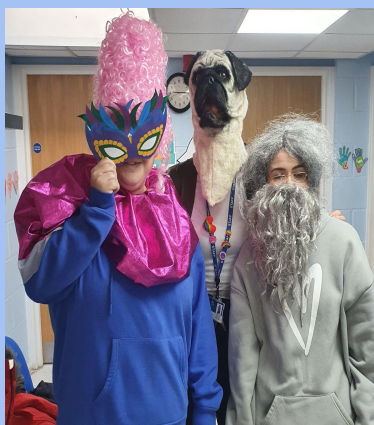




MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,



We have had a fantastic World Book Day at BHPS and the effort that has gone into costumes and bringing book characters to life is just wonderful. Children have thoroughly enjoyed a day full of reading related activities and on Monday the children enjoyed a fabulous whole school 'The Masked Reader' assembly! We very much hope that parents and carers enjoy the opportunity to come to school this afternoon to share a book with their child. We will be delighted to welcome Preschool parents and carers from 2.30-3pm and R-Y6 parents and carers from 2.45-3.10pm. Dismissal arrangements will be as normal. We also hope that children enjoyed the 'decorate a potato' competition. Mr Devlin will be judging all entries at the end of the day on Friday - there will be one winner per year group. The winners will be announced in school this afternoon and will be published in next week's BHPS Newsletter. Thank you to Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, for organising World Book Day and our school activities for both KS1 and KS2 today.

It was wonderful for our staff to welcome parents and carers to the BHPS Community Coffee Morning on Wednesday. We hope that the opportunity to purchase some pre-loved uniform and browse our stands over a tea or coffee was both useful and beneficial. We are currently looking at providing some more regular pre-loved uniform sale dates, so please look out for further information regarding this in the coming weeks.

On Monday, we are all looking forward to Careers and Aspirations Day and we are delighted to have the most amazing day planned for the children. We have a range of fabulous speakers coming into school,

some exciting workshops and a range of careers related learning activities. We will provide a full write up of the day in our BHPS Newsletter in the coming weeks, so please do look out for this!

I am also delighted to advise that the Governors have recently approved
... continued on page 3

STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Leo S**
Pyramid: **Levana T**
Taj Mahal: **Teddy C**
Giants Causeway: **Brody C**
Colosseum: **Albie M**
Royal Mile: **Jacob D**
Loch Ness: **Emma O**
Sydney Opera House: **Cameron M**
London Bridge: **Harry B**
Parthenon: **Alfie N**
Mount Everest: **Joshua C**
Globe Theatre: **Chloe G**
Mount Fuji: **Evie M**
Orinoco: **Alfie M**
Wembley: **Lillie M**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 93.7%*

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

HOUSE POINTS

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

'Congratulations to our winners this week'



YEAR 5

Art

In year 5 we have just completed our art, painting and mixed media portraits topic. During this topic the children have developed the skills to

explore, plan, record and evaluate their ideas through observations, research and testing materials. We have tried to create a relaxed, calm environment for the children to work in by piping classical music throughout the classroom. The children have worked hard to progress to their final pieces creating a self-portrait with a strong composition that clearly represents something about themselves by combining a range of materials confidently, thinking about the effect on the viewer, and being able to talk about the choices they have made throughout the process using some Art vocabulary.

Did you know Frida Kahlo, Vincent Van Gogh and Rembrandt were all famous for their self portraits?

Miss Gray and Miss Farrell

WE NEED YOU!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE?

We are looking for a parent representative for Colosseum and Sydney Opera House class. If you would like to find out more about this voluntary role, please contact Mrs Helps at s.helps@bigginhillps.com for an informal chat.

ECO CLUB ASSEMBLY

'Save the Planet'

On Tuesday, the Eco Club children presented their first assembly explaining all the things we as a school can do to 'Save the Planet'. The children discussed litter, animals & birds, saving energy and water plus recycling. They gave lots of examples of ways everyone can help make a difference and help the planet. We ended the assembly updating everyone with some of the plans we are hoping to implement this year.

A very special 'well done' to

KS1 - Isabella C, Max H, Oscar R, Teddie C, Inola J

KS2 - Peony P, Keira R, Poppy L-S, Elizabeth C, Lyla C, Coral C, Eva L, Harry W and Suzannah G

READING VOLUNTEERS

Would you like to help?

We are always looking for ways to increase the number of reading volunteers we have in school. Reading regularly to an adult is so important and we need as many volunteers as we can get. We realise that not everyone can commit to a couple of hours a week so we would like to offer flexibility for volunteering.



YEAR 4

PE and History!

In PE we have been learning gymnastics, where we practised individual and

partner balances, various types of jumps and rolls, and inverted movements (bridges). In the end the children were able to use different types of equipment to create and perform a sequence with a group.



Our history topic is Anglo-Saxons, and to kick off our learning we had a buzz day with Portals to the Past. The children were able to learn about the Anglo-Saxons, where they came from and their life. They performed skits with props, played games, did a quiz scavenger hunt and took part in a battle.

Miss Pluim and Miss Elliott

We know a number of parents park up early and we would really appreciate it if you could come in and hear a few readers before the end of the day. Just to have your time for 20 minutes one or two days a week would be really valuable. Alternatively, maybe you have 20 minutes to spare before you start your day and could hear a few children read as they come into school.

Please let Mrs Helps at s.helps@bigginhillps.com know if you are interested in volunteering in this way.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

continued from page 1



our School Uniform Policy, which is also available to view on our website at:

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.co.uk/docs/School%20Uniform%20Policy.pdf>

One of the notable changes, as highlighted in my consultation letter dated 13th December 2022, is the move to black PE shorts. Please do not worry about this for the moment as any changes will happen over a period of time. We are not quite yet in the position to offer black shorts on ParentPay, however we are working with our supplier and will be in contact by letter separately about this. Please do wait for this letter as it will have further instructions and I am sure will answer most questions.

You may be aware that Mrs Lawrence and her team have planned Outreach sessions across this academic year. These will now take a slightly different approach. Instead of being held at set times in school and via Zoom, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Sargeant and Miss Knott will be sending regular updates via the Inclusion Bulletin - *Same but Different*. If you wish to meet

with the Inclusion team, please email them directly or make contact via the office.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms Reed for her fabulous teaching and also leading science across the school, which she has done for a number of years. On behalf of the school, I would like to pass on my best wishes to Ms Reed and her partner on this very special and exciting chapter as she prepares to start her maternity leave on 10th March.

Please take the opportunity to pop in to our Book Fair, which is taking place after school in the KS2 Hall today, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Children will be bringing home a World Book Day book token today to spend at the fair!

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

3rd March:

- World Book Day.
- Pre-school: Parent Reading / Sharing a Book with your child, 2.30pm-3pm.
- R-Y6 Parent Reading / Sharing a Book with your child, 2:45 – 3:15pm.
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.

6th March:

- Careers & Aspirations Day (R-Y6) - Reception children will also be taking part in this day.
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.

7th March:

- Tea and Tots - KS1 Hall, 1.30-3pm.
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.

8th March:

- Charles Darwin Masterclass - Maths 3.15-4pm (arrival at Charles Darwin School from 3pm). *Parents/carers MUST have booked their children directly with CDS in advance. Please note, this event is not organised by BHPS.*
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.

9th March:

- CD Masterclass - German, 3.15-4pm (arrival at CDS from 3pm). *Parents that want their child to attend MUST have booked their children on directly with CDS in advance. Please note, these are optional and are not organised by BHPS.*

10th March:

- Y4 Assembly - Parthenon, 9am KS2 Hall

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

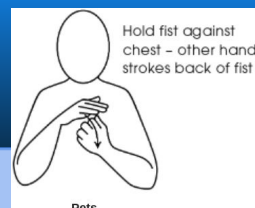
(for next week)

Dari Persian

Hello: سلام

Good Morning: صبح بخیر

Good Afternoon: عصر بخیر



MAKATON

Sign of the Week

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant