



MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an enjoyable and busy week in school.

We are all very excited for Miss Burgham who started her maternity leave on Monday. Although we will miss her very much, we are all just waiting for some lovely news to share with you!

On Thursday, our Key Stage 2 children enjoyed an interactive local Historical Heroes Workshop and loved learning about the rich local history of Biggin Hill and Bromley. My thanks must go to Miss O'Mahony, Wider Curriculum Coordinator, for organising this for our school.

I must also thank our Year 6 House and Vice Captains for opening The Haven, our sensory garden, this week. It has been wonderful to see this project come to fruition - please keep an eye out for the next addition of *Spotlight On*, where you can find out all about the sensory garden project and our wonderful contributors. All I would like to say is a huge 'thank you' to everyone involved in bringing The Haven to life for our children.

Next week we will be sending our first addition of *Same but Different*, our new inclusion and wellbeing bulletin, which we hope you will find a very useful and informative read.

Next Friday (9th October), we will celebrate Mental Health Awareness Day and will be supporting the Young Minds #HelloYellow campaign. On Friday children can also wear something yellow with their school uniform in exchange for £1 which will be donated to Young Minds. During the week children will be taking part in some #HelloYellow activities, learning more about resilience and also have the opportunity to spend time in the Haven.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday - have a fabulous weekend.

Mr Ellis

STARS OF THE WEEK



Jill Barklem: **Joshua H**

Beatrix Potter: **Isabella C**

Emily Gravett: **Ronnie C**

Eric Carle: **Jenson D**

Abi Longstaff: **Milo S**

Michael Rosen: **Jessica G**

Helen Cooper: **Frankie L**

Jeremy Strong: **Mia K**

Berlie Doherty: **Chloe G**

Adam Frost: **Shilo K**

Michael Bond: **Jack W**

Katharine Woodfine: **Ava N**

Abi Elphinstone: **George H**

Andrew Donkin: **Jack K**

Sinead O'Hart: **Ben H**

PRIMARY GEOGRAPHY QUALITY MARK (PGQM)

Mrs Churchward, Geography Coordinator, and Mr Ellis celebrating our wonderful achievement in Geography





A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM

THE HAVEN SENSORY GARDEN

Old wellies are required to use as planters for our sensory garden. We will provide a 'drop box' by the entrance to The Haven, please just drop any old wellies in there.



Thank you

The Festival of the Girl 2020 virtual event is taking place online on **Sunday 11th October**.
<https://www.festivalofthegirl.com/>

The website has loads of information about exactly what kind of sessions will be running but they include: what it is like to be in the police, making a bridge from your living room, a day in the life of a vet, song writing, neuro-diversity, being a racing driver, baking, women in politics...and this really is the tip of the iceberg!

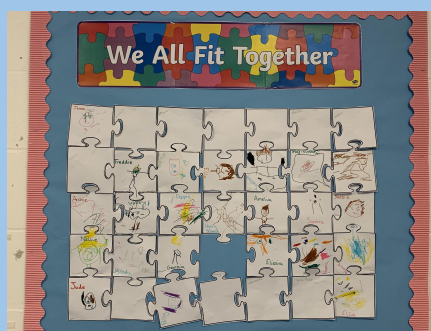
The Future is Hers! Sign up today!

THE OPENING OF THE HAVEN

Special thanks to our Year 6 House and Vice Captains for opening The Haven, our Sensory Garden.



FUN IN OUR NURSERY



This week we have been working with the children on how to reflect on ourselves:

What makes us special?

Similarities and differences.

Who is the tallest / shortest?

What colour hair do I have?

The children worked incredibly hard to create a puzzle piece to show even if we are different we can all fit together. Next week we will use what we have learnt to discuss our feelings to raise awareness for mental health week.

Miss Belaon

YEAR 6 Could Spiderman really exist?

Since our return to school, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard. As part of our science unit "Could Spiderman really exist?" we have been looking at classification. We went on a nature walk and collected different natural items and classified them into groups. Then, we looked at how we could classify the staff in the school into groups based on how they help us. Finally, we looked at the different groups of animals like mammals and birds and classified these based on the features they have.



In literacy, we are really enjoying our new book "The Arrival" by Shaun Tan. We have worked on our inference skills, developing our vocabulary, and writing in role as the characters from the book. We are looking forward to starting our Vikings unit next week.

Miss O'Mahony and Mr Devlin



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.

LOOK OUT FOR:

Children's stories on our YouTube Channel

This week: stories from Miss O'Mahony and Miss Elliott.

Next week: stories will be provided by Ms Reed and Miss Wigfield.

PUPIL VOICE



This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Year 4 children.

What has it been like to to come back to school?

"Exciting."

"Ecstatic."

"Exciting because we get to see all our friends and teachers."

Were you worried about anything?

"Felt a bit worried when I came to school."

"No."

"Not really."

"Not a bit."

Are you expected to do your best and produce good work?

"Yep."

"Yes."

"I am focusing on my handwriting more as I want to get a pen licence."

How do you know if you have done well?

"The teacher writes things in your bmail."

"The teacher comes up to you and tells you that you are doing good work."

"You could put your name up to gold."

"If you have done well you get team points."

Do you have the opportunity to improve your work after it is marked?

"You only do it when you have a bmail."

"I got a good comment on my work."

"Yes."

What attitudes do you think you need to have to help you learn effectively?

"A good attitude."

"You need to be positive."

"Listening."

"Try your hardest."

Do you feel safe or unsafe in school?

"Safe."

"Yes."

"I'm not worried at all."

Tell me something you have mastered recently?

"I have mastered my maths!"

"I have mastered my reading and also I think I have mastered my maths."

SRE TEACHING

This week, our children in years 1 - 6 took part in SRE teaching. Teaching materials were shared with parents and carers in these year groups, however if you do have any questions please talk to your child's class teacher.

NEW STAFF A MESSAGE FROM MRS MASON

A big hello to all the wonderful families at Biggin Hill Primary School! I'm very excited to join the team and enjoying working with the children in Year 6 and in Breakfast Club.

Before joining Biggin Hill Primary School, I worked as a Teaching Assistant where I taught across most year groups, providing support in class and leading group interventions. Before that, I ran my own business as a music and dance teacher, teaching the EYFS curriculum through music and dance.

I love finding new and exciting ways to help break down any barriers to learning, devising fun and innovative ways to teach new concepts and ideas.

In my spare time I enjoy going for long walks with my labrador "Sherbert" whilst training for Ultra Challenges such as the Crawley to Brighton 44 km walk and possibly the London to Brighton 100km walk next year (watch this space!)

I always tell my own children that the only person stopping them from reaching their dreams or challenging themselves is them; so, when presented with a Skydive for my big birthday I had to do it! (This also meant I couldn't back out when we went to GO Ape over the holidays!)

I'm looking forward to working with many children at Biggin Hill Primary School and helping them to reach for the stars!

Mrs Mason



Please can we ask all families that that drive to school to be mindful with driving slowly, parking carefully and safely. This is to ensure the safety of our children.



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HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND AND KEEP SAFE



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