

NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to start the week by welcoming the parents and carers of our new prefects into school for our special prefect assembly. Awarding prefect badges was a very proud moment of my new headship - on behalf of all the staff here, congratulations to these children - what a credit to our school they are!

Prefects: William F, Ava N, Rosie K-J and Jenson L-T

Becoming an "Ambassador of the Biggin Hill Way" is something that all children in school can work towards. Achieving individual 'values' badges gives children the opportunity to work towards these over a period of time and achieving any one of these is a very special and important achievement.

We have had a staggering response to our 'Team Points for Toothbrushes' campaign. So far we have collected over 250! Our goal is 420 - please help us to get to our target for Bromley Brighter Beginnings - you can drop toothbrushes into our main reception area or via your child's class teacher. Thank you also to the parents and carers who have donated items for the Brighter Beginnings Hampers - you can see these donations hanging up in my office window.

We are also delighted to start a lunchtime choir group for our children in KS1 and year 3. If you would like your child to participate in this, please do complete the slip and return it to your child's class teacher or via the school office.

On Tuesday, the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School held the AGM. Joining the Friends is a great way to become involved with our school and I know they are working on a very exciting calendar of events for the school this year. If you would like to find out more, please let the school office know.

Sadly, I am very sorry to inform you all that Mr Small, who provides the most amazing ICT lessons to our children, left us on Thursday to move on to pastures new. The children and staff here are very fond of Mr Small and he has been very much part of the team here, however we all wish him and his family the very best for the future. Mr Small was treated to a very special assembly 'BHPS style' with the usual silliness that we are well-known for! Mr Small spent one last playtime with all the children the children were so excited to have Mr Small out on the playground with them and I don't think he will ever forget this!

Last week, I also held our first governors meeting for this academic year - it was great to welcome our governors 'in person' for the first time in a long time!

Year 5 and 6 parents and carers, please remember that there is a SATS meeting on either Monday 27th at 7pm via Zoom or Tuesday 28th, 9am at school. This meeting is very important as it will explain the process of SATs in more detail and also answer any questions or queries you may have.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: Alfie T

Eileen Collins: Ella G
Tim Peake: Freddie W
Eugenie Clark: George H
Greta Thunberg: Niamh C
Josephine Baker: Jack H
Jesse Owens: George M
Lek Chailert: Ruby D
Marcus Rashford: Khian G
Louis Braille: Elizabeth C
Leonardo Da Vinci: Archie W
Ida B. Wells: Alexander M
Mo Farah: Hannah O
Laura Dekker: Harrison D
Jessica Ennis-Hill: Maisy K

Congratulations'

Attendance 95.8%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ROWLING

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: HAWKING

4th: ATTENBOROUGH

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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I am also delighted to advise that Ms Reed has been appointed as our new Science Lead and has joined our leading learning team. On behalf of all the staff here, I would like to extend my congratulations to Ms Reed.

Finally, our open days are fast approaching and we hope to attract as many parents and carers as possible with children who are due to start school in September 2022. Posters have been placed in our community and our open days are advertised via our website at: https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/ If you do know of any families with children due to start school in September 2022, please ask them to look at our website and contact us if they have any questions.

My very best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

YEAR 2

So far our time in Year 2 has been incredibly busy!

We have been looking at the book 'Lights on Cotton Rock' in literacy. We walked into our classroom to find a rucksack with the name 'Heather' on it. We became detectives and used the clues in the bag to help us work out who Heather was.











We found out Heather was the main character in the story and we really enjoyed finding out about how she made a very peculiar friend. We made our own junk model spaceships and even designed our own aliens! We have been practising our vocabulary by using adjectives to create noun phrases to describe our aliens.

In Geography, we have been learning about the seaside. We learned about the different features of the seaside, both physical and man-made! We became safety monitors and identified all of the potential dangers at the seaside. Then we created posters to warn people of the dangers.

We have been developing our skills in art and learning how to make repeated patterns! We experimented with different shapes and colours to make interesting patterns.

Here is some of our wonderful work!

Miss O'Mahony, Miss Burgham and Mrs Windover

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

27th September:

7pm, Y5/6 SATs Meeting via Zoom (please can we ask that where possible only one parent/carer per family attend)

28th September:

9am, Y5/6 SATs Meeting at school

28th September:

Tea and Tots, 1.30.-3pm

OUR AMAZING

Pre-School - Limited space available!

Our thriving pre-school aims to shape children into creative and enquiring individuals and gives them the very best start on their educational journey with us!

To find out more about our pre-school, fees/funding or to arrange a visit, please contact Ms Claire Wythers, Pre-School Admissions & Finance on 01959 575846 or at c.wythers@bigginhillps.com

TEA and TOTS

We look forward to seeing you at

'Tea and Tots' Tuesday 1-30-3.00pm

Mrs Sargeant and
Mrs Helps





OPEN DAYS

8th November 2021 at 1.30pm and 9th November 2021 at 11.00am

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2022?

We look forward to welcoming prospective parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2022.

Mrs Freeman, Headteacher, will deliver a short presentation and some of our year 6 children will be conducting tours of our beautiful school. Mrs Lawrence, Deputy Headteacher and Inclusion Lead, will also be available to answer any questions about inclusion at our school.

Come and see our amazing children and our school in action.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

For more information, please contact the school

at admin@bigginhillps.com or 01959 575846

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A MESSAGE FROM THE INCLUSION TEAM



Hi everyone,

I just wanted to say a huge "THANK YOU" to all of you who were able to take part in our "Toothbrushes for Teampoints" campaign. We have collected over two hundred and fifty toothbrushes, which is amazing, and I know that Bromley Brighter Beginnings are extremely grateful for all our support. We often take things for granted in our everyday lives but seeing how our community unites together to support others in need is a wonderful thing. It makes me proud to be a part of Biggin Hill Primary School.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sargeant



Mrs Lawrence
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A MESSAGE FROM BROMLEY FOODBANK



"This Harvest we are asking our Bromley Borough Community to continue their generous support by fundraising donations so that together we can continue to serve those who are going hungry within our Borough.

Your giving is a lifeline to those we serve. It means we are able to provide 7 days worth of nutritionally balanced food to those in need, as well as direct access to an advice service on how to maximise their income.

Harvest is traditionally a time when we collect our food donations. However with our recent move to a much smaller sized warehouse in Ashgrove Industrial Estate, Bromley we are needing to manage our stock in a new way as we settle into our new home.

Therefore we invite you to please help us if you are able and contribute via our Just Giving page. Please click on the link below:"

https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/bromleyfoodbankharvest

Here at BHPS we will be doing a pre-Christmas food collection, giving our families the opportunity to bring in actual donations, but if you are in a position to make a further contribution to the Just Giving link it would be much appreciated by all involved.

ROLL OF HONOUR

Chief Scout Bronze Awards

Amazing Golfing Achievement

Four of our amazing children from our school who attended Beavers have all managed to achieve their Chief Scout Bronze Award - the highest award you can gain as a Beaver and a significant achievement.

We are exceptionally proud of you all - keep up the amazing work!











Maxwell H has had a fantastic achievement in coming runner up in the Kent County Invicta Molyneux Tour.

He beat a field of over 25 other players.

This is him receiving his trophy and 18th hole flag from the Open!

This is an outstanding achievement Maxwell - we are very proud of you.

From left to right: Ben S, Arthur H, Travis L and Thomas S

PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL



Please can we ask parents and carers to park and drive respectfully outside our school and think of our local residents when parking.

Please also be aware of the following restrictions outside our school.

We are aware it is congested at drop off and collection - please help us to keep up our good relationship with our local residents by parking respectfully outside our school.

SYSTEMS OF CONTROL

REMINDER

COVID SYSTEMS OF CONTROL

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.

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.

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-st aff

Further guidance can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus

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

IMPORTANT NOTE

We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. We must ask that if your child 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



