



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was our first ever virtual Ambassador Assembly on Monday. My sincere apologies for the technical issues experienced; we thank you for your understanding and will do our best to rectify these issues and make the experience better for children and parents / carers in the future.

On Monday morning the entire school took part in a practice fire drill. A practice drill is necessary as part of our statutory obligations but, more importantly, so our entire school community knows what to do in the event of an emergency. The drill went very smoothly and Mrs Lawrence and I were impressed with the maturity that the children displayed during this event.

Earlier today we were very proud to virtually present Headteacher Awards - congratulations to the recipients of these very special awards and thank you to those parents / carers for attending.

This week we have enjoyed Science Week and children have enjoyed participating in investigations and learning more about this exciting subject! I must thank Ms Reed, Science Lead, for planning and arranging all learning activities across the school.

Our internal COVID Recovery Meetings have now all been completed and the outcome of these will very much inform our planning for the remainder of this academic year. We have a very robust plan in place for meeting the needs of the children through quality first teaching and interventions for the summer term which address any gaps that may have arisen.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the brilliant staff team here at BHPS for their continued hard work, dedication and support and wish them all a very restful break.

As the term draws to a close, I would like to thank you **all** for your support during this first term back - we could not do what we do without your continued support - thank you! The children have been exceptional this term with both their behaviour and engagement in learning - we are very proud of them all!

Please remember that it is our INSET day tomorrow and school is closed to children.

On behalf of everyone at our school, I wish you all a very restful and lovely Easter break. My very best wishes, *Mrs Freeman*

HEADTEACHER AWARDS

Beatrix Potter: **Emilie H**

Emily Gravett: **Myla G**

Eric Carle: **Elsie K**

Abi Longstaff: **Leonie C**

Michael Rosen: **Poppy S**

Helen Cooper: **Jude B-S**

Jeremy Strong: **Daisie W**

Berlie Doherty: **Callum G**

Adam Frost: **Aaliyah D-F**

Michael Bond: **Tiana T**

Katharine Woodfine: **Isabelle J**

Abi Elphinstone: **Nellie W**

Andrew Donkin: **Isabel S**

Sinead O'Hart: **Jason C**

Jill Barklem: *'Whole class*

'Stars of the Week'

Attendance 96.2%

Team Point Winners
Attenborough and Rowling

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 31st March

Last day of term

Thursday 1st April

Staff INSET Day

Friday 2nd – Friday 16th

April

Easter Holiday

Monday 19th April

First day of term





PUPIL VOICE

Year 4

This week, Pupil Voice was held with our year 4 children.

What is the best thing about being back at school?

"Seeing all my friends."

"Playing with friends."

"Making new friends."

What are you working hard to improve at the moment?

"Putting my hand up more."

"Maths."

"Both of us getting a pen licence."

"My handwriting."

"To do cursive writing."

What are you looking forward to most in school next term?

"ICT."

"Bushcraft."

"P.E."

"Doing new things."

"Swimming."

"To have a great time in school."

"Art."

"Summer."

"Computering with Mr Small."

Do you have the opportunity to work as a team?

"Yes."

"Yes."

What makes a good team?

"Working together."

"Teamwork and friends."

"Teamwork and hard effort."

"Being inclusive, respectful and positive will make a good team."

"To figure out things together."

"Sharing and being nice."



***Thank You Year 4
for taking part in Pupil Voice***



SCIENCE WEEK

Fantastic Science

This week has been Science Week! Every class has been doing a variety of enrichment activities, including both practical work linked to their class topics and lessons using the Primary Nature Live resources, produced by the Field Studies Council.

EYFS have been practising their observation skills during their work on life cycles, looking carefully at frogspawn, baby chicks, caterpillars and a wasp nest.



Years 1, 2 and 3 have been learning all about plants. Year 1 have been outdoors, looking for roots, stems, leaves and flowers while Year 2 have been planting sunflowers and observing them growing. Year 3 have done an investigation using food dye and celery to learn about the function of a plant's stem.



Higher up the school, children have been exploring local woodland and investigating how electricity works by building circuits.



Ms Reed, Science Lead



VOLUNTEERING

We Need You!



**Would you like to become more involved?
Do you have a spare few hours a week?
Would you like to help out?
Would you like to do something rewarding?**

We are very keen to talk to any parents / carers who would like to become more involved in volunteering at Biggin Hill Primary School.

We are looking for adults to help with the following:

- Listening to children read
- Sharing books with small groups of children
- Supporting children with Guided Reading activities.

If you would like to have an informal chat about volunteering, please email Mrs Helps at s.helps@bigginhillps.com

Thank you.

THE BIG ASK

**What is life like for children in England?
It's time to give something back to children after COVID.**

The Children's Commissioner for England is doing the largest ever survey of children in England. Its called **The Big Ask**.

This is your opportunity to have your say and to show the Government what children think!

Sign up to be told when the survey is being lunched.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

***** IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS *****

Please use the one way system for entry and exit when coming on to and leaving the school site.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM



Happy Easter!

The holidays are finally here after an extremely busy half term and everyone can have a well deserved rest. The return to school has been successful and it has been wonderful to see the children settling back into school life. As expected some children have found the transition a little trickier but watching children supporting and encouraging each other alongside our fantastic team has shown how inclusive we all are here at BHPS.

Spring is finally here and I encourage everyone to get outside and enjoy the world around us... picnics in the garden, days in the park or a visit to a local place of interest (nationaltrust.org.uk has a number of bookable experiences and also ideas for home activities).

Nature is beginning to blossom with new life and hopefully bringing better times for us all.

Enjoy your break and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mrs Lawrence and Mrs Sargeant



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COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

The government has announced that parents and carers of primary aged children can access rapid lateral flow testing. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the spread of the virus, protect loved ones and is in the interest of public safety. More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Further guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

There is also a very useful 'How we will move out of lockdown' easy read guide which has been produced by the Cabinet Office - see below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965011/COVID-19_Response_-_Spring_2021_Summary_-_Easy_Read_.pdf

A poster displaying information about COVID-19 restrictions in England from 29 March:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-restrictions-posters-29-march-2021?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=6de36c48-6546-4e39-8cd7-c14c38c06421&utm_content=immediately

IMPORTANT NOTE We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. I must ask that if your child or a family member within the household is unwell with any of the key symptoms, please keep your children at home and follow the government guidance. This is very important for us **all** in making sure everyone is as safe as possible. **Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence**