



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been National Healthy Eating Week and children have enjoyed a virtual class assembly led by Mrs Buchanan. Children enjoyed the story 'The Healthy Wolf' and found out all about healthy nutrition in a short video.

Due to a slight increase in Covid-19 cases in the Biggin Hill area, last week we shared some information from the NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group regarding 'Pop-up' vaccination clinics running locally. Although these clinics have now finished, you can still book your vaccination through the national booking system at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination or by calling 119 free of charge.

I would like to thank Mrs Horgan and Miss Elliott for starting an after school netball club for year 5 and 6 children. This was very well attended and I am sure it will become a firm favourite. If your child is interested in joining, please contact the school office.

Our short article regarding 'Break the Rules Day' can be found on page 4. It was such a fun day, thanks to everyone for taking part in this brilliant event.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Sanford and her husband on the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Matilda Mae. On behalf of everyone in our school community, we send Mrs Sanford our love and very best wishes.

We have also started the recruitment process for a Learning Support Assistant to join our fabulous team of LSAs and a SENCo Assistant to support our Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Team. For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/vacancies-careers>

Please also look out for virtual class assemblies which should be posted to the class streams today. I know this is not quite the same as our in school class assemblies, however we hope this goes some way to sharing the children's learning with you.

Next week, I am delighted to be able to welcome our new reception families joining us in September at our Meet and Greet. Although this will be virtual, I will do my very best to give everyone a very warm welcome to our school community.

Finally, please make sure that you check your emails today for a letter about our new reporting and assessment arrangements and
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STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Michael P**
Beatrix Potter: **Oscar R**
Emily Gravett: **Daisy C**
Eric Carle: **Freddie L**
Abi Longstaff: **Lola M**
Michael Rosen: **Arthur H**
Helen Cooper: **Ella D**
Jeremy Strong: **Lilly D**
Berlie Doherty: **Marnie-Belle D**
Adam Frost: **Maxwell H**
Michael Bond: **Jake G**
Katharine Woodfine: **Charlotte B and Lucas N**
Abi Elphinstone: **Jacob P-G**
Andrew Donkin: **Ronnie C-R**
Sinead O'Hart: **Tyler-Ray R**

'Stars of the Week'

Attendance 95.7%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: ROWLING

3rd: HOLMES

4th: HAWKING

*'Congratulations to our
winners this week'*

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new classes for next year. Today the children will be told who their new class teachers will be next year. If you do have any queries or questions regarding the content of this letter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Have a great weekend everyone!

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).

RECEPTION *Healthy Dip!*

This week in circle time we made the Indian dip Raita. This is a dip that consists of natural yoghurt, cucumber and mint. The children loved the smell of the mint! We used knives, graters and peelers safely and confidently. We then all gave it a try. I am very pleased that all the children are trying different foods and tastes.



Miss Powell, Mrs Clark and Mrs Gilham

Bees Nests

Please can we ask parents to be vigilant when on the school site as we have a few bees nests on the grounds (or in neighbouring gardens that back onto the school). Bees are protected and, therefore, we are unable to get the nests removed. Please ask your children to keep away from the nests for their safety. Our Site Manager is aware and will be keeping an eye on them.

Thank you

HAYFEVER

For children that suffer with hayfever, can we remind parents to give children their medicine in the morning.

If children can self administer eye drops (aimed at our older children in year 5 & 6) they can bring those into the office.

Thank you

The School Office



YEAR 2 *The Queen's Coronation*

In Year 2, we have been learning all about the Queen's Coronation. We have learnt about the countries of the British Empire and why this is important. We enjoyed finding out which jobs the Queen is responsible for and all the amazing things that she has done over her lifetime. We've also learnt lots of Queen facts! Did you know that the Coronation lasted for almost three hours?

Miss Castledine

PUPIL VOICE

Year 3



What are you enjoying most about your learning?

"Getting smarter."

"Art."

How do you get yourself ready to start learning?

"Listen to the teacher."

"Imagining."

What are you looking forward to most this term?

"PE."

"I am looking forward to sports day."

Do you feel safe in school?

"I do feel safe because I have my friends and the teacher to keep me safe."

What do you enjoy most about the playground?

"Trim trail."

"Football pitch."

"Playing with friends."

What are you looking forward to when you go into year 4?

"Bushcraft."

"Swimming."

PLAY EQUIPMENT

Important Notice

AT THE END OF THE DAY

We would prefer that our equipment on the playground is not used out of school hours. However, if your child does use this play equipment during this time, they must be supervised by parents or carers.

Thank you for your attention and understanding.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM



Hello everyone,

I hope you are all well. This time of year can be tricky for some of our children as we are starting to think about moving on to the next year group. Transition can be a scary time for our parents and carers as well as the children and at times we can feel highly anxious about what is to come. This is ok and it is normal to feel this way - please look out for our latest 'Same but Different' for strategies on how to support your child through this time.

Each year we hold transition meetings between current and future class teachers. These meetings are dedicated time to discuss all children; their strengths and weaknesses, what they enjoy, what they do not enjoy and any other information which is key to ensuring the wellbeing of our young people. As well as this, myself and Mrs Sargeant facilitate meetings between new class teachers and the parents or carers of some of our children who may be more vulnerable or have a higher level of need. Transition meetings for specific children will take place during the week beginning 28th June and Mrs Helps will be making the arrangements.

The children will also be taking part in 'All Change Day' where they are given the opportunity to spend some time with their new class teacher. The children will take part in team building games and start to learn about their class name.

Please contact me or Mrs Sargeant if you have any specific worries or concerns regarding transition and remember that our doors are always open!

Have a fabulous weekend, *Mrs Lawrence*



Mrs Lawrence

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Inclusion Assistant and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
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YEAR 4

Did you know that sounds are made when objects vibrate?



In Year 4, we have been learning about sound for our science topic. Did you know that sounds are made when objects vibrate? We made string telephones and spoke to each other through them to see if the sound could

travel through the string and be heard from far away - it turns out it can! We also investigated sound by using a tuning fork. We knocked it against a table and placed it in water, so you could see the vibrations.



In literacy, we have started reading an interesting book called 'Tar Beach'. It is set in the 1930's and about a girl named Cassie, who flies above New York City at night. Did you know that the story started as a quilt, which is currently on show in the Guggenheim Museum in New York?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9RKJleFdBu> - a video of Faith Ringgold (the author) reading the story.

Mrs Buchanan and Miss Farrell

ROLL OF HONOUR

A Pianist in the making!



Alexander M, Year 4, recently passed his grade 2 piano exam with distinction.

***Well done from
everyone at
BHPS!***

FRIENDS OF BHPS

Break the Rules Day!



'Break the Rules' day raised an amazing £660!

We have had so much positive feedback from this event and it was brilliant to see so many children and teachers getting involved.

The children have had so much disruption and disappointment over the last few months and it was so nice for them to do something fun as a whole school. The PTA were so excited to get back to some fundraising and are really looking forward to lots more covid friendly events in the autumn term.

The Friends, BHPS



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

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.

COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

The government has announced that parents and carers of primary age 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 child 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**