



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to all our children and families - I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break.

Monday's virtual assembly was about the children preparing to return to school and for the term ahead. I hope sharing some of my own preparations enabled the children to feel at ease. To view the assembly, please visit

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoSFnzq1o3E>

With restrictions slightly eased, we have so much to enjoy this term and are looking forward to being in a position to run some of the wonderful enrichment activities the children would usually enjoy. Please see my letter dated 19.04.21, this information is also available on our website under the Parent Portal and also via the calendar.

During my learning walk earlier in the week I felt that the school had such a lovely feel and classrooms are a hive of activity - everyone seems very settled and happy. I must also say a huge 'thank you' to our EYFS team for the transformation of the courtyard area during the Easter break. This space will now serve as an additional outside learning and intervention area for our EYFS children. The school really does look amazing both inside and out - everything from classrooms, learning spaces, displays, The Haven (our sensory garden) and the grounds. Thank you to all the amazing staff here for their hard work.

On Tuesday, you will have received a letter regarding our 'Deep Dive' into behaviour at BHPS. Please do take a few minutes to complete the parent/carers survey and also support your child/children to complete the children's survey. You and your child's/children's views are extremely important to us and will help ensure that provision for all of the children is the very best that it can be. The survey will close on 28th April 2021. Links to both surveys can be found on the email sent earlier today.

This week we have also been able to welcome volunteers back into school; this is such an enormous help and an important part of our recovery plan. If there are any parents/carers that are interested in volunteering in school or have previously volunteered with us before and would like to join us again, please do contact s.helps@bigginhillps.com

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Albie M**

Beatrix Potter: **Grace J**

Emily Gravett: **Zachary T**

Eric Carle: **Grayson J**

Abi Longstaff: **Connie Mae S-B**

Michael Rosen: **Daniella G**

Helen Cooper: **Danny E**

Jeremy Strong: **Max B**

Berlie Doherty: **Meila-Rose D**

Adam Frost: **Frankie F**

Michael Bond: **Faith G**

Katharine Woodfine: **Samuel Y**

Abi Elphinstone: **Rosie K-J**

Andrew Donkin: **Charlie S**

Sinead O'Hart: **Alfie McC**

'Stars of the Week'

Attendance 98.2%

*Team Point Winners
Attenborough*

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd May

Early May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 19th May -

Friday 21st May

Year 4 and 5 Bushcraft

Monday 24th May

Class Photographs

Tuesday 25th May

French Day

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Learning interventions for this term have now started across the school. If your child has been selected to join an intervention, they will be bringing home a letter today. If you have any queries, questions or concerns, about this, please do not hesitate to contact us.

On Thursday we celebrated World Earth Day and enjoyed completing two whole school activities and a very special virtual World Earth Day assembly. My thanks to Mrs Churchward, Geography Lead, for organising these exciting activities across our school and leading our assembly yesterday. We will report more on this next week!

Finally, today is St. George's Day. It has been wonderful to see the many uniformed organisations represented by children across the school - well done everyone!

Have a fabulous and safe weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman



PUPIL VOICE

Year 1

This week, Pupil Voice was held with our Year 1 children.

What are you enjoying most about school?

"Being back with my friends."

"Learning in the middle classroom."

What do you enjoy most about the playground?

"Climbing equipment."

"I like running."

"Castle."

"Playing with my friends."

How do you think you are doing in your learning?

"Good."

All the children replied "Good."

Tell me about something you have mastered?

"Reading."

"Maths."

"Writing."

"Maths quiz."

***Thank You Year 1 for
taking part in Pupil Voice***

NURSERY

We are going to Space!

This week Nursery started a new **Space** topic. We have turned our play den into a space station and have lots of amazing space activities to explore!

Our book focus is 'How to catch a star' and the children have raised some really interesting questions like 'Where do the stars go in daytime?'

We have had a fabulous time this week in the glorious sunshine and have enjoyed hearing how many yummy Easter eggs the children enjoyed during the Easter break.



Ms Belaon, Nursery Manager

***Find out more about
how we celebrated
World Earth Day in
next week's
newsletter.***



SCIENCE WEEK

Year 3



During Science Week we enjoyed learning about plants and how they grow.

We spent an afternoon on the field looking at plants and trees. We completed four activities on our walk: identifying trees, tree rubbing, a nature scavenger hunt and creating natural art.

Mr Day, Mrs Sanford and Mrs Windover

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.

It's called the **Big Ask**.

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

It's your chance to get your voice heard!

FIND OUT MORE AT:

<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



Hi everyone!

Mrs Sargeant and I have had a fantastic first week of the Summer Term and it has been wonderful seeing the children enjoying their return to school. Today, a letter will be sent via parentmail to explain to you the changes we have made to our Inclusion department in line with responses from the survey we carried out last year. In addition to this, some children will be coming home with information detailing which interventions they will be taking part in during the summer term or further support they may be receiving in and around the classroom. We are very proud to be launching our new SEN software which details all of this information for you to view about your child. Further information about this will be detailed in the letter coming home today with login details for those families it applies to. From myself and Mrs Sargeant, we wish you a fabulous weekend!



Mrs Lawrence

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Mrs Lawrence & Mrs Sargeant

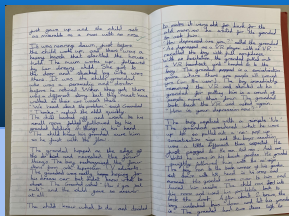
Mrs Sargeant

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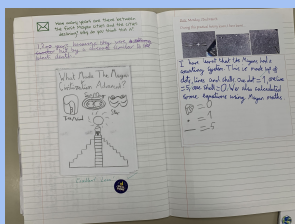
YEAR 6

Literacy and Topic



We have been extremely busy in Year 6 this week following the Easter holidays.

In literacy we have been writing our own stories based on the *Princess' Blankets* by Carol Anne Duffy. We planned our own versions of the story using the book for ideas (probably the longest piece of writing we have ever done!). When looking at the original story, we liked the detailed descriptions and poetic devices used by the author and have used these in our own writing.



In our humanities lessons we have continued our history topic. We have been learning about what life was like for the people of the Maya and compared this to other civilizations that we know. We created our own leaflets and booklets about the Maya.

For World Earth Day on Thursday we listened to Earth Song by Michael Jackson. We discussed the questions posed in the song and thought about what the message of the song is. Using the lyrics we considered how our actions have an impact on the world and wrote our own verses for the song relevant to today's issues.

Mr Devlin and Miss O'Mahony

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**