



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a brilliant 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 - we've all gone a bit book mad today! We very much hope that parents and carers enjoyed the opportunity to come into school both this morning and afternoon to share a book with their children and that children enjoyed the 'decorate a spoon' competition. We have also received some great pictures of children reading in unusual places. Thank you to Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, for organising activities for both KS1 and KS2 today.

On Monday, Jesse Owens Class welcomed history teachers and pupils' from Charles Darwin School to deliver a history workshop. The day was a great success and we very much hope to welcome them back soon.

This week, children in year 6 have had a 'SATS practice week'. The children have conducted themselves so well and have approached the week with positivity and endeavour! Thank you to Mr Devlin, Assistant Headteacher, for pulling together the week and to the many staff involved in helping to deliver the tests.

Thank you also to the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School for organising and running the Spring Dance school discos this week. I think a great time was had by all!

Within this newsletter, we also have provided a write up of Careers and Aspirations Day which took place on Friday 25th February. The school was such a hive of careers related learning and enriched with guest speakers from a range of sectors - please see the article on page 2 and 3 to find out more about our speakers and the day.

On Wednesday, I forwarded you all the presentation from Number Day which took place on 4th February. It was great to support the work of the NSPCC on the day and, due to everyone's generosity, we raised £392 for the NSPCC. I very much hope this presentation has provided you with a flavour of how we celebrated Number Day throughout the school and would like to thank Mrs Buchanan, Maths Lead, for pulling this presentation together for the school.

Today we also said farewell to Mrs D'Monte and we wish her all the very best in her new role. We are also delighted to welcome Miss Rance, who has joined our pre-school team to cover Miss Kemp's maternity leave.

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:  
**Owen L and Lainey M**

Eileen Collins: **Mollie B**  
Tim Peake: **Neave W**  
Eugenie Clark: **Ella H**  
Greta Thunberg: **Phoebe N**  
Josephine Baker: **Grayson J**  
Jesse Owens: **Dacie C**  
Lek Chailert: **Jackson G**  
Marcus Rashford: **Daisy S**  
Louis Braille: **Jude L**  
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Ava C**  
Ida B. Wells: **Conie P**  
Mo Farah: **Lillie M**  
Laura Dekker: **Everyone**  
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Everyone**

*'Congratulations'*

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.7%

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

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

**Eugenie Clark: 99.4.%**  
**Ida B. Wells: 97.5%**  
**Leonardo Da Vinci: 97.1%**

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

## HOUSE POINTS

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

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*

*At BHPS every school day  
matters.*

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Finally, as the situation in Ukraine escalates, I very much hope that my email sent on 28th February will help to guide discussions with children if they are asking questions or concerned at all. If you do feel that you need any further support or guidance on how to handle these sorts of discussions with children, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Have a fabulous weekend and enjoy the lighter days!

My very best wishes,

**Mrs Freeman**

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



## CAREERS AND ASPIRATIONS DAY

Friday, 25th February 2022



Last Friday we enjoyed Careers and Aspirations Day at Biggin Hill Primary School. We had a full day of career related learning activities and a day enriched by external speakers who spoke to the children all about their jobs and fields of work.

We were joined by the Metropolitan Police. PCSO Cumner, PC Gilliam, PC Metcalfe and PC Russen who talked about the different policing careers ranging from a police officer, The Metropolitan Police Mounted Branch, Traffic Police, Air Support Unit, Marine Policing, Territorial Support Group and other specialist roles on offer within the Metropolitan Police. Children enjoyed asking questions about the various job roles, the uniform that a police officer wears and type of equipment they use.

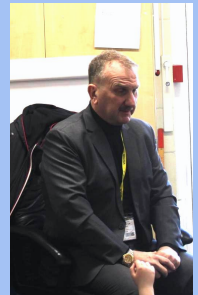
A doctor and medical educator, Dr Parry, visited classes to talk about his career as a doctor at King's College London, his work with general surgery and how to become a doctor. He also talked about his current work, which is training doctors and the outreach work he does to promote the wide range of medical careers available.

Mrs Allen, a veterinary nurse, talked about veterinary nursing and the sort of work you would do in this job, the qualifications and experience needed and how to care for animals. Children also asked about the different veterinary careers and the work involved in each.



Mrs Horgan spoke to classes about becoming a swimming teacher and the sort of skills, qualifications and experience you would need to be successful in this work as well as how much she had enjoyed teaching children to swim in the past.

Miss Wolfcarius, an animation producer, spoke to year groups about careers in the animation industry, the sorts of jobs in this field, skills and qualifications needed for this sort of work and the qualities needed to support script writing, voice acting and studio work. She also shared some tips on making successful movies.







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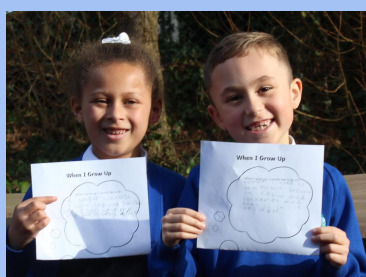
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Mr Rooney, an advertising consultant, spoke to some of our KS2 children about careers within advertising and marketing and the sorts of skills and qualities that you would need to work in this area. The children explored the power of branding, looked at why companies spend money on advertising and the different sorts of advertising and marketing mediums used to promote brands.

Mrs Helps and Mr Devlin also delivered a workshop to Year 6 titled 'How to stand out from the Crowd'. The workshop looked at opportunities both inside and outside of school, what's on offer at secondary school, what are skills and education post 16 and beyond. Children also looked at some template C.Vs.

Some of our speakers also joined both myself and Mrs Woods, our Chair of Governors, for lunch so we could chat a little more informally about the school and the experiences of the children during the day.



We would like to thank all of our speakers for giving up their time to come and speak to our children on Careers and Aspirations Day.

From speaking to staff and children during the week, it is clear that Careers and Aspirations Day was very well received throughout the school. Having a whole day dedicated to careers related learning is not something that we have ever done before and having visitors speak to the children about their chosen careers really brought it to life for them. Our experience gained from the day will be used to build and shape our Careers and Aspirations Day in 2023.

On behalf of the children and staff at Biggin Hill Primary School, thank you to all our speakers for supporting us with Careers and Aspirations Day - it was a great success!

**Mrs Freeman, Headteacher**



### LANGUAGE *Of the Week*

*(for next week)*

**Polish**

**Hello:**

dzień dobry

**Good morning:**

dzień dobry

**Good afternoon:**

Dobry wieczór

### DIARY DATES *Keep a note!*

**8th March 2022:**

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

**8th March 2022:**

Year 5 Swimming.

**10th March:**

Full Governing Body Meeting.

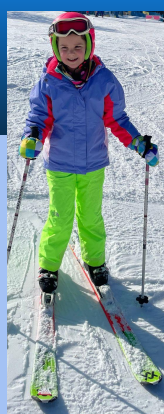
**10th March:**

Year 4 Bushcraft parent meeting 1, (3:30pm).

**10th March:**

Y3R Assembly, 9am -KS2 hall.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

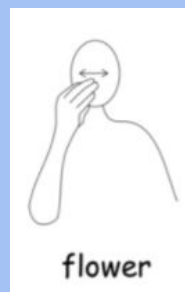


Daisy S, Year 3, started skiing at the age of 5. Daisy has taken lessons and been to ski school. Despite the 2 year break, this year she

passed all three stars of her beginner level.

***Congratulations Daisy***

### MAKATON *Sign of the Week*



***Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant***