

# **NEWSLETTER**



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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were all saddened to hear of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II passing away yesterday and on behalf of the children, staff and governors at the school, we send our condolences to The Royal Family. An extraordinary and amazing Queen with a remarkable life of service to her country and the Commonwealth is much loved by us all here at BHPS.

In our assembly this morning, we spoke to the children about the sad news of Queen Elizabeth II and at 10am today our whole school fell silent to reflect and remember The Queen. During the next few weeks, we will also participate in activities to commemorate her truly amazing and extraordinary life.

We have had a very busy week at BHPS and are delighted to advise that teaching staff across the school and pre-school have reported that children have settled well and are very happy.

As part of our monitoring, the leadership team has conducted learning walks this week. We are hugely impressed with how engaged the children are and the range of creative learning activities we have seen across the school. Our first 'Buzz Day' took place today in Year 3 where children learnt all about life during the Stone Age.

We are also delighted with how well our new Pre-school children have settled in. Our Reception children also look forward to starting with us for full days from Monday. These first few weeks in school for our youngest members of our school community are very important for both our children and families. We would like to give a very special mention to both our Pre-school and Reception staff team for working so hard with our youngest members of our school and making sure that the transition has been smooth. Also, thank you to the parents and carers of both Pre-school and Reception for doing such a fantastic job of preparing the children for their first weeks at school - it really has made all the difference.

We have also welcomed some new children into other year groups and we are delighted with how well they have adapted and settled.

Today (R-Y6) children will be bringing home Curriculum Maps, which will provide an overview of the term ahead. Homework will be issued today for children in Years 1-6. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Our Homework Policy can be found at: <a href="https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/policies">https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/policies</a>.

### Breakfast Club, BHPS Xtra and Xtra Mini

Our Breakfast Club, After School Club and After School Club *Mini* are also fully available to our families. More information regarding fees, timings and booking details can be found on our website at: <a href="https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/BHPS-xtra">https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/BHPS-xtra</a>.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: Noah B
Pyramid: Thomas C
Taj Mahal: Albie G
Giants Causeway: Daisy S
Colosseum: Hallie H
Royal Mile: Ella H
Loch Ness: Oscar R

Sydney Opera House: **Ella S**London Bridge: **Connie Mae S-B** 

Parthenon: Keira R
Mount Everest: Jackson G
Globe Theatre: Tyler J
Mount Fuji: Ciaran D
Orinoco: Amelia C
Wembley: George D-C
'Congratulations'

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.6%

## Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold' 98-100%

London Bridge: 98.21% Pyramid: 98.07% Loch Ness: 98.06%

Good attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Royal Mile: 97.7% Wembley: 96.43% Taj Mahal: 97.03% Mount Fuji: 96.88% Globe Theatre: 96.72%

## **HOUSE POINTS**

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: HOLMES
3rd: ROWLING
4th: HAWKING

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

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## Pyramid and Taj Mahal Fun...



We've had a fabulous few weeks in Reception. Both classes have settled into school life wonderfully and have enjoyed finding their feet!

We are very excited to have our reception children full time next week and are very much looking forward to seeing them enjoy school life!

Please do email us if you have any questions at all.

It has been wonderful to welcome you all - we are going to have a brilliant year!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Powell. Miss Turner and Mr Devlin





Last week we extended a very warm welcome to our pre-school children and new families to Biggin Hill Primary School.

It's been such a great week; children have enjoyed making new friends and have loved our outdoor area.

We are all looking forward to a great term with lots of fun activities!

Hannah, Amy, Libby, Lucy, Nefika and Vicky



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE

**External Clubs** 

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This week we have been delighted to welcome both Boom Arts Academy and Sporty Stars back to our school who are delivering some fantastic after school enrichment clubs. Next week, we are also delighted to welcome 'The Creation Station' to our school who will be delivering a fantastic after school art and creation club for children in Y2-6. J'amies Gymnastics Academy are also operating a brilliant gymnastics after school club at our school on a Thursday. For more information about these clubs, booking fees and details please visit our website at: <a href="https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/clubs">https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/clubs</a>.

### **Internal Clubs**

This week we have also started Year 5 and 6 Netball with Mrs Horgan on a Thursday after school, although sadly we had to cancel the first session due to the adverse weather. Also, we will soon be sending a letter to our parents/carers of children in years Y4-6 about opportunities for children to join our Biggin Hill Primary School Choir.

### **Lunch Club**

This week we have also re-started our Lunch Club which offers an exciting range of games and activities for children to 'drop in' if they wish to. After consultation with the children who 'dropped in' to the club this week, we feel we have an exciting programme of activities for both our KS1 and KS2 children in place.

A very special 'well done' to our children that completed the Summer Reading Challenge. Any children that didn't get the chance to share their certificate this morning in assembly are welcome to bring in their certificate next Friday for our 9am Celebration Assembly.

Unfortunately, we have received a few complaints regarding parking in both Old Tye Avenue and Jail Lane. We would like to ask for your assistance by asking drivers to park considerately for both collection and pick up. As a school we are very committed to keeping good relations with our neighbours and we thank you in advance for your support with this request.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Our very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead Mrs Lawrence

SENCo and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

### MESSAGE FROM THE FRIENDS OF BHPS:

We are very excited to have been lucky enough to obtain some subsidised pantomime tickets for 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at Bromley's Churchill Theatre. Tickets are for the performance at 5.30pm, Thursday 15th December in premium seating. We are able to sell tickets to families for £25 per ticket instead of the usual cost of £40.

Tickets are available to purchase on ParentPay, item reference Friends - Xmas Panto 2022 - Churchill Theatre. We much prefer it if tickets are purchased via Parentpay, however if you do need to pay by cash please bring this to the office in a named envelope and give it to one of the office staff - PLEASE DO NOT PUT THIS IN THE FRIENDS BOX.

## **DIARY DATES**

Keep a note!

## 15th September:

Full Governing Body Meeting,
6-8pm.

### 19th September:

- Ambassadors Assembly, 9.10am - by invitation only. (apologies, this was published incorrectly in last week's newsletter).

### 29th September:

- Y6 SATs and Residential Meeting 7pm.

### 7th October:

- Mental Health Day.

## 13th October:

- Parent Conferences, 3.30pm 7pm (more information will follow in the coming weeks).
- Wear Red to Show Racism the Red

### 14th October:

- Parent Conferences, 9am 12pm (more information will follow in the coming weeks).
- INSET DAY.

### 17th October - 28th October:

- Half Term.

## LANGUAGE Of the Week

(for next week)

Mandarin

Hello: 你好 Nǐ hǎo

Good Morning: 早上好 Zǎoshang hǎo

Good Afternoon: 下午好

Xiàwǔ hǎo

## MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



