



MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week in school!

A very special well done to our Reception children for completing their first two full weeks in school. I am very pleased to say that both classes are very settled and have adapted to school routines brilliantly.

During our learning walks this week, the school feels alive with such a buzz of activity. Our learning environments and class displays are looking amazing and it's great to see some of the children's learning about their class names on display. We are proud to see the exemplary behaviour for learning that the children are showing - they really are a true credit to you all!

Please do remember that Mrs Freeman, Mrs Sargeant and myself are always on the school gate - if you have any concerns at all, please do speak to us.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Ellis

Thank you everyone for entering the school grounds 5 minutes before your child starts school and finishes; this is making such a difference and helping us to do our best to keep everyone as safe as we can.



STARS OF THE WEEK



Jill Barklem: **Neave W**
 Beatrix Potter: **Lauren C**
 Emily Gravett: **Inola J**
 Eric Carle: **Ella S**
 Abi Longstaff: **Lola M**
 Michael Rosen: **Travis L**
 Helen Cooper: **Ellie D**
 Jeremy Strong: **Evie M**
 Berlie Doherty: **Lois T**
 Adam Frost: **Coni P**
 Michael Bond: **Jake G**
 Katharine Woodfine: **Harvey C**
 Abi Elphinstone: **Kacey P**
 Andrew Donkin: **Bethany M**
 Sinead O'Hart: **Ella L**

YEAR 3 SCIENCE Do opposites attract?

Year 3's science topic this half term has been: 'Do opposites attract?'. The children have learnt about magnets and how they work. We have learnt new vocabulary such as attract and repel.

We then used our new knowledge using magnets to make an exciting board game in DT. We first played different games to see what they were made of and how they were made. Next we tested how the magnetic part of the game would work. Then we designed our game and finally made them. We decided to make a maze, football, fishing or racing game. We then played the games with each other. We were all pleased when the magnetic part of the game worked.

**Mrs Sanford and
Mr Day**



PUPIL VOICE



This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Year 6 children.

What has it been like to come back to school?

"Really fun because we have groups for maths and literacy."

"I find it more fun because during lockdown we couldn't go out much."

"It's been fun. We have done a lot of artwork and drawing."

Were you worried about anything?

"No."

"Not necessarily."

What do you enjoy most about learning?

"I enjoy literacy because most of the things I have done are about fantasy and I like fantasy a lot!"

"Science, because we get to go outside and do our work."

What makes learning interesting, enjoyable and worthwhile?

"The teachers, because they find lots of ways to make it fun."

"We're not bored because we are learning at the same time."

"We are having fun when learning."

Are you able to ask for help when you need it?

"Yes."

"Yep."

"Yes."

What were you looking forward to most when you came back to school?

"Seeing your friends."

"I was looking forward to seeing our new teacher."

"I was looking forward to seeing my friends."

"I was looking forward to trying to earn my prefect badge!"

YEAR 2 'A FANTASTIC TIME WITH OUR LEARNING'



Year 2 have been really busy doing lots of new learning.



In maths we have been learning the value of each digit in 2 digit numbers. We have been using Dienes to make 2 digit numbers, thinking very carefully about how many tens and ones we need. We have then used this knowledge to draw part-whole models. We even drew some on the playground!

In literacy we have been reading "I Want My Hat Back" by Jon Klassen. We have had lots of fun acting out parts of the story and using different voices. We wrote letters to Rabbit, suggesting he say sorry for stealing Bear's hat, and we are now writing our own stories of what happens next to Rabbit.

In Science we have been learning about things that are alive, dead and have never been alive. We have been for some nature walks around the school grounds and learnt how to identify some different plants including holly and oak trees. We were amazed how many different types of plants and animals we could find!

Miss Castledine and Miss Reed



NEW STAFF A MESSAGE FROM MR DAY

"I can't believe it is week four already! the time has flown by for me. For those of you that do not know me my name is Mr Day and I am a newly qualified teacher that joined the BHPS family this year. I went to school not far from here, at Langley Park School for Boys and then furthered my studies up in Cheltenham at the University of Gloucestershire. This is my first official teaching post, in quite a strange time, but nonetheless I am loving every minute of it. Everyone has made me feel so welcome and I am lucky to have Mr Devlin as my mentor for this first year. As you do not know me, I would like to play a little game, two truths and a lie: 1) I have spoken with Royalty 2) I once lived in Hong Kong 3) I can do a handstand, if you see me around school let me know what you think! I hope you all have a lovely week."

Mr Day, Year 3 Berlie Doherty Class Teacher

THE BIGGIN HILL WAY BHPS Values Ambassador Awards

On Monday, Mrs Freeman and Mr Ellis were delighted to award Ambassador badges to some of our children that have gone above and beyond to show the Biggin Hill Way! Our BHPS Values Ambassador Awards are awarded to children that have consistently upheld one of our school values and we now consider them to be an ambassador for that value.

Congratulations to those children that received an award

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM



Happy Friday everyone!

Bromley Local Authority are holding a Parent Voice event on Tuesday 29th September titled 'My child has Dyslexia- What support is available?'. This event is hosted by the Bromley Dyslexia Association via Zoom between 10 and 11am. To register your interest and to submit any questions please email info@bromleyparentvoice.org.uk Have a lovely weekend!

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NOTICE BOARD

RECEPTION PARENTS/CARERS

We hope you like our new *fairy garden* in our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Outdoor Learning Area.



We would really like to add some rockery plants to complete the look! If you would like to donate any plants, please speak to a member of reception staff.

Thank you,

Miss Powell, Mrs Clark and Mrs Gilham

The sort of plants we are looking to add are:



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR FAMILIES THAT HAVE PERMISSION TO ENTER THE CAR PARK

To ensure the safeguarding of our children, we must remind families that have permission to enter the car park of the following:

Mornings - access will only be allowed prior to 8.30am and exit from the car park will be after 8.55am.

Afternoons - access will only be allowed prior to 3.00pm and exit from the car park will be after 3.25pm.

All families using the car park must buzz at the intercom for entry.

Even if you have permission to enter the school grounds, you must observe the staggered entry times for your child's year group.

Please avoid driving into the school grounds unless completely necessary - thank you.

Reminders:

- Please make sure all children have a named water bottle and coat in school.
- Please ensure your child knows what they are having for lunch each day.
- Children need to bring their PE kit and forest school kit to school (and take home) on the days they have their session.
- Homework will be set through your child's Google Classroom.
- We will add two stories to our YouTube Channel for children to enjoy each week.
- Children have been provided with transparent pencil cases for personal equipment - this must remain in school.
- Can we ask that children do not play in the Outdoor Learning Area at the start and end of the school day.

Thank you to our families for your extra understanding during drop-off and collection times.

If you have any questions, concerns or are worried about anything, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Ellis, Mrs Freeman or Mrs Lawrence. If any families feel they need any support, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or Mrs Sargeant, our Family Support Worker and Inclusion Assistant.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Due to the current pandemic situation, I am afraid that children are currently unable to bring in sweets/treats to share out at the end of the day for their birthday.



Thank you for your cooperation.