



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope everyone had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the time away from the routines of school. I know there were many families and staff isolating over the holiday period, which I know will not have been easy. If any families do feel they need any support, please do not hesitate to contact us - we are here to help.

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Lawrence was appointed to the post of Deputy Headteacher on Monday. On behalf of all the staff here, I would like to congratulate Mrs Lawrence on her permanent appointment. Mrs Lawrence, as deputy head for our school, will continue to lead on SEND and Inclusion as well as maintain her responsibilities around safeguarding as well as the day to day and strategic leadership of the school.

You will have also noticed that on Tuesday and Wednesday we sent out some information from the NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group and the Bromley GP Alliance with regard to 'Pop-up' vaccination clinics locally. There has been a concerning increase in Covid-19 cases within the Biggin Hill area and it is important to ensure that as many people as possible are made aware of the vaccination clinics running locally.

In school, our system of controls continues and the school was also deep cleaned and "fogged" during half term as an additional safety measure. Please do rest assured that we are continuously working with Public Health England (PHE), Bromley Council and the relevant agencies as and when we need to. We are doing everything we can to safeguard our children and staff.

This week, children in years 4, 5 and 6 have enjoyed a visit from the Life Bus. This fun interactive session supports children to make healthy choices for their physical and mental wellbeing.

This week, class teachers have also launched our new behaviour system and policy. Children have responded very
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STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Amelia A**
Beatrix Potter: **Ivy L-C**
Emily Gravett: **Ayaah & Phoebe**
Eric Carle: **James C**
Abi Longstaff: **Liam C**
Michael Rosen: **Frankie S**
Helen Cooper: **Max B**
Jeremy Strong: **Liam K**
Berlie Doherty: **Olivia C**
Adam Frost: **Alfie M**
Michael Bond: **Lila B**
Katharine Woodfine: **Bella-Mae S**
Abi Elphinstone: **Poppy R**
Andrew Donkin: **Katie H**
Sinead O'Hart: **Jack P**

'Stars of the Week'

Attendance 94.3%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: ROWLING

4th: HAWKING

*'Congratulations to our
winners this week'*

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well to the new visual behaviour tracks in their classrooms; my initial view is that this is working very effectively in school. My thanks must go to Mrs Sargeant for making all the 'Biggin Hill Way to Success Tracks' for each class and to teaching staff for introducing these and our new system to the children.

This term sees the reintroduction of homework and hopefully provides an opportunity to develop and embed key skills with a 'little and often' approach. Again, we understand that the reintroduction may present some initial difficulties. If you do need any support with homework, please do contact your child's class teacher.

As a school, we are all very eager to learn of the announcements from the Prime Minister around the easing of restrictions on 21st June. We do have a very exciting term planned for the children and we will do our very best to deliver as much of this as feasibly possible. Whatever we do as a school, we must operate within set government guidelines to safeguard children, staff and our wider community.

Finally, today has been 'Break the Rules' day. I know the children have had a fabulous day breaking the many rules we have in school! It has been wonderful to see the staff and children entering into the fun spirit to raise funds for our school. We will report more on this next week, however, I must thank the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School for organising this fantastic event.

We have just under 6 weeks left of this school year. We will do everything possible to make them as memorable as we can for everyone and our departing year 6 children!

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



DIARY DATES

Thursday 24th June:

Reception Screening
Vision check

Parents / carers, Replacement

Ambassador badges can be ordered via the Uniform Shop or via our reception area (cash payments accepted).

A resident of Old Tye Avenue is "renting" their driveway for a small fee at drop off and pick up time, please contact s.helps@bigginhillps.com for more details.

SYSTEMS OF CONTROL REMINDER

COVID SYSTEMS OF CONTROL

Please can we remind parents and carers about the importance of mask wearing and of using the correct entry and exit points. Please only arrive a few minutes before either drop off or pick up and please do not arrange to meet siblings on our site.

Please can I also remind parents and carers to make sure that children do not come to school if they have any of the three key COVID symptoms. If children do exhibit any of these symptoms they should be taken to have a PCR test.

PUPIL VOICE

Year 5



How do you think you are doing in your learning?

"Alright."

"I'd say ok."

"I think I'm doing pretty well but I need to put my hand up a bit more."

"I think I'm going in the right direction."

What are you enjoying most about your learning?

"I'm enjoying the WW2 topic."

"I enjoy PE."

"Probably doing things like art and PE because art relaxes me and I like to get active in PE."

"I like the things in literacy we are doing, we're learning about the world war in different books."

What resources are available to you when you are stuck?

"Teacher."

"You can ask a friend."

"Ask any teacher and ask people next to or near me."

"I can ask the teacher or LSA."

What have you done in school that has improved your confidence?

"I have learnt more and I can do more complicated stuff."

"Lots of things - playing maths games has helped a lot."

PARENT GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor

You must be a parent or carer at the school.

This is a very rewarding way to become involved in our school.

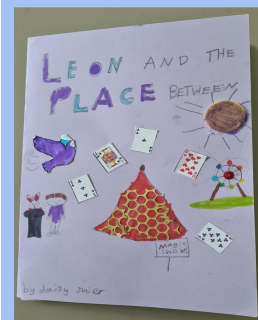
For more details, please see:
<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/news-docs/Parent%20and%20Carer%20Governor%20Letter%20June%20070621.pdf>

Thank you

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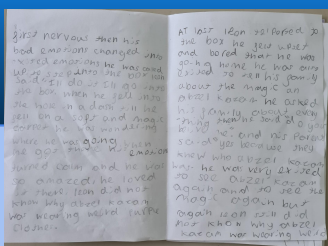
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We are also towards the end of our art topic, looking at sketching portraits. This week we focused on

shading and the children used different techniques, such as cross hatching and contour hatching, to show depth when sketching an eye.

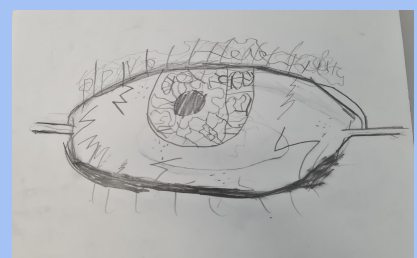
YEAR 3 Stories and Art



We have been writing our own story based on the book '*Leon and the place between*' by

Angela McAllister. The story encompasses a young boy Leon going to a magic show and experiencing magic first hand, the children have been putting themselves into his shoes and trying to empathize with Leon's thoughts and feelings. They have been able to get creative and expand on the story to explore the world of magic from their eyes, while trying to develop the skill of writing from someone else's perspective.

After half term we developed this further and created our own books of '*Leon and the place between*', creating covers and writing our stories out again in book form.



Mr Day, Mrs Windover and Mrs Sanford (Year 3 article from 17th May)



PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can we ask parents and carers to park and drive respectfully outside our school. Please be aware of the following restrictions outside our school.

VOLUNTEERING *Opportunities*

Thank you very much to all our volunteers that have been helping at school.
If you would like to volunteer with us, please email:
s.helps@bigginhillps.com

COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

We have a vacancy for a Community Governor

A community governor cannot be a parent or carer of a child at the school currently but they may be associated with the school in another way eg. a grandparent or local resident.

If you know someone who might be interested in finding out a little bit more about the role of a community governor, please ask them to get in touch with me.

Thank you

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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**