



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so nice to welcome everyone back to school this week to what I hope will be a brilliant term. The children have really enjoyed being back to normal routines - as have the staff!

As I mentioned in my email to you on 17th February, and after the valuable feedback from our parent forum group, we will be keeping the side exit gate open at collection time to ease congestion. Please ensure you use the main path to enter the site and the blue side gate and path to exit - thank you.

Just before the end of the half-term, the leadership team held Pupil Progress Reviews (PPRs) with teaching teams across the school and the information from these important reviews will inform our teaching this term. Children in both year 2 and 6 will be preparing for statutory assessments, which the DfE have confirmed will take place in all primary schools across England this year.

This week we have enjoyed two class assemblies; one from 5F yesterday morning, and this morning it was the turn of 4D. Seeing how much the children have learned in school was a delight - both assemblies were great and I would like to thank both 5F and Miss Farrell and 4D and Mr Day.

Today we have enjoyed Careers and Aspirations Day across the school and the school has been a hive of activity with guest speakers and lots of career related activities and learning. I was also delighted to host a special 'thank you' lunch today for our speakers which was attended by Caralisa Woods our Chair of Governors. Mrs Woods also enjoyed joining Mrs Lawrence and I on a learning walk to classes to see what the children had been learning - we were even lucky enough to visit whilst some of our speakers were presenting. We very much enjoyed pulling together the day, however, this really would not have been possible without our amazing guest speakers - **thank you to you all**. Mrs Helps and I will provide a more detailed article in next week's newsletter so you can find out a little more about some of our guest speakers and the sorts of activities that children enjoyed across the school. Thank you to Mrs Helps who organised and ran the day!

Please keep an eye on the 'Diary Dates' section of the newsletter as this is where, along with the calendar section on our website, we publish dates for upcoming events.

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:

*All children for returning to  
pre-school so well.*

Eileen Collins, Tim Peake, Eugenie Clark, Greta Thunberg, Josephine Baker, Jesse Owens, Lek Chailert, Marcus Rashford, Louis Braille, Leonardo Da Vinci, Ida B. Wells, Mo Farah, Laura Dekker and Jessica Ennis-Hill

*Well done for a brilliant return  
to school after the half-term  
holiday.*

*'Congratulations'*

*Weekly Whole School  
Attendance 94.9%*

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

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

**Jesse Owens: 99.5%**

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

**Mo Farah: 97.7%**  
**Louis Braille: 96.6%**

*At BHPS every school  
day matters.*

## HOUSE POINTS

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

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*

## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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Miss Farrell has provided an article on Internet Safety Week and Internet Safety Day, which was a focus throughout the school just before the half-term break. We hope that the video link and presentation sent to you on Friday 11th February in Miss Farrell's letter provides you with an insight into Internet Safety and the sorts of activities that we have enjoyed as a school. Thank you to Miss Farrell for all of her great work - it is so important that the whole school community understands how to ensure that children are safe whilst they are online. If you do have any questions around Internet safety, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Farrell at [e.farrell@bigginhillps.com](mailto:e.farrell@bigginhillps.com) or myself at [h.freeman@bigginhillps.com](mailto:h.freeman@bigginhillps.com).

Next week we will be sharing a presentation of our learning from Number Day with you all - keep a look out for this early next week.

I hope that parent consultations gave you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with class teachers. If there are any questions or concerns that you would like to discuss from parent consultations, then please do not hesitate to contact the teaching staff directly or myself.

I would also like to inform you all that Mrs Churchward is expecting her first child which is due mid August. Mrs Churchward will be with us upto the end of this academic year and then will commence her maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in extending our congratulations to Mrs Churchward and her husband on this very exciting news!

Next Friday we will sadly say goodbye to Mrs D'Monte who we know children and staff will miss. Mrs D'Monte has been with us for many years and has worked both in our pre-school and more recently in Reception. We wish Mrs D'Monte all the very best in her new role and thank her for all of her hard work at BHPS.

It's going to be a fabulous term for us all - bring on the spring!

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

**25th February 2022:**  
Careers and Aspirations Day.

**25th February 2022:**  
Y4D Class Assembly.

**1st March 2022:**  
Tea and Tots, 1.30-3.00pm, KS1 Hall.

**1st March 2022:**  
Y5 Swimming Lessons.

**1st March 2022:**  
Year 4-6 Choir starting today (3.15-4.15pm) KS2 Hall.

**2nd March 2022:**  
School disco 'Let's Glow Spring Dance'.

Disco times and prices are as follows:

**Reception and Year 1:**  
5pm-6pm, £4

**Year 2 and 3:**  
6.15pm-7.15pm, £4

*The above two discos will include refreshments.*

**Years 4,5 and 6:**  
7.30pm-8.30pm, £3.50  
*Tuck shop available.*

***Tickets will be available to buy via parentpay or on the door next week.***

**3rd March 2022:**  
Netball Club (Y5/6), 3.15pm - 4.15pm.

**4th March 2022:**  
World Book Day.

## FOREST SCHOOL

*The great outdoors!*



Year 4 and year 5 have been building dens and assault courses to develop problem solving and team building skills using a range of loose parts. Year 1 have been using a magnifying glass to hunt for minibeasts in forest school with the use of picture cards for identification. They have also been making hedgehog creatures using mud and natural materials within forest school. They have also made wind chimes which fits in with their class topic for this term. In Early Years we went on a stick hunt for making wands, which were then painted. They have also used mud to create a creature using natural materials. We have been learning how to keep safe around a fire and having lots of fun toasting marshmallows over the fire, which the children all helped to build.

***Mrs Greenslade, Forest School Lead***



## A MESSAGE FROM THE Inclusion Team

Hi everyone!

Thank you to everyone who has completed our SEN survey - the information we receive is invaluable in ensuring that we provide the best provision to our families as possible. If your child is on the SEN register and you have not yet completed the survey we would very much appreciate your involvement.

Please follow: <https://forms.gle/vhXvBMUUBtesqfcKA>.

Our next outreach session is being held in school on Wednesday March 23rd at 9am and this session will focus on Autism, Social Communication Difficulties and Sensory Needs. The session will also be repeated via Zoom on Thursday 24th March at 6pm. The sessions have proven to be a perfect place to share experiences with other parents and take away key strategies and information to support your child. No need to book - just turn up!

Best wishes,  
**Mrs Lawrence**



**Mrs Lawrence**  
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## LANGUAGE Of the Week

(for next week)

Greek

Hello: γεια σας (geia sas)

Good morning: Καλημέρα  
(Kaliméra)

Good afternoon: καλό απόγευμα  
(kaló apógevma)

## MAKATON Sign of the Week

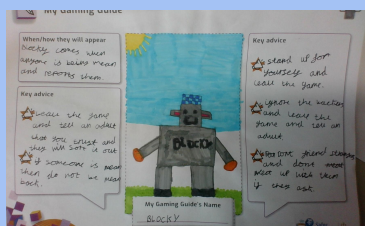
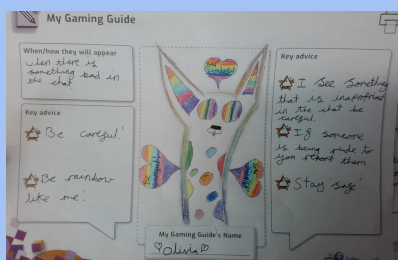


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**Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant**

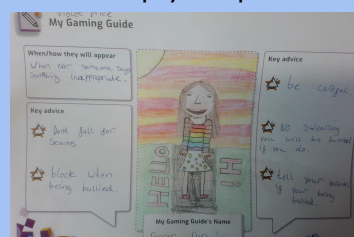
## INTERNET SAFETY WEEK & INTERNET SAFER DAY

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We have recently celebrated Internet Safety Week, and Safer Internet Day across the school. Did you know that Safer Internet Day is celebrated in over 170 countries all around the world? The theme this year is all about exploring respect and relationships online. From gaming and chatting, to streaming, young people are shaping the online world. Whilst trying to celebrate the online world, we have also been playing our part in creating a safer internet.

During Safer Internet Day in EYFS and KS1, the children created their own avatars to show how important it is to keep your personal information private. In KS2, the children created a gaming character who will appear during games to ensure that the players are staying safe by giving advice.



**Miss Farrell, Computing Lead**