



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our year 5 and 6 parents and carers who attended the SATS meeting earlier in the week. With national testing cancelled in primary schools' last year, this meeting was very important and your support is much appreciated.

I know the situation with fuel has been a challenge for some families and staff this week - thank you to everyone for persevering and making alternative arrangements to get here on time. We do fully understand the situation and can only hope it improves very quickly.

I am very pleased to advise that we have now finalised our on-line prospectus, which is available via our website at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/docs/BHPS-21-22-ONLINE%20PROSPECTUS.pdf>. Our aim is to make our prospectus as fluid as possible and reflective of our school and what it has to offer families. We will aim to 'review and improve' this document throughout the academic year so it keeps up with our school improvements and initiatives.

I am also delighted to inform you that I have recently gained approval from Governors and the Board of Trustees to invest in new furniture for the whole school. All classrooms will have new coloured chairs, new beech tables, a bookcase and book corner. Our 'new look' will be fresh and engaging for children and is much needed here at Biggin Hill Primary School. As you will appreciate this has not been an easy exercise and the logistics of getting the old out and the new in will be very challenging - we aim to manage this in stages and may need to enlist the help of parents and carers at some point - we will keep you posted!

We have recently also had new state of the art smart boards installed in every classroom which will help teaching staff to continue to deliver engaging and interactive lessons. The children (and staff) are really enjoying the new boards.

These significant investments are a very important step for our school and will improve the children's learning environment and overall school experience. I would like to thank the Governing Body and Board of Trustees for approving this expenditure for BHPS.

I am pleased to advise that Mr Sturley will be taking up the role of computing teacher (previously this was Mr Small). Mr Sturley has already met the children and previously spent a week with Mr Small shadowing lessons and getting to know the children. On behalf of all the staff here, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mr Sturley.

On Wednesday, Miss Turner held the first lunchtime choir group for our children in KS1 and year 3. I am really delighted that we are able to provide this opportunity to our younger children in the school - I know from the KS1 and year 3 teaching staff how much the children who attended enjoyed it.

Next Friday (8th October), we will celebrate Mental Health Awareness
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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Lola T**
Eileen Collins: **Oliver M**
Tim Peake: **Alma P**
Eugenie Clark: **Eva W**
Greta Thunberg: **Max H**
Josephine Baker: **Erin H**
Jesse Owens: **George M & Russell G**
Lek Chailert: **Grace O**
Marcus Rashford: **Jessica G**
Louis Braille: **Bailey S**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Scarlett K**
Ida B. Wells: **Maxwell H**
Mo Farah: **Tommy R**
Laura Dekker: **Harrison S**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Mason J-S**

'Congratulations'

Attendance 94.7%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH
2nd: HAWKING
3rd: HOLMES
4th: ROWLING

***'Congratulations to our
winners this week'***

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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Day and will be supporting the Young Minds #HelloYellow campaign. On Friday, we invite children to wear something yellow with their school uniform in exchange for £1 which will be donated to Young Minds. On Monday, Miss Wigfield, PSHE and RSE Lead, will also be holding a whole school assembly to raise awareness of positive mental health across the school. Next week, children will also enjoy taking part in some #HelloYellow activities to understand the importance of positive wellbeing, kindness and kind choices.

The Early Reading and Phonics Workshop has been moved from the planned day of Tuesday 5th October to Wednesday 3rd November at 9:00am. More details on how to book your place will be sent out next week.

All children are expected to have a coat in school, the weather has really turned this week and we have had some very chilly children! We always like to ensure that children are able to go outside at playtime and lunchtime even when it is cold or drizzling.

Finally, the Book Fair will be taking place in the KS2 hall after school on Friday 8th, Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October. We have provided some initial information on our article below and the attached flyer, however, next week please do look out for a letter from Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, about this.

My very best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Open Days

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.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

5th October:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm,
KS1 Hall

8th October:

Mental Health Awareness
Day - wear something
yellow with your school
uniform in exchange for £1

8th October:

Friends Meeting, 1.30pm at
school

8th, 11th and 12th

October:

Book Fair, 3.15pm, KS2
Hall

3rd November:

Halloween School Disco
(run by the Friends) after
school with tickets on sale
the week before half term

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

BOOK FAIR

We are excited to announce the return of the travelling Book Fair. It will take place in the Key Stage 2 hall after school from **Friday 8th October to Tuesday 12th October**. There are over 200 titles available to buy with books suitable for preschoolers up to Year 6. Please do support the Book Fair as the more books we sell, the more books we can buy for the school. The children will be able to look round the fair on Friday 8th October during the school day. We will be selling the books after school and you are able to pay in a number of different ways:

- Cash
- Prepaid voucher. Please note that change can not be given for a prepaid voucher. There are also lots of small items available to purchase to make up the amount.
- Online on the day of the fair using a QR code
- If you can't attend the fair then you can order online and have the books delivered to school.

Please see the electronic invitation attached to the newsletter for more information. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead



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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OUTREACH AT BIGGIN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL!



Hi everyone! Thank you to everyone who has responded to the survey for our Outreach Programme which is starting on Wednesday 6th October. The first session is focusing on how to promote independence and resilience amongst our children as individuals at home and as learners. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, talk through strategies, drink a cup of tea/coffee and eat some cake!

If you would like to attend, please complete the survey at <https://forms.gle/49zqo9NmXz1wpTNG7> or if you would like more information then please contact either myself, Mrs Sargeant or Miss Knott.

Have a lovely weekend and we hope to see you next Wednesday!



Mrs Lawrence
Deputy Headteacher, Inclusion Lead
and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
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Mrs Sargeant
Family Liaison and
Mental Health Lead
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Miss Knott
SENCo Assistant
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BHPS Netball Club

Strong passing, defending, shooting and learning positions!



I would like to thank Mrs Horgan and Mr Day for their hard work with the netball team. Also, thank you to both for coming into school on a Sunday to supervise the new court markings on the playground.

Mrs Freeman

We have had a fantastic first month at the newly started BHPS Netball Club. We have begun by working on the basics such as strong passing, defending, shooting and learning positions plus, most importantly, building up the children's confidence and encouraging the forming of new relationships. We have been impressed by the hard work, spirit and talent of all the children in learning something new and we cannot wait to see what the coming weeks bring!

Mrs Horgan and Mr Day

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/ca/mpaign/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.





YEAR 4

Reading and drawing maps

Year 4 have been very busy learning how to read and draw maps. We looked at some huge maps and found out what the symbols mean. Then we learnt to fold the maps up. After that we added our own key to a map of the school. It made it much easier to understand, and it was lovely working outside in the sunshine.

Mrs Buchanan and Mr Day



VACANCY

abm Catering Solutions

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Our kitchen is looking for a Kitchen Assistant, 12-2pm, 10 hours per week, term time only. To enquire, please contact Jacky Brooker at abm Catering via email at jbrooker@abmcatering.co.uk

VACANCY

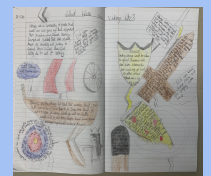
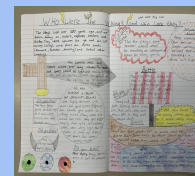
Bromley Schools' Collegiate

Bromley Schools' Collegiate are advertising for an Admin Assistant to join the team. Term time only, 8.30-12.30, Monday to Friday. Closing date Monday 11th October. For more information, please view: <https://bscteach.co.uk/administrator-vacancy-at-bsc/>

YEAR 6

Amazing writing and topic work

Children in Year 6 have had a very busy start to the term, fitting in lots of amazing learning. Invasion as very much the theme in our Literacy and Topic work. Children have enjoyed our class texts: The Rabbits (by John Marsden and Shaun Tan); and The Arrival (also by Shaun Tan). This has linked very well with our history topic all about the Vikings. Children made excellent double-pages to show off their learning in History and have produced some brilliant non-fiction and story writing in Literacy.



Mr Devlin and Miss Elliott

PUPIL VOICE

Year 3

What are you enjoying most about school?

"I enjoy learning about subjects and I love going to different levels in maths."
 "I like that we can go on the bigger playground."
 "I like literacy because we get to learn about new stories."
 "I am enjoying maths."
 "I really like writing."

What are you looking forward to most?

"Golden Hour!"
 "I love literacy."
 "Learning about how magnets work."

Do you feel safe at school?

"Yes."
 "Yes."
 "Yes."

RECEPTION

Learning sounds



We have been learning our sounds in reception this week and we have learnt the n sound. N is for nest. We melted chocolate and stirred in weetabix to make yummy nests.

Miss Powell and Mrs Churchward

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-staff>

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