



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

#HelloYellow

Today has been #HelloYellow day at BHPS - the yellow additions to school uniform were lovely to see. Being able to support the vital work of YoungMinds today helps us all to further understand the importance of this amazing charity in today's society. We would also like to thank Ms Keane, a very experienced mental health practitioner, for coming into school today to run some workshops for our children. A very special 'thank you' to Miss Wigfield, PSHE Lead, for organising #HelloYellow day for the children.

To find out more about YoungMinds, visit their website at:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>.

Year 6 Netball

A very special 'well done' to our Year 6 Netball team players for their amazing team spirit during the netball tournament at Farringtons School last Friday. Mrs Horgan informed us that the team played brilliantly and showed fantastic sportsmanship.

Year 5 Netball

Next week, it is the turn of our Year 5 Netball team players as they have a match against CMO on 12th October. We would like to wish them good luck. Well done to them all (and to Mrs Horgan) for getting into school at 7.30am last Wednesday for an extra training session to ensure they are all match ready!

Our school dog, Olive



Last Friday we were excited to introduce and share our plans with you for Olive, our school dog. Today it was a pleasure to bring her into school for a very brief and distant introduction to the children and school. It has been lovely to receive your emails with respect to this initiative for the school and your support is very much appreciated. To give you an update, Olive is settling very well in the Freeman household and the small steps we are taking to socialise her are being received well by Olive! I would just like to reiterate and provide some assurance to you that Olive, as the school dog, will be the only dog (outside of guide dogs) that are permitted to be on the school site. Parents have been asked to inform us if they wish for their child not to have contact with Olive and this situation will be managed very carefully by us. If you have concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office.

If you are bringing your dog on the school run, you must not bring it on site and make arrangements for your dog to be looked after away from the school site entrance. We do have some children that are frightened of dogs and their safe access into and out of school is very important to us.

Attendance - Reporting Absence

Yesterday, Mr Devlin wrote to parents and carers of Reception to Year 6 announcing that Biggin Hill Primary is introducing a new, more efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs. If you haven't already, please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Rae L**
Pyramid: **Sienna-Mae G & Ava C**
Taj Mahal: **Lucy C**
Giants Causeway: **Freddie W**
Colosseum: **Harry M**
Royal Mile: **Summer P**
Loch Ness: **Georgia B**
Sydney Opera House: **Erin F**
London Bridge: **Ronnie-Scott M**
Parthenon: **Betsy D**
Mount Everest: **Mason M**
Globe Theatre: **Edward S**
Mount Fuji: **Mia-Lily K**
Orinoco: **Chloe Q**
Wembley: **Jack W**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.3%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

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Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Parthenon: 97.6%

Mount Fuji: 96.9%

Orinoco: 96.8%

Colosseum: 96.6%

Sydney Opera House: 96.4%

Royal Mile: 96%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **ATTENBOROUGH**

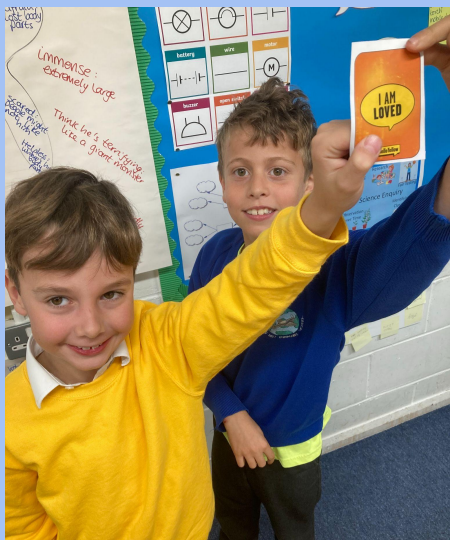
2nd: **HOLMES**

3rd: **ROWLING**

4rd: **HAWKING**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

#HelloYellow at BHPS



**Miss Wigfield,
PSHE Lead**

The children have all looked fabulous today in their yellow and it has been wonderful to see and hear them having thoughtful conversations around mental health and how we can support our mental wellbeing independently. In assembly on Monday, we looked at self-soothe boxes and how we can use these to help us calm down when we're feeling sad, anxious or angry. I challenged the children to have a go at making their own self-soothe boxes at home using the following instructions:

1. You need to find a box! I found that a shoe box worked perfectly for this.
2. Decorate your box - they could print off pictures of things that they like or could use wrapping paper to make their box beautiful. The box needs to be labelled - e.g. Miss Wigfield's self-soothe box - not everyone's boxes will have the same things so they need their own name on it
3. Fill your box with things that make you feel calm. My box had a reading book, some fidget toys, headphones to listen to music, a packet of tissues (in case I need a good cry) and pictures of my pets. Your box will be personal to you so you need to think about what helps you feel calm. Remember these need to be calming so not video games that might not be quite so relaxing.
4. Keep your box somewhere safe where you can access it if you start to feel sad, angry or anxious.

For more information about self-soothe boxes, YoungMinds have produced resources which can be found [here](#).



TAJ MAHAL CLASS

Our first lesson on Autumn!



Our first lesson on Autumn. Every day in Reception we talk about the day of the week, date, weather and season. We have been very busy exploring our outdoor space for signs of autumn. We went on a hunt and found yellow, red and brown leaves. We looked for conkers, acorns and pine cones. We also talked about how the weather changes and why animals get ready to hibernate. We enjoyed using our fingers to paint some autumn trees.

Miss Turner and Mr Devlin

STUDYBUGS

Free Studybugs app

If you haven't already, please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and is unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now at:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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OPEN DAYS

Monday 7th November 2022 at 1.30pm

and

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 9.30am

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?

We look forward to welcoming prospective parents and carers of children due to start school in September 2023.

Mrs Freeman, Headteacher, will deliver a short presentation and our year 6 children will be conducting guided 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.

Children are very welcome to attend our open days.

Come and meet our amazing children and see our school in action. No need to book, just come along - we are looking forward to meeting you!

For more information, please contact the school

at: admin@bigginhillps.com

or

01959 575846

'We take pride in everything we do'



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child is ill and is unable to attend school. Of course, we are still happy for you to report attendance in the usual way. Please see the attached flyer for more information. Get the app or register now at:
<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>.

Parent Consultations

On Tuesday, we were delighted to write to parents and carers (R-Y6) regarding Parent Consultations. These meetings will be face to face - please book your slot in the usual way via Arbour. Consultation meetings will take place on Thursday 13th October from 3.30-6.50pm and also from 8.30-10.50am on Friday 14th October, please note that Friday 14th is also an INSET day. Children are welcome to attend meetings but if you would prefer for your child not to be present, this is also fine.

The booking system for parent consultation slots opened at 8am on Wednesday 5th October and will close on Wednesday 12th October at 12.00pm. We ask that when you book your appointment you leave 30 minutes between appointments for siblings. Appointments will be at 10 minute intervals this year but please do build in some time to look at your child's books before or after your appointment as these will be available for you to look at. So that we can work effectively in partnership with you, it is an expectation that an appointment is made to see your child's class teacher this term.

BHPS Community Coffee Morning

On Wednesday, we wrote to you all regarding our BHPS Community Coffee Morning. This coffee morning will be slightly different as we will be having various stands available for you to visit. Do come along and find out more about both Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and also the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals (FSM). Also find out more about Inclusion and Wellbeing at BHPS and how we support your child and our families. You will also be able to browse and purchase pre-loved school uniform and purchase some books at our book sale.

We very much look forward to welcoming you next week to the BHPS Coffee Morning and Parent Consultations.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Our best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Lawrence

SENCo, Deputy Headteacher
and Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

11th October:

- Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm.

12th October:

- 6.30pm Netball match against CMO
(more information will follow from Mrs Horgan).

13th October:

- BHPS Community Coffee Morning
8.45-9.45am.
- Parent Conferences, 3.30pm - 7pm.
- Wear Red to 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

14th October:

- Parent Conferences, 9am - 12pm.
- INSET DAY.

17th October - 28th October:

- Half Term.

2nd November:

- Halloween Disco - more information to follow from the Friends of BHPS.

4th November:

- Year 6 Assembly - Wembley Class.

7th November:

- Open Day - Reception Intake 2023,
1.30-3pm.

8th November:

- Open Day - Reception Intake 2023,
9.30-11am.

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

Arabic

Hello: أهلا

'ahlan

Good Morning: صباح الخير

sabah alkhayr

Good Afternoon: طاب مساءك

tab masayik

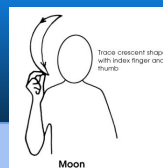
Can you speak another language and help us to make languages more real for the children?

Parents/carers, if you can speak another language (you do not need to be fluent) and would be willing to come into school to have your voice recorded, we would love to hear from you. We want to record voices saying 'hello and good morning' or perhaps a couple of sentences in different languages for our children to listen to.

AMAZING YEAR 6

Netball Team

Well done to our Year 6 Netball team players for their amazing team spirit during the netball tournament at Farringtons School last Friday.



MAKATON

Sign of the Week

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant