

NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy week in school ensuring everything is ready for Monday. As set out in my previous letters, our top priority is the safety and wellbeing of all our children, families and staff and the focus for the early part of next week will be ensuring the children are settled and happy. If there are any families that still have any concerns around their children returning to school, please do contact either Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Lawrence or myself.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day virtually and children learning in school and at home enjoyed some lovely literacy activities, stories and a masked reader challenge. My thanks must go to Mr Devlin, Literacy Lead, for coordinating the children's learning activities across both key stage 1 and 2. Please also remember that our World Book 'Dress Up' Day will take place on **Friday, 12th March.** We are looking forward to seeing the children dressed up as their favourite book characters!

As today marks the end of our key worker and home learning provision, I would like to express my thanks to the exceptional staff team here at BHPS for being so adaptable and rising to the many challenges that have presented themselves over the last few months. We have been so impressed with the engagement of the children and hope that this will make their transition next week much smoother. Most importantly, I must pass on our enormous thanks to you all - we would not have been able to deliver our learning provision without your support, commitment and sheer hard work. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all that you have done!

We are all feeling very positive at school; I think the roadmap has given many of us the hope we all needed and the opportunity to get back to what we do best - teaching and supporting ALL our young people.

I will see you all Monday!

Have a fabulous weekend.
My very best wishes,
(A very happy and excited) Mrs Freeman



STARS OF THE WEEK

Home Learners

Jill Barklem: EVERYONE!
Beatrix Potter: Violet K
Emily Gravett: Ella H
Eric Carle: James C

Abi Longstaff: James J-R
Michael Rosen: Betsy D
Helen Cooper: Theo P
Jeremy Strong: Ava C
Berlie Doherty: Isabella J
Adam Frost: Amelia C

Michael Bond: Christopher B
Katharine Woodfine: Jimmy L
Abi Elphinstone: Jenson L-T
Andrew Donkin: Lollie S
Sinead O'Hart: Rylee N



STARS OF THE WEEK

In school Learners

Nursery: **Millie W**Reception: **Megan P**

Year 1: Dacie C

Year 2: **Isabelle A**Year 3: **Elizabeth C**

Year 4: **Tiana T**Year 5: **Alice N**Year 6: **Ben F**

You are our 'Stars of the Week'



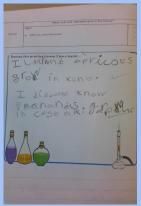
YEAR 2 How much learning!



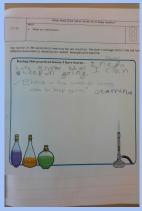
Year 2 have been reading books with wolves in our literacy lessons, including "Wolves" by Emily Gravett. We have read different versions of "Little Red Riding Hood" and discussed how some very old stories have lots of different versions. We have discussed the difference between fact and fiction because we know that wolves don't really eat grannies!

In maths we have been learning how to interpret (understand) and present (show) data (information). We have been using tally charts and pictograms. This week we have been doing some really tricky work, drawing pictograms where the symbol represents 2, 5 or 10 votes/items.

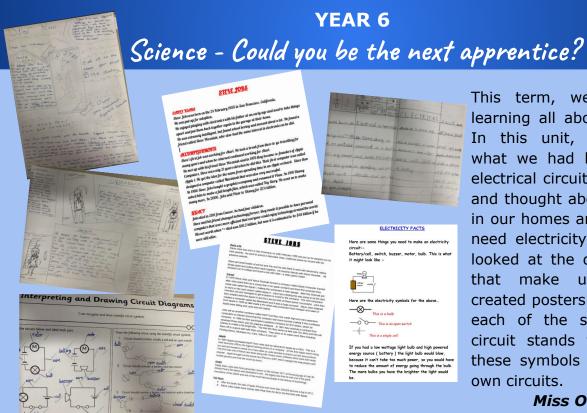
In science we have been learning about the athlete Dina Asher-Smith. We have learnt what we should do to stay healthy, including eating a balanced diet, exercising, drinking water and getting enough sleep. We have thought about the importance of hygiene, including washing our hands.







Ms Reed and Miss Castledine



This term, we have been learning all about electricity. In this unit, we recapped what we had learned about electrical circuits from year 4 and thought about the things in our homes and school that need electricity to work. We looked at the different parts that make circuit, up a created posters to show what each of the symbols on a circuit stands for and used these symbols to create our own circuits.

> Miss O'Mahony and Mr Devlin

EXAMPLES OF AMAZING HOME AND IN SCHOOL LEARNING

Reception

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Phoebe C has been filling in the missing numbers on the number tracks.

Year 1



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Dacie C has written a letter to the Yeti to try and help him make friends.

We have finished our Science topic on local birds and plants by inventing our own ones. James J-R went on a walk for inspiration and even used some natural materials in his design.

Year 2



Here is Theo P's World Book Day activity work. The children were asked to invent an unusual tree in the style of Roald Dahl. Theo's Toodee Tree produces teddy bears!

Year 3



We have been learning about the Victorians and William Morris and have created our own wallpaper designs based on his work. This amazing artwork is by Mia P.

Year 4



Christopher B made a mini-theatre on World Book Day. Can you guess Christopher's story?

Year 5



Poppy R has been using her dreams as inspiration to create this amazing piece of artwork in the style of Henry Rousseau.

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We created a story map for our literacy text Weslandia. Here is Alfie M's wonderful piece of work showing the key events of the story!

Year 6





Maddy N and Amy H (left to right) have produced these lovely animal collages.

We are seeing some brilliant work on Google Classrooms from all our home learners and some fabulous work in school from all our in school learners - you are all amazing!



NEW STAFF Hello from us all!

Hello. For those of you who have not already met me, my name is Mrs Clark and I joined the admin team

here at BHPS at the beginning of January. Everyone has been very welcoming and I am even starting to remember a few names (there are a lot to learn!) You will usually find me in our main reception area. Away from school, I enjoy spending time with my family. I have a daughter who is 14, a son who is 12 and a very cute little dog called Neo. In my spare time I like watching my daughter perform (she loves singing and acting), watching my son's football team play (hopefully we'll be able to do that again soon), taking Neo for a walk or going for a run.

I am looking forward to meeting you all soon.

Mrs Clark



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My name is Ms Gordon and I'm the new LSA in Reception. I have been at Biggin Hill Primary since January and have really enjoyed getting to know the children and staff. I've been

learning lots too! So what can I tell you about me? I love listening and dancing to music. Silent discos are my favourite! I also love walking and doing exercise. At home I really enjoy cooking. I love lemon drizzle and chocolate cake!

I'm looking forward to meeting the rest of reception next week! Thank you for making me feel so welcome from day one!

See you all soon!

Ms Gordon



I'm Mrs Horgan, a Learning Support Assistant in year 3, pleased to meet you all! I have been at the lovely Biggin Hill Primary school for 2 months now and what a 2 months it's been! Despite all the current challenges, I have had an amazing time so far and the pupils and staff have been so

welcoming and helpful - it feels like I have been around for ages! I love every aspect of my role but one of my favourite parts is supporting the learning of our topics, currently the Victorian era which is fascinating. I am really looking forward to whatever comes next and extremely excited to meet all the rest of our lovely children on Monday!

See you soon! **Mrs Horgan**

A Message from us!

Hi Everyone!

Mrs Sargeant and I are very much looking forward to you and your families returning to us next week. Social stories have been shared with your children today to inform them of key information for returning to school. Please speak to your child's class teacher should you have any queries about this. With the amount of time most of our children have spent at home, we know this may be a tricky weekend for some. Please contact us if you need any help or support.

Mrs Lawrence

Acting Deputy Head Teacher & Inclusion Lead k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com



LOCKDOWN CREATIVITY AND FUN!

I have been busy enjoying themed cooking nights at home. We have tried many different dishes! These brownies are Mr Sargeant's favourite.





The Helps' household enjoyed a homemade pizza evening over the weekend altogether we had had 6 varieties!

Let us know what you have been doing!



