



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to Parthenon class for a brilliant assembly this morning - it was fantastic for us all to find out about the amazing work they have been doing in class and the singing was fabulous!. Well done to 4P and Miss Pluim and thank you to parents and carers for coming.

On Monday, we held our Careers and Aspirations Day 2023 and all enjoyed a day dedicated to careers related learning. We were very fortunate to welcome 11 visiting organisations to school, hold 2 exciting STEM Workshops, a mini 'Theme Park Ride' apprentice style activity and a 'Standing Out from the Crowd' Workshop in year 6. We were delighted to also have in attendance both Mrs Tully (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Ace (Link Governor for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) on the day, who both thoroughly enjoyed interacting with the children, speakers and staff. We are in the process of pulling together a write up of this extraordinary day and will share this with you on our BHPS Newsletter next week. Miss O'Mahony, Assistant Headteacher, Curriculum, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion said *"This was such an excellent opportunity for our pupils; they thoroughly enjoyed finding out about different fields of work and the skills required for these roles. Thank you so much to all of our parental volunteers for your engaging and informative presentations and offering this enriching experience for the pupils at BHPS!"*

This was such a successful day - a day that we will ensure is on our calendar next year!

On Tuesday, year 1 invited grandparents and parents and carers to share old toys in their 'Old Toy' sharing day. Thank you so much to our visitors - as well as sharing the old toys, coming to school in person to share your own experiences as a child really does bring this topic to life. Thank you also to Mrs Gilham, Mrs Clark and Miss Castledine for arranging and coordinating this for the children.



We were also delighted to take delivery of the first of two wonderful 'Buddy Benches' on Tuesday from The Biggin Hill Shed, who have made them for us in response to a request from our School Council Lead, Mrs Snelling, who contacted them on behalf of our school council members. We are delighted to have received this beautiful bench and it

is soon to be placed in situ on the KS1 playground. Another one for the KS2 playground is being made as we speak! I would like to thank both Mr Martin and Mr Brazier at The Biggin Hill Shed for making and delivering this to our school.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Finn G**
Pyramid: **Sienna R**
Taj Mahal: **Buster V - R**
Giants Causeway: **Georgia Y**
Colosseum: **Joe C**
Royal Mile: **Beau D**
Loch Ness: **Matilda W**
Sydney Opera House: **Ava T**
London Bridge: **Freddie Y**
Parthenon: **Lenna B**
Mount Everest: **Baxter B**
Globe Theatre: **Finlay P**
Mount Fuji: **Poppy W-M**
Orinoco: **Imogen K**
Wembley: **Lila B**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 93.8%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Mount Everest: **98.7%**

Royal Mile: **98.7%**

Attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Taj Mahal: **97.9%**

Parthenon: **96.1%**

HOUSE POINTS

1st: HAWKING

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: ATTENBOROUGH

4th: ROWLING

'Congratulations to our winners this week'



YEAR 1 *Old Toys*

On Tuesday afternoon Year One had a visit from some very lovely parents and grandparents. They came to talk about the toys they played with when they were little. The toys ranged from homemade toys, board and tabletop

games, to playmobil and card games. The visiting adults were amazing and the children listened beautifully and were able to play with the toys too. This was such an amazing experience for the children to learn about the history of toys and we are very grateful to have such lovely volunteers!

Mrs Gilham, Mrs Clark and Miss Castledine



WORLD BOOK DAY WINNERS

The turn of the Potato!

We had some fantastic entries for the 'Decorate a Potato' competition - thank you to everyone who took part - they were all brilliant. Choosing winners was not an easy task for Mrs Sargeant and I.

Congratulations to the following winners:

Reception - Rio D-B, Year 1 - Jude B, Year 2 - Oscar R, Year 3 - Kody B, Year 4 - Chloe B, Year 5 - Edward B-S, Year 6 - no entries recieved.

Mr Devlin and Mrs Sargeant



LEGO THERAPY *Builder, Engineer, Supplier and Director!*

A fun interactive group which takes place on a Thursday afternoon in the Aspire classroom. Lego therapy is great for children who may struggle with social and communication skills. It helps to build a

child's confidence, develop their ability to use their voice in class, problem solve, take turns, listen and follow instructions. Each child is given a role:

Builder - listens to the engineer and puts the pieces together.

Engineer - gives instructions to the supplier and the builder.

Supplier - listens to the engineer and finds the pieces.

Director - makes sure everyone works together.

The purpose of these roles is to help the children work as a team and develop their language skills.

Miss Mercer

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.

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.

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

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On Wednesday, we unfortunately had to close the school due to the snow. This is never a decision we take lightly, however we do hope the online learning activities set by our teaching staff helped. We also hope the children had a chance to enjoy the snow. Our beautiful school site is pictured below, along with Edward S, who enjoyed a little snow fun and time out in the woods!



Thank you for supporting the Book Fair which took place last Friday and this week at school - we hope that children have enjoyed visiting. Purchasing books in this way helps to support the school as we receive commission for every book bought which we can then use to buy more books for class libraries.

I would also like to share the news that Mr Walpole (Mark), our Site Manager, will be leaving us on 17th March to start his very well deserved retirement. Mark has been with us since 2010 and has looked after and developed our site brilliantly. Mark will be handing over to an interim, part time Site Manager over the next week. We will be advertising for a new, full time site manager in the summer term. On behalf of the leadership team, staff and children at the school, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mark for his tireless work and support to both the school and myself as headteacher. Our site is large and our extensive grounds can at times be a challenge - we are very grateful for all his work at BHPS and wish him all the very best with his retirement!

Today, we also said 'goodbye and good luck' to Ms Reed as she starts her maternity leave. The usual BHPS send off and silliness in our assembly this afternoon was enjoyed by all! My very best wishes to Ms Reed and her partner on this next very exciting chapter!

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead

*Thank
You*

**to 'The Biggin Hill Shed'
for your kind generosity!**

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

14th March:

- Tea and Tots - KS1 Hall, 1.30-3pm.

- Biggin Hill Fire Station 'Fire Engine' visiting school (rearranged from Careers and Aspirations Day 2023), Preschool and KS1, 1.00 - 2.30pm.

- **RESCHEDULED** 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.

15th March:

- Xmas4Schools Artwork will be sent home with children today.

16th March:

- NEU Industrial Action, school closed to most children.

- Preschool is open as normal.

- Y4P - School is open to children of 4P.

17th March:

- Y1 Assembly, Giants Causway - 9am.

- Friends of BHPS - Mothers and Special Others gifts to be handed out (where parents and carers have pre-ordered only).

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