



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy week in school and I must say an enormous 'well done' to our year 6 children this week. I have been so impressed by the positive attitudes and endeavour that year 6 have shown - I am very proud of each and every one of them! I would also like to thank Mr Devlin, Miss Elliott and the many staff involved with administering the SATs this week.

Next week, our year 2 children will be continuing with their KS1 SATs. It is important for all year 2 children to be in school on time - please remember that the gates open at 8.40am, giving the children plenty of time to settle before their tests.

This week Miss O'Mahony, Wider Curriculum and Equality and Diversity Lead, provides a wonderful insight as to how we support diversity and equality at BHPS with a special focus article on equality and diversity in the curriculum area of literacy. We hope you enjoy finding out about how we weave this into our curriculum at school, however, if you do have any questions around equality and diversity in our school, please contact Miss O'Mahony directly.

On Wednesday I sent a letter informing you about our BHPS Community Coffee Morning which is taking place on 25th May between 8.45-10am. This is an open invitation for you to meet other parents and carers, forge new friendships and enjoy a coffee or tea on us! The Friends have also launched their pre-loved school uniform shop and their first Pre-loved School Uniform Sale will be held at the coffee morning, so please do come along.

Earlier today Miss Wigfield sent a letter regarding 'Walk to School' week which is taking place next week in school. We hope that everyone, as much as physically and feasibly possible, takes the opportunity to walk to school - not only is it good for our health, it is also a great way to start the day!

We are now making the final preparations for our year 4 Bushcraft residential trip and I would like to ask that if any parents/carers of year 4 children attending the trip have any questions, queries or concerns to please contact either Mrs Buchanan or Mr Day as soon as possible.

Please keep an eye on the 'Diary Dates' section of this newsletter as we are now approaching a very busy time of the year. Finally, just as a reminder, class photographs are scheduled to take place on 23rd May.

Have a wonderful weekend.
My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:
Levana T

Eileen Collins: **Rose B**
Tim Peake: **Sienna W**
Eugenie Clark: **Theo J**
Greta Thunberg: **Ivy L-C**
Josephine Baker: **Freddie L**
Jesse Owens: **Liam C**
Lek Chailert: **Nicky W**
Marcus Rashford: **Isabelle A**
Louis Braille: **Luca W**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Amelia B**
Ida B. Wells: **Aaliyah-Skye D-F**
Mo Farah: **Matthew B**
Laura Dekker: **Whole Class**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Whole Class**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95%

Weekly Class Attendance
(Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Louis Braille: 99.7%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Eileen Collins: 96.5%

HOUSE POINTS

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

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AT BHPS

Miss O'Mahony, Wider Curriculum and Equality and Diversity Lead

At BHPS, we strive to ensure that equality and diversity are woven throughout our curriculum and embedded in everyday life for our pupils. Our aim is to ensure our pupils are educated on the abundance of cultures, religions, customs and traditions from across the world so that they can appreciate the rich diversity of both Great Britain and the wider world.

Equality and Diversity in the Curriculum *Literacy*

Diversity in children's literature is incredibly important. There is an expression that describes children's books as being both mirrors and windows in the world of a child's mind and imagination. It's vital that children and young people see themselves and each other in the books they read as well as giving children a chance to learn about someone else's life and imagine themselves in another's shoes.

At Biggin Hill Primary, we try to follow this ethos and give our children a wide range of books to enjoy. We follow a whole-book approach for our Literacy curriculum and use the Literacy Tree as the basis for our planning. Each Year Group reads a variety of books containing a range of characters and settings from classics tales to more modern stories. In KS2, children read *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* as well as, *Hidden Figures* by Margot Lee Shetterly. This is the story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

Representation in children's books for all children is improving all the time and so we are able to make sure we choose books and authors that reflect the world we live in, from different ethnicities to blended families, physical and mental health challenges, neurodiversity and the many other ways in which children are different. For example, Reception children have enjoyed reading *The Great Big Book of Families* by Mary Hoffman.

Every year, we evaluate our book choices and for the first time this year, Year 6 read *Suffragette* - the battle for equality by David Roberts which charts the suffragist movement - from aristocrats to the middle and working class as well as a look at the global struggle for universal suffrage. We are constantly updating our book lists to ensure we have a balance of books which reflect our school community as well as showing us lives outside our own.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead

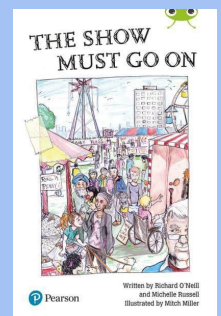
The Travelling Showman

Showman families are residents of the community and they have been there for generations. There are approx 5000 Showman families, who travel the UK with their funfairs and have done so for generations, carrying on the family business! These family businesses have passed from father to son and many are 5th/6th generation.

For generations, Showman have helped to shape towns and cities, entertainment and sport into what they are today. The Fairground Community served their country in both World Wars and the Showman's Guild of Great Britain helped raise funds for ambulances in WWI. They bought a Spitfire plane in WWII and named it, '*The Fun of the Fair*'. This is documented at the Biggin Hill Memorial Museum.



Traditionally, Showmen have been misrepresented and misunderstood. '*The Show Must Go On*' is a fantastic book which shines a rare spotlight on the travelling Showman community.



Our Class Names

This year, we named our classes after diverse figures who have made great achievements in their lives. We designed display boards to showcase the achievements of these individuals.



What does DIVERSITY mean?

Diversity is understanding that every individual is unique and recognizing our individual differences.

Why focus on diversity?

Through our curriculum and our school values, we aim to prepare our pupils for life in modern Britain. As a school community, we play a huge role in helping children to understand the beauty of our diverse world, where they don't just accept differences but celebrate them! As a school, we must ensure our pupils become tolerant, kind citizens, with an increasing respect and appreciation of cultural diversity.



YEAR 3

Time

Year 3 have been doing lots of work on time in maths. We started by checking we knew the months of the year and we learnt a rhyme to remember how many days there are in each month. We learned about why February is special and what a leap year is. We timed each other doing different PE activities and learnt how to compare and order times. We have been recapping our work on time from previous years and are now starting to tell the time to the nearest minute.

In literacy we have been reading "Leon And The Place Between". We have learnt how to draw a story map to show the key events in a story and the difference between concrete and abstract nouns. We have begun to use adverbial phrases at the start of our sentences to say how/where/when something happened.

In history we have been learning about the Ancient Greeks. We have found Greece on a map and looked at graphs to compare the climate in Greece with the climate in England. We have found out all about different gods and goddesses and read some Greek myths like Theseus and the Minotaur. We have learnt about what the Ancient Greek Olympics were like and written in role, pretending that we have competed.

Miss Castledine and Ms Reed

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

16th - 20th May:

- KS1 SATS continuing this week.
- Walk to School Week.

18th - 20th May:

- Year 4 Bushcraft.

20th May:

- Y1LT Assembly, 9am, KS2 Hall.

21st May:

- Y3/4 Crystal Palace Park Run - organised by Mr Day.

23rd May:

- Class Photographs (KS1 Hall in use all day).

24th - 27th May:

- International week.

24th-25th May:

- Bikeability (Y6).

24th May:

- Year 4 Swimming.
- Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall.

25th May:

- BHPS Community Coffee Morning, KS1 Hall (8.45am - 9.45am). More information to follow next week.

26th May:

- Year 6 Isle of Wight parent meeting 2 - 3:30pm.

27th May:

- The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Celebrations R-Y6).

24th and 27th May:

- Pre-school, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Celebrations.

ROLL OF HONOUR

A pianist in the making!



Alexander M, Year 5, has successfully completed his Grade 3 in piano.

This is an amazing achievement Alexander and we are all very proud of you.

Well done Alexander

Running... Wow!



Jack H, Year 2 has completed his 11th junior park run. This is a milestone that equates to a half marathon. Jack is now working towards his runs being a marathon!

This is an amazing achievement Jack!

Well done Jack

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

Afrikaans

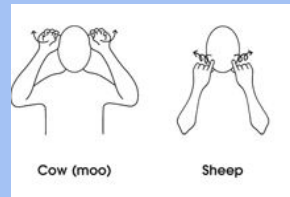
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Good morning: goeie more

Good Afternoon: goeie middag

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Cow (moo)

Sheep

**Miss Knott,
SENCo Assistant**