



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a fabulous half term - a half term that has felt "normal" for both our children and staff. We have thoroughly enjoyed teaching and supporting the children and our special curriculum days, assemblies, book fair and cake sale have all contributed to making this first half term, a really fun one!

Teaching staff are very much looking forward to parent consultations later today and tomorrow - it's great to be in a position where we can hold these important meetings face to face once again! Although these were managed via Google Meet last time, I think you will agree that the opportunity to look at your child's books and for us to meet with you in person is so valuable for both the children and you as parents and carers.

In advance, I must ask you to excuse "our appearance" when you visit your child's classroom. The first of our brand new furniture has arrived and so staff have been busy emptying and disposing of all the old cupboards. Mr Walpole has done a sterling job so far, but we are still in a little bit of disarray - forgive us!

On Tuesday, the children enjoyed French Day and all had the opportunity to try and speak French in our very own BHPS French market. The activities across both KS1 and KS2 were engaging and allowed the children to have a little fun whilst learning. My thanks to Miss Burgham and Mrs Windover, Modern Foreign Languages Leads, for organising this event throughout the school and to Mrs Blackburn for facilitating this experience for the children.

I would also like to apologise about the situation with the water coolers but until they have been serviced they are unfortunately out of use. We have managed to get around this with your support - thank you for making sure that your children have had filled water bottles with them this week.

We have all recently enjoyed the Travelling Book Fair at our school. I know this was very busy on Friday, Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who supported this event by purchasing books and other small items. The more books we sell, the more books we gain for our school!

Last Friday, we also enjoyed a cake sale organised by Connie S, a former pupil, in aid of YongMinds. A huge "well done" to Connie and an enormous "thank you" to everyone who donated cakes.

As we approach the end of a very busy term, I'd like to reflect on what we feel has been a very solid term for the children here. We have

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Millie M**
Eileen Collins: **Harrison T**
Tim Peake: **Brody C**
Eugenie Clark: **Summer P**
Greta Thunberg: **Melissa Q**
Josephine Baker: **Ella Rose S**
Josephine Baker: **James C (last week)**
Jesse Owens: **James J-R**
Lek Chailert: **Leo T-K**
Marcus Rashford: **Jesse R**
Louis Braille: **Tyler J**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Taylor B**
Ida B. Wells: **Kye L**
Mo Farah: **Jake G**
Laura Dekker: **Phoebe G-H**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **TJ**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.4%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Louis Braille: 99%
Laura Dekker: 98.9%
Mo Farah: 98.1%
Ida B. Wells: 96.8%
Leonardo Da Vinci: 96.6%
Josephine Baker: 96.5%
Lek Chailert: 96.4%

*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

HOUSE POINTS

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

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

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maintained our systems of control whilst trying to return to normality for the children. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you all - we really couldn't do what we do here without your continued support. The children have been outstanding this term - they are engaged, eager to learn and enjoying what school has to offer. Most importantly, they are very happy to be with their peers! They are enjoying working in groups once again and having the ability to mix across the school has been lovely for everyone - adults and children alike!

On behalf of all the children, I would like to say a very special "thank you" to all the staff here - it has been an exceptionally busy half term but their endless energy and support for the children is very much appreciated by myself and the senior leadership team.

Please do remember that tomorrow is an INSET Day. Children are only allowed in school if they are attending parent consultations with their parents and carers.

The last word from me today really is for the children of BHPS - they are all deserving of a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing them after the holiday for another great half term characterised by hard work, lots of effort and fun!

On behalf of all the staff here at BHPS, I wish you and your families a lovely break.

See you all on Monday 1st November.

My very best wishes,

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>.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

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)

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

9th November:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

10th November:

Y6 Screening - Height & Weight checks

11th November:

Reception Screening - Vision, Height & Weight checks

11th November:

Remembrance

14th November:

Remembrance Service - War Memorial (Mrs Freeman and Y6 Prefects only)

15th-19th November:

Anti-bullying Week at BHPS

15th November:

Year 6 Swimming lessons

18th November:

Full Governing Body Meeting

DISCOVERY HOMEWORK YEAR 6

Vikings Homework



We have had the most amazing 'Discovery' homework from our year 6 children.

Rosie K-J even made a Longboat cake and Emilia B made a Viking!

Did you know that Viking Longboats have a scary head to warn off the enemy and evil spirits!





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!

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Promoting Independence and Building Resilience' outreach session last week. It was lovely to be able to spend time with you and discuss different ways of supporting your children both in school and at home. Remember to book onto our next session which is focusing on emotional regulation <https://forms.gle/djMu4AHquXUgqtsFA>

I would like to thank you for your patience whilst we have worked through the teething problems with Edukey. I am finally in a position to say that all interventions/provisions, learning plans and pupil passports have been uploaded! Remember, if you cannot see anything on your child's account, it is because it is not required at the moment.

I wish you all a fantastic half term break. **Mrs Lawrence,**



Mrs Lawrence
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and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
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Family Liaison and
Mental Health Lead
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Miss Knott
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Year 3

Investigating Forces



Year 3 have been investigating forces over the last few weeks.

We started by bringing in wheeled vehicles like cars and trains. We played with these on different surfaces and observed that they moved differently on different surfaces. We learnt that this was due to a force called friction. We carried out an investigation to measure how far a toy car travelled on the table, the carpet, the pavement and the grass. We learnt that to keep our investigation fair, we should only change one thing. We measured carefully, recorded our results and drew some conclusions. We then learnt how to show our data in a bar chart. **Ms Reed and Miss Castledine**

Request *Pre-School*

We are taking donations

If you have any Superhero figures, Barbie dolls or any other toys in good condition, we would love to take these off your hands for our pre-school.

Please just pop them into our main reception.

Thank You

French Day

Une visite au marché

Bonjour

On Tuesday BHPS had the most fabulous French Day!

The children had a brilliant day learning French songs, making French posters on "Why learn a language?" and they all visited the French market in our KS1 hall.

The children enjoyed taking turns being market stall holders and customers, ordering and tasting some delicious French treats! The younger children were helped by our fabulous year 6 children and everyone enjoyed learning and speaking a little French on the day!

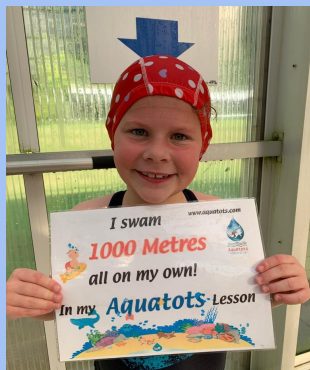
The French market was kindly facilitated by Mrs Blackburn who spoke to all the children in French. A huge thanks to Mrs Blackburn for making the day extra special for the children!



Miss Burgham and Mrs Windover,
Modern Foreign Languages Leads

ROLL OF HONOUR

Wow!



Keira R, year 3, swam a distance of 1000metres on Saturday, beating her previous distance reached by 450metres!

Well done from everyone at BHPS!

Christmas Cards

Important Date

Keep an eye out for Christmas card artwork and order forms this week. All orders must be placed online and artwork must be returned to school by Wednesday 3rd November.

Please see parent mail sent on 13th October 2021.

**Thank You
BHPS**

Junior Travel Ambassadors

***Meet our new BHPS
Junior Travel
Ambassadors
Natalie F
&
Alexander M***



Congratulations

***Thank you for all
your kind donations
for #HelloYellow.
We raised a brilliant
£307.30***

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We need you!

The School Council is back and we are looking for children from Years 2 to 6 who are good at problem solving, have leadership qualities and want to make a positive impact on their school community. If children are interested, they will need to prepare a short speech (no longer than a minute) to present to their class after half term. The speech needs to explain why they would be a good representative and any ideas they have to improve our school community. There will then be a secret vote and 2 children from each class will be chosen. This year we are also looking for children to be part of our Marketing and Communications team for the school council. This is only open to Year 6 and we are looking for children who are organised and good at communicating digitally. Selection for this role is via an application form and interview. We look forward to seeing the School Council in action.
Mrs Lucas, School Council Lead

BECOME A LOCAL HERO

★ WIN ★

SPORTS EQUIPMENT

**FOR AN ENTIRE PRIMARY SCHOOL
OF YOUR CHOICE!**

*Terms: The winner will be randomly selected on 4th December 2021



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO

- 1 Like & Follow Family First's page
- 2 Type the name of the school you would like to win in the comments section below
- 3 Share the competition page.

TIP: Tag your friends, family & local community and ask them to do the same.

FACEBOOK: familyfirststuk

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**SPORTS
DIRECT**

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