



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly thank you to everyone who attended the Halloween Disco last Friday - a great time was had by all - especially by Miss O'Mahony and Mr Devlin ;) Thank you to The Friends for organising such a great event for the children.

This week we have been focussing on remembrance. We had a special assembly led by Miss Elliott on Monday and Year 6 have been selling poppies and other remembrance items. Thank you for all of your donations. Myself and the Year 6 prefects will be representing the school at the remembrance memorial service on Sunday. If you would like to attend - please do. The march will take place at 10.30am from St Mark's Church and the service will commence at the war memorial at 10.50am.

Please check your inbox for the Christmas Arrangements letter which was sent earlier today. We have tried to get dates and times of Christmas performances out to you a bit earlier this year in the hope that it will help people to balance shows and other commitments - we know what a busy time of year it can be! Letters about costumes and tickets will follow from class teachers - please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you have any questions about this.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Indie G**
Thorpe: **Eddison M**
Coyle: **Sophia C**
Van Gogh: **Lewis C**
Emberley: **Joe C**
Chung: **Trixie J**
Shuster: **Cooper L-T**
Blake: **Annie L & George H**
Goldsworthy: **Freddie Y**
Eldridge: **Jenson D**
O'Keeffe: **Pixie-Lace B**
Leibovitz: **Joshua C**
Fishel: **Issy J**
Warhol: **Archie W**
Aspire: **Ronnie-Scott M**
Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 95.3%*

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Chung - 98.7%
Blake - 98.4%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Banksy - 95%
Eldridge - 96.6%
Leibovitz - 96.9%

Well Done!

Open Days

We were delighted to welcome nearly 50 brand new families to the BHPS Open Days on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Our visitors were really impressed with our school and particularly with our Year 6 tour guides. So many comments were made about how knowledgeable and enthusiastic the Year 6 pupils were about the school and their learning - we are so proud of them all.

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ADHD....what is it and how does it present in girls?

We are very lucky to have secured Una Archer, GMBPsS, to join us in school on January 11th at 9am. Una will be talking to us about how to recognise early signs of ADHD in girls, how this presents both at school and a home as well as strategies which could be used to support

HOUSE POINTS

1st Holmes
2nd Attenborough
3rd Hawking
4th Rowling

Open Days cont...

Thank you also to our prefects and house captains who had the additional job of welcoming our visitors. Finally - a special mention to: Freya, Ava M, Alarna, Daisy, Edward, Dexter, Abigail, Evie, Finn, Zach, Amos and Willa who stood up and spoke so positively and confidently about their school. Well done and THANK YOU SO MUCH!

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

15th November - 6F assembly (9-9.30am KS2 hall)
17th November - Children in Need
22nd November - 5O assembly (9-9.30 KS2 hall)
27th November - Ambassador Assembly - invitation only (9-9.30am YR-3 KS1 hall, Y4-6 KS2 Hall)
29th November - 6W assembly (9-9.30am KS2 hall)
1st December - Man in Red
1st December - Non Uniform Day
4th December - Secret Presents Room
6th December - Christmas Lunch
8th December - Christmas Jumper Day
8th December - Christmas Fair

11th - 14th December - please see separate letter for all year group performance information

15th December - Christmas parties

15th December - last day of term

3rd January 2024 - First day of Spring Term

Thank you for your generosity!

This week (and last) we have been absolutely blown away by your generosity! We know that we have asked a lot of you and we are so appreciative of the support that you have shown.

The FoodBank were absolutely delighted to come and pick up a car full of tinned food and sweets on Tuesday. Thank you so much for all of your donations - more and more people are now having to use foodbanks and support from the local community is critical in meeting this increased need.

We also asked you for donations of toiletries suitable for teenagers. Bromley Brighter Beginnings have really struggled to collect enough for teenage boys for their Christmas Hampers this year. We will be delivering your donations next week ready for their hamper packing day which is on 25th November. Thank you so much!

Finally - thank you so much for your cake donations - we will let you know how much we raised in next week's newsletter.

Please see below information from Bromley about the Loneliness Christmas Card Project - if children would like to do this at home, we will make sure that the cards are given to Bromley in time to distribute for Christmas - see Mrs Sargeant if you would like more details.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT 2023

Loneliness can affect people of all ages; however, this feeling can be more prevalent at Christmas time. Can your school help bring some joy to people who may be on their own this Christmas?

Join our Christmas Cards project, which saw **HUGE** success in 2022, where 900 cards were made by children across Bromley Schools, Children and Family centres and after school clubs.

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



'Red'

**Miss Knott,
SENCo Assistant**

LANGUAGE

Of the Month
SPANISH

Hello: Hola

Goodbye: Adiós

Thank you: gracias

Weekly Lunch Menus

On our website at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/> at the bottom of the page. We will continue sending out weekly menus each Friday afternoon as we feel this is working well for families and keeps this fresh in your inbox!