



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure for Mr Devlin to welcome parents and carers of 1G to Giants Causeway's class assembly this morning. The assembly was fantastic and really showed off 1G's wonderful learning. Thank you to Giants Causeway class and to Mrs Gilham and Mrs Clark for such a fantastic assembly and our thanks to parents and carers for coming.

We thank you for your understanding and support following the Industrial Action which took place on Thursday. Hopefully the links you were provided with were helpful in supporting your children, however we fully understand if you were not able to facilitate this at home.



On behalf of the school and children, I would like to thank the Friends of BHPS for purchasing a Smooga for our school. A Smooga is a multi-use and versatile modular, push-fit panel fencing system that is flexible, durable, weatherproof and strong. It can be used and constructed for sports on the playground, which helps us to have zoned areas for sports such as

football. It is so versatile, we can also quickly and easily adapt this to use for other school events. The children are absolutely thrilled with this new addition to the KS2 playground. Thank you to the Friends and to every parent and carer who has contributed to any of the many fundraising events that the Friends have organised for the school. The Smooga pitch is a fabulous addition to the playground and we are so grateful to you all!



On page 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this newsletter you will find our article for Careers and Aspirations Day 2023. A few weeks on, the children are still talking about this extraordinary day - it will be one that they will remember for a long time! Please do read this fabulous article as it gives a full account of the day. Through the amazing support we received from parents and carers and other visiting organisations, we were able to provide an enriching and fun-filled day for the children. A very special thank you to all our incredible visiting speakers and to Miss O'Mahony and Mrs Helps for organising this brilliant day.

On Monday, we also sent a letter to you all (R-Y6) regarding our timings for the school day. To confirm, these

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben, Pyramid, Taj Mahal,
Giants Causeway, Colosseum,
Royal Mile, Loch Ness, Sydney
Opera House, London Bridge,
Parthenon, Mount Everest,
Globe Theatre, Mount Fuji,
Orinoco and Wembley

'Congratulations'

*Thank you for all being so fabulous
on Careers and Aspirations Day*

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

21st March:

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

22nd March:

- Discovery Homework due
date.
- Year 6 Netball Match - CMO
6.30pm meet.

24th March:

- Y1 Colosseum Class
Assembly, KS1 hall, 9am.

27th-31st March:

- Science Week.

29th March:

Year 5 Netball match - CMO
6.30pm meet.

30th March:

- Reception trip to Godstone
Farm.
- Learning Highlights #2.

31st March:

- Friends Easter Egg Hunt.
- Headteacher Awards
Assembly (*by invitation only*).

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On Monday, 6th March we were delighted to host Careers and Aspirations Day 2023 at Biggin Hill Primary School. Our jam-packed day involved over 16 professionals from visiting organisations including 2 workshops delivered by STEM professionals, a mini 'Theme Park' apprentice style activity and a 'Standing Out from the Crowd' internal workshop. We were also delighted to be joined by Mrs Tully (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Ace (Link Governor for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion). Children enjoyed a full day of career related learning activities and a day enriched by external visiting speakers. Our speakers enjoyed a welcome coffee over an initial briefing and then at just after 9am, were set to work!



We were delighted once again to be joined by the Metropolitan Police. PCSO Cumner, PC Byrne and PC Whitehead talked to our KS1 children about what it was like to be a police officer and the exciting careers available to them in the police. The children in KS1 enjoyed finding out about how the Metropolitan Police keep London safe and eagerly asked questions to find out more! We look forward to the exciting links that we continue to build with our local policing team.



Mr Surji, a civil engineer, visited us to run a design and construction 'Bridge Building' workshop for our children in Year 1 and 2. In this practical, hands-on workshop, the children were challenged to build a bridge out of Lego to transport lego people over a flowing river. As part of the design element, the children had to work in a team to plan, design and build a free standing, secure structure. This was a fun and practical workshop that was delivered brilliantly - children even got to test their bridges out!



Mrs Cross, a nurse with the NHS, joined us and visited Y1-4 to talk to the children about her career as a nurse. Children were excited to find out what it is like to be a nurse and asked fantastic questions throughout the day such as 'What is it like to be a Nurse?' and 'What is a typical day like?' They also had the opportunity to look at an example X-ray of bones, a mini human body anatomy model and various nursing objects such as a stethoscope and saturation probe! Mrs Cross held a brilliant interactive session, which the children were fascinated by and they thoroughly enjoyed finding out about her role as a nurse!



Mrs Tamlyn, a pharmacist, visited Y2-4 to talk about what a pharmacist does. This was demonstrated by an interactive and fun experiment to make a vaccine. The experiment involved a lemon (the patient) and some ingredients for the children to mix into the water to test the PH level. To check the safety of the vaccine we created we had 2 test sticks. If the stick turned green it meant the vaccine was dangerous but if orange it was safe to use. It was orange - YES! This hands-on fun experiment really brought this job role to life and also promoted the importance of this vital role. We are also very excited that Mrs Tamlyn has kindly offered to come back to run some other science related experiments at the school!

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Maj D T Crosbie R ANGLIAN, British Army Officer, visited R, Y2, 4, 5 and 6 to share with the children the wide range of careers which could be pursued in The British Army. During his session, he challenged stereotypes and provided the children with information about the amazing world experiences you can have with a career in

the army. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session, had the chance to ask questions and try on some of the kit worn! We are very grateful to Maj D T Crosbie who has agreed to come back for a half-day with our Year 6 children before they leave us to run a fun session on resilience, teamwork and problem solving skills.

We were also delighted to be joined by the London Fire Brigade. Mr Crispin and Mr Clements, both firefighters, spoke with Year 3 and 4 (Mr Crispin) and Mr Clements (Year 5 and 6) about what it is like to be a firefighter and the sort of extensive careers and jobs that you can enjoy in the London Fire Brigade. All children were given the opportunity to try on 'kit' and both talked about the importance of fire safety in the home and what to do in the event of a fire. Both Mr Crispin and Mr Clements were brilliant with our KS2 children and answered many interesting questions from our children.

Also on Wednesday 14th March, we were delighted to welcome Mr Aldridge, Mr Smith-Williams, Mrs Haines, Mr Hill and Mr Huston - the White Watch at Biggin Hill Fire Station and their FIRE ENGINE for a very special interactive visit to our Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children. Children enjoyed a visit to the Fire Engine to find out more about how it is used to keep our community safe. They were lucky to be able to see the fire engine in action, test its horn, try on hats, hear the sirens and more! In true demonstration of their vital role, towards the end of their visit they were called away to an emergency! We will arrange for the White Watch to come back so our Year 2 children that didn't get to see them can.



What a brilliant experience for our children in Preschool, Reception and Year 1. An enormous thanks to Mr Aldridge, Mr Smith-Williams, Mrs Haines, Mr Hill and Mr Huston - the White Watch at Biggin Hill Fire Station for taking time out of their schedule to visit so many children! The collective visit between Mr Crispin, Mr Clements and Biggin Hill Fire Station has enabled us to really showcase the work and importance of the London Fire Brigade at the correct levels across the school. A huge 'thank you' to you all!



Miss Reynolds, a trading manager at ITV presented to both Year 3, 5 and 6 about a career in advertising and the exciting opportunities and range of work within this field. Children were excited to find out how adverts are scheduled on TV and the sort of brand marketing TV advertising can reach. Children enjoyed a fun and interactive logo matching activity, which really did show the power of branding and advertising. This was a brilliant presentation and activity - what a fantastic opportunity for our children to find out all about advertising!

Miss Kempton, a paramedic, and Miss Clayton, a emergency medical technician, with the London Ambulance Service (LAS) talked to children (preschool and KS1) about how the LAS cares for everyone across London. They talked about the equipment on board

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and what the crew wear to keep them safe. The children were given the chance to try on some of the kit, gloves, PPE and much more within the session. As well as this, they found out what to do in the case of an emergency and the difference between the time to call '999' and '111'. Miss Kempton and Miss Clayton were fantastic presenters and really brought this job role to life!

Ms Halford, a teaching and learning lead with Rutherford School, talked passionately about her work to our children in Year 3 and 5. She shared a truly inspiring video of the school's work and talked about how they support pupils in their setting. The school is a specialist school for children and young people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD) between the ages of 4-24. The school has teachers, physiotherapists, nurses, speech and language therapists, music therapists, a vision specialist, an assistive technology coordinator and an occupational therapist. Within the session, Ms Halford talked about the important role each of them played in ensuring the pupils in their school were happy and could reach their full potential.



Mr Head, an engineer, ran a STEM session in Year 5 and 6 on a career in engineering. His session was hands on, fun and practical and encompassed more than one experiment which really got the pupils thinking. Throughout the session, he asked questions to challenge the children's thinking and they left the session feeling enthused and excited about a career in science!

Dr M Parry MBBS, BSc, DFFP, AKC, a GP, visited Y5 and 6 to talk about her work as a general practitioner and what a typical day as a GP is like. Children found out how to become a GP and what subjects you need to study to go into a career in medicine. Along with sharing her own experience and the different routes into medicine, she spent time discussing the key skills needed to be a GP such as being a good listener and communicator. The children were fascinated and Dr Parry answered their questions superbly.



Ms Banks from Thames Water, ran an online workshop for Year 5 and 6 on the important job Thames Water does. This online workshop gave the children the opportunity to interact and conduct a science experiment in different ways as well as providing them with information about the different roles they could pursue in a career with Thames Water.

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a 'Theme Park' mini apprentice style activity. Children were tasked with working as a team to come up with a new theme park ride. They had to decide on a team name, ride name, the overall design and construction of the ride and ticket prices. They also designed marketing materials to advertise their ride. Children had the opportunity to pitch these rides to their class. We would like to thank both Mrs Tully and Mrs Ace, governors, for assisting with this entrepreneurial activity. The designs and ideas were amazing - we will aim to place as many on display on our Careers and Aspirations display board as we can and the rest will be placed in our Careers and Aspirations Floor Book which will be available to view in the coming weeks in our main Reception.

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Finally, we also ran a 'Standing out from the Crowd' workshop in Year 6. Although a little short on time, we managed to look at the different paths they could follow as they move from us to secondary school. We looked at some of the opportunities that are available to them both outside of school and also during their time at secondary school such as different subjects, clubs, activities, and in school enrichment activities, Duke of Edinburgh Scheme etc. Most importantly, we talked about being the very best version of yourself you can be!



Careers and Aspirations Day was made possible by the incredible support of our parents and carers and visiting organisations. We are enormously grateful to them all for giving up their time to come into school and talk so passionately about their field of work. Our children loved the day and through our fantastic visiting speakers, have had an insight to some very exciting and extraordinary careers.

In pulling this day together, we have also started to establish more links with more local organisations and will look to work with them to bring some more real-life careers related learning experiences to our children.

On behalf of the school, it was an absolute pleasure to work together to pull this important day together for the children. It was just fabulous!

Miss O'Mahony and Mrs Helps

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timings will be effective from 30th August 2023 and are as follows:

- 8.45-3.15 (gates will open for soft drop between 8.30 and 8.40am, registers closed at 8.45 am)

Please note our current timings will remain in place until the end of this academic year.

On Monday, we also forwarded a very important letter to both parents and carers of Reception and Year 6 regarding the National School Screening Programme, which is taking place at our school in June. Please can we ask parents and carers to read this letter and follow the instructions carefully. Any queries and questions are to be directed to Bromley Healthcare Screening Team - contact details are on the letter sent

The Friends of BHPS in conjunction with the school are taking part in the Xmas4Schools artwork project for The King's Coronation. On Wednesday you would have received your child's artwork and also an email from us and the Friends of BHPS. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy doing some design work in school for the Coronation and is a brilliant way to support the Friends of BHPS to raise funds for the school.

Please do read the letter (attached to your child's artwork) from Xmas4Schools carefully as this has all the information and details you need. All artwork and the form (on the reverse) must be completed in full and returned to school by 9.30am on **Thursday, 23rd March** - please hand this to your child's class teacher. If you are unsure if you would like to purchase your child's design, please do follow the instructions and send the artwork and completed form (on the reverse) back to us regardless.

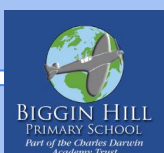
Today we also said 'goodbye and happy retirement' to Mr Walpole (Mark), our Site Manager. On behalf of the school, I would like to wish Mark all the very best for his very well deserved retirement. Mark has asked me to pass on his thanks and appreciation for the card and generous collection that he received from parents and carers on Wednesday.

I am also delighted to announce that we have appointed Garry Hodgkinson as our new interim part time site manager. Garry has a wealth of experience and is very excited to be joining us.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND
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