this appointment remotely.

Next Week is Internet Safety Week (YR-6) and you will have received a letter on Wednesday regarding the content that we will be covering in school. If you have any queries regarding the content, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As a school, we have made the decision to keep all current restrictions in place as they are until the end of term, however we feel on balance that parent consultations held in person are of huge importance and also provide you with the opportunity to look at your child's work. We must request that if you are visiting school, you complete a LFD test and only attend if your result is negative.

I am hopeful that the half-term will act as a natural circuit break and will enable us to return to normal when we are back. I will, of course, keep you informed.

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

ADVANCE NOTICE *World Book Day*

**** STOP PRESS **** **ADVANCE NOTICE**

This year we will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of World Book Day with a very special message for children 'you are a reader'!

World Book Day will be taking place on Thursday 3rd March, but as a school we will celebrate this on Friday 4th March.

Friday 4th March will be our dress up day.

More information will follow soon...

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead

ATTENDANCE *and Lateness*

We are seeing a notable increase in the number of children who are arriving late for school, which is a concern. We encourage all parents and carers to use our 'Soft drop' from 8.40-8.50am as this really helps children settle and have a good start to the school day - registers are taken at **9am**. The negative impact that lateness can have on both the children and running of the school day is significant. I know and understand that there are times when lateness is unavoidable, but these occasions should be few and far between. Please ensure that children are here on time - it really is one of the best life lessons that you can teach them!

Thank you
Mrs Freeman

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

7-11th February:

Internet Safety Week.

8th February:

**** CANCELLED ****

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

8th February:

Internet Safety Day.

8th February:

JESSE OWENS CLASS ONLY - Parent Consultations (3.30-5.30pm) - pre-bookable via Arbor only.

8th February:

Y5 Swimming Lessons.

9th February:

JESSE OWENS CLASS ONLY - Parent Consultations (3.30-6.50pm) - pre-bookable via Arbor only.

10th February:

Internet Safety Workshop.

10th February:

Parent Consultations (3.30-6.50pm) - pre-bookable via Arbor only.

11th February:

Parent Consultations (8.30-10.50am) - pre-bookable via Arbor only.

11th February:

INSET DAY.

14-18th February:

HALF-TERM.

21st February 2022:

First day back after half-term.

22nd February 2022:

Friends meeting, 9am-11am. This meeting will be held at school.

22nd February 2022:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3.00pm, KS1 Hall.

22nd February 2022:

Y5 Swimming Lessons.

24th February 2022:

Y5F Class Assembly.

25th February 2022:

Careers and Aspirations Day.

25th February 2022:

Y4D Class Assembly.



A MESSAGE FROM THE *Inclusion Team*

Hi everyone!

We would like to share with you webinars and support services currently available through Bromley Y and Bromley Children's project.

Bromley Y webinars for children and families:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAErkS_NLpw/baiKwqZzYax0SngqE7g6Ng/view?utm_content=DAErkS_NLpw&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link&utm_source=sharebutton.

The Inclusion Team will be updating the Inclusion Padlet to reflect upcoming courses. Please keep an eye out! Bromley Children's Project have launched a new service called Autism Family Support Service. For further information please contact Cat Hardiman on

autisticspectrumcondition@bromley.gov.uk

or on 02084617697.

Please contact us if you would like any more info!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lawrence



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LANGUAGE *Of the Week*

(for next week)
Urdu

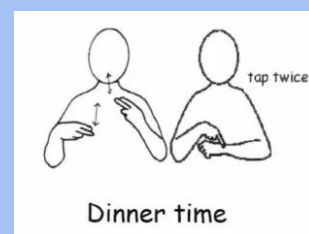
Hello: ہیلو

Good Morning: صبح بخیر

Good Afternoon: گڈ آفٹرنون

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

PRE-SCHOOL *Number Day!*



In Pre-School it's all about the numbers. To celebrate NSPCC Number day we made number hats, went on number hunts in forest school and spoke about the number that's most important to us. Numbers are everywhere we look, we can find them on our clothes, number plates on cars, bus numbers and even our homes have a

number. It's so important in Early Years to develop a natural curiosity for numbers and numbers in our environment. We have had a great day exploring numbers. Why not look for all the different numbers you will see on your walk to school.

Miss Belaon, Pre-School Manager

HEALTHIER FAMILIES

A healthy you!

A wealth of information can be found on the NHS Healthier Families website: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/>.

You will find lots of ideas for easy and healthy ways to eat and make healthy food swaps, as well as a wealth of information on exercise and tips on mental wellbeing. Take a look at the Healthier Families website!

Mrs Sargeant

READING

A note from our Literacy Lead

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 swap

Our KS2 book swap started 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

Our 'borrow a book' scheme will be starting soon. Specific children 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