



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with a special whole school assembly led by Miss Wigfield, PSHE and RSE Lead, on mental health. After such a challenging 18 months for children, supporting the #HelloYellow campaign from YoungMinds was very important this year. Seeing the yellow additions to our school uniform was truly lovely this morning. I would like to thank Miss Wigfield, PSHE and RSE Lead and Mrs Sargeant, Family Liaison and Mental Health Lead, for organising the activities across the school this week.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our first Outreach Programme session which was on 'Promoting Independence and Resilience'. This is the first of six outreach sessions we are running here at the school during this academic year. If you would like more information on our outreach programme or would like to book a place on one or all of the sessions, please contact Miss Knott, Inclusion Assistant at r.knott@bigginhillps.com

I would also like to apologise to you all for the disruption at school collection time on Wednesday - this was due to an unplanned fire alarm that went off towards the end of the school day. As you would have seen, the London Fire Brigade attended and we were given clearance to re-enter the school building just after 3.15pm. This caused children to be dismissed late and we apologise for this. In this situation, safeguarding our children and staff is always our top priority. Well done to all of the children who were impeccably behaved throughout and are a true credit to the school.

Our Parent Consultation booking system opened up on Wednesday 6th October and will close on Wednesday 13th October at 12pm. Please do ensure that you have booked your child's consultation with your child's class teacher (R-Y6 only). These consultations are very important for both children and parents and carers. It is our expectation that all parents and carers attend consultations - please remember it is our preference that these are completed face to face this year, however, if you do need to attend these remotely, this can be arranged.

Today, Connie S, a former pupil at the school, is coming back to BHPS school to sell cakes for YoungMinds. Cakes will be available to purchase at the end of the school day. We followed Connie's huge fundraising efforts and her very inspiring story at the end of the last academic year when she climbed Mount Snowdon to raise money for YoungMinds. If you would like to find out more about Connie's story, please take a look at

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Lewis C**
Eileen Collins: **Primrose R**
Tim Peake: **Michael P**
Eugenie Clark: **Leo S-C**
Greta Thunberg: **Zaine T**
Josephine Baker: **Ella-Rose S**
Jesse Owens: **Cody J**
Lek Chailert: **Frankie W**
Marcus Rashford: **Billy F**
Louis Braille: **Lily C**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Max B**
Ida B. Wells: **Joshua M**
Mo Farah: **Zack A**
Laura Dekker: **Charlotte B**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Mia M-B**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.5%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Louis Braille: 99%
Ludwig van Beethoven: 97.8%
Ida B. Wells: 97.1%

*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

HOUSE POINTS

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

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

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her Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/connie-smith3?experiments=b2c_059_donate_to_yourself_v3&isMobile=true&successType=StaticDonateButtonClicked

I am sorry to inform you that the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School Fireworks display unfortunately is not going ahead this year.

Today our Book Fair will be taking place after school at 3.15pm in the KS2 Hall. The range of books available for children is always brilliant - there really is something for everyone. Please do try to support the school with your book purchases, as the more we sell the more books we can earn for our school. The Book Fair is also on next week - Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October at 3.15pm.

Finally, please remember that it is INSET Day next Friday (15th October). Although Parent Consultations will be taking place until 10.50am, children are not allowed to be in school unless they are attending with their parents and carers for consultations.

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.

Our School Prospectus can be viewed via our website at:

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/docs/BHPS-21-22-ONLINE%20PROSPECTUS.pdf>.

Don't forget the BOOK FAIR

The travelling Book Fair will take place in the Key Stage 2 hall after school **today, Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th October**. Please do support the Book Fair as the more books we sell, the more books we can buy for the school. 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 previously sent for more information. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

8th October:

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

Cake sale after school to also raise money for YoungMinds.

8th October:

Friends Meeting, 1.30pm at school

8th October:

Book Fair, 3.15pm, KS2 Hall

11th October:

Year 6 Swimming Lessons

11th October:

Book Fair, 3.15pm, KS2 Hall

12th October:

French Day at BHPS!

12th October:

Book Fair, 3.15pm, KS2 Hall

12th October:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

14th October:

Parent Consultations (3.30-6.50).

Please note, you must pre-book your slot.

15th October:

INSET DAY - school closed to children.

Parent Consultations (8.30-10.50).

Please note, you must pre-book your slot.

18th-29th October:

Half term

1st November:

Year 6 Swimming Lessons

2nd November:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

3rd November:

Year 6 Science Museum trip

3rd November:

Early Reading and Phonics Workshop, 9am.

3rd November:

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

8th November:

Open Day, 1.30pm for prospective parents/carers of children starting in September 2022

9th November:

Open Day, 11am for prospective parents/carers of children starting in September 2022



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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www.bigginhillprimary.com



OUTREACH AT BIGGIN HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL!



Hi everyone! I just wanted to say thank you to those that attended both in person and online our first Outreach session this week. The focus was on promoting independence and we hope that the parents and carers who took part found the session informative and useful in considering new techniques and resources to support their children.

There has been a parent mail and google online questionnaire for parents to complete explaining the Outreach Programme we have put in place and the opportunity for you to show an interest in attending the sessions. If anyone feels they would still like to consider signing up for one of our sessions later in the year but have not yet done so, please get in contact with one of us.

As a team, we are dedicated to do all we can to support you and your children and hope that this new initiative will be a successful addition to the services we provide. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Sargeant



Mrs Lawrence

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Mrs Sargeant

Family Liaison and
Mental Health Lead
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Miss Knott

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BHPS Pre-School

All about Me!

Pre-School are learning all about ourselves, families and friends in our topic 'All about Me'. Thank you to all of our families that have sent us pictures. It's a great way of talking about the people that are important to us and why.

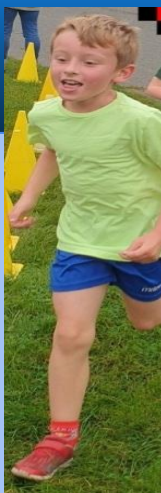
The children have also participated in various activities centered around the topic and it has been amazing getting to know all our preschoolers and their families. If you have any photos or special items your children would like to share it would be lovely to see.

Ms Belaon, Pre-School Manager



ROLL OF HONOUR

Amazing running Jack!



Jack H has started running in the Vitality Junior Park run on a Sunday morning. In his first week he ran 2k in 12:48 and last weekend he beat his time with a run of 11:37 and came 20th out of 85 in his age group. Jack is very determined to beat this further in the coming weeks and we are very proud of his perseverance.

We are all very proud of you Jack!

Important Safety Messages

e-Scooters

We have received a very concerning email regarding an e-scooter that was seen riding down the road on Old Tye Avenue with both a parent and child on board.

Please can I remind parents and carers that the use of e-scooters is currently illegal on any highway, pavement or public ground unless part of a trial scheme in some London Boroughs. They can only be legally used on private property otherwise. The safety of our children and staff is our first priority at BHPS.

Children's scooters on school grounds

Can I remind parents and carers that children **MUST** dismount scooters before they enter the first school gate.

Dogs on site

Please can we ask that dogs are not brought onto our school site.

If a dog is aggressive/displaying guarding behaviour eg barking/growling this can be very frightening for children and would ask that dogs like this are not brought on the school run.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Freeman

Year 5

Solving a crime!



Year 5 have been busy solving a crime as part of our science topic. We were comparing fingerprints left behind at the crime scene, using filter paper for chromatography, studying a powder left at the scene using a microscope and studying a phenomenon called change blindness. Did you know that everyone has different fingerprints, even identical twins? This helps detectives solve crimes!



Miss Farrell and Miss Wigfield

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/>

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

#HelloYellow

Thank you for supporting this today.



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

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