



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE



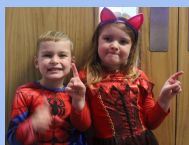
Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to a half term which we hope will be filled with creative learning and festive fun! We have been very busy hatching our plans for the next 6 weeks and we are aiming to ensure that our children experience the usual Christmas term that we very much enjoy here at BHPS!

It was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers to 6W's class assembly this morning - thank you so much for coming and supporting the children. It was amazing finding out all about their learning and their enthusiasm really did shine through - well done to them all! A very special 'thank you' to Miss Wigfield for preparing the children so well and her work towards the assembly.



We have had a very busy first week back and the children had a brilliant start to the term with the most fabulous assembly from Rocksteady on Tuesday. I think it is fair to say that by 9.30am on Tuesday morning, BHPS had raised the roof!



On Wednesday, children from R-Y6 enjoyed fantastic spooktacular Halloween discos. The Friends of BHPS put so much effort and work into providing a brilliant evening for the children to enjoy. On behalf of the children, we would like to pass on our thanks to the Friends of BHPS for organising these events for the school and also thanks must go to our parent helpers on the night. A very special 'thank you' to Mrs Smith for organising the disco events and Mr Appleby for his amazing disco set up and DJ skills!



We hope that many of our families enjoyed the Halloween trail, also organised by the Friends of BHPS. They really have done a magnificent job of bringing our children some Halloween fun!



Also, on 31st October, Mrs Spear decorated the lunch hall in a 'Halloween' theme, so the children could all join in a little Halloween fun at lunch time. A special 'thank you' to Mrs Spear for making this just that little bit more special for our children.

We would also like to thank Mrs Corr and the Friends of BHPS for organising the Christmas cards for us this year - this is such a lovely initiative for the children and also a brilliant fundraiser for the school!

This week we held a special assembly around firework safety. As much as we want our children to enjoy fireworks and bonfire night, it is really important that children understand the dangers associated with fireworks.

Yesterday in school we started selling poppies and merchandise for the

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Sadie A**
Pyramid: **Joshua B**
Taj Mahal: **Buddy W**
Giants Causeway: **Evie C**
Colosseum: **Oliver M**
Royal Mile: **Eva W**
Loch Ness: **Emrys S**
Sydney Opera House: **Shahadah B**
London Bridge: **Lola M**
Parthenon: **Pixie B**
Mount Everest: **Frankie L**
Globe Theatre: **Callum G**
Mount Fuji: **Archie W**
Orinoco: **Charlie B**
Wembley: **Jack R**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Royal Mile: 97.9%
London Bridge: 97.2%
Globe Theatre: 97%
Mount Everest: 96.7%
Wembley: 96.1%
Loch Ness: 96%

HOUSE POINTS

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

'Congratulations to our winners this week'



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL
*Part of the Charles Darwin
Academy Trust*

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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Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and have a supply of zip pulls, reflectors, silicon wristbands, snap bands and rubbers for sale. If children would like to purchase any items, they can bring in some money (in a named envelope) so they can support the Poppy Appeal. We will be selling items up to and including 11th November.

Thank you for supporting us with our 'Shower Gel for Stickers' campaign this week. Bromley Brighter Beginnings is a fabulous local charity that supports families in need, and we are delighted to be able to support them as a school community. For more information about their fantastic work, please visit their website at:

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

Next week we will be writing to families about the Christmas fair - so please look out for a letter. More information about our in-school activities for the Christmas period will follow in the coming weeks.

We are very much looking forward to hosting our open days next week on Monday 7th November at 1.30pm and Tuesday 8th November at 9.30am. If you know of any families with children due to start school in September 2023, please let them know and encourage them to come and have a look! We have written to our pre-school families, other local pre-schools and advertised our open events in the local community, on our website, on Twitter and via Facebook so we hope to be in a position to show many prospective parents and carers around our school.

We are sure that this will be a fantastic half term for the children and one that they will have fun-filled memories of!

Don't forget to tell EVERYONE you know about our OPEN DAYS!

Our very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Lawrence

SENCo, Deputy Headteacher and Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

7th November:

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

8th November:

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

3rd - 11th November:

- Poppy Appeal (see Poppy article).

8th November:

- Top up swimming (Y6 - selected children only. *If your child has been selected, you would have received a letter on 1st November*). Swimming to take place in school time.

- Tea and Tots, KS1 Hall, 1.30pm.

11th November:

- Y6 Orinoco Class Assembly, 9am KS2 Hall.

- Remembrance in school.

13th November:

- Remembrance Service, Biggin Hill War Memorial. Mrs Freeman and Mrs Helps to meet Y6 Prefects at 10.30am at the War Memorial.

14-18th November:

- Anti-bullying Week.

18th November:

- Children in Need.
- Learning Highlights.

Note: The Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for Parents that was scheduled to take place on 8th November will be rescheduled. Date and time TBC.



RECEPTION

Diwali in Reception!



This week we started our 'Let's Celebrate!' topic. Our first celebration was Diwali which was celebrated during the half term - The Festival of Lights. We started by reading a book about how families celebrate Diwali; creating rangoli patterns, choosing flowers and also making diva lamps. They also have a huge family feast which in the story included samosas, pakoras and bhajis so of course we had to try some! The children really enjoyed the food and we were so impressed at the amount of them that wanted to give the tasting a go. We have also listened to different types of traditional music and dancing as well as creating cards wishing each other a Happy Diwali!

Miss Powell, Miss Turner and Mr Devlin

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

Portuguese

Hello: Olá

Good Morning: Bom dia

Good Afternoon: Boa tarde

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Sweet

**Miss Knott, SENCo
Assistant**



Every School Day Counts



0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very concerned
5 days absence over the whole year. 97% - 100% Good chance of success and progress.	20 days absence over the whole year. 90% Less chance of success and harder to make progress.	20+ days absence over the whole year. Under 90% Detrimental to success and progress.

Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	=	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	=	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	=	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	=	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	=	19 days lost!



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS at BHPS!

STUDYBUGS

Free Studybugs app

We have already had a number of absences reported using the Studybugs app. Thank you for taking this on board!

Please can I ask that you only report on the day of absence - not the night before - so that absences are recorded correctly on our registers.

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>

Mr Devlin, Assistant Headteacher
(Achievement and Attainment)

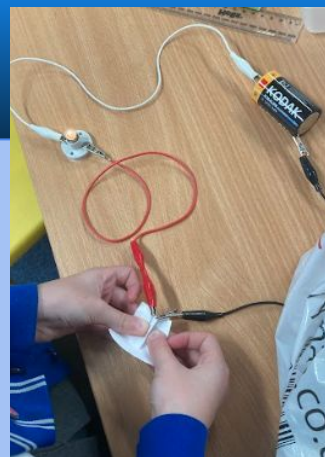


YEAR 4 PE and Science

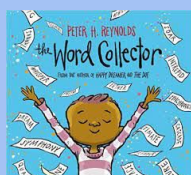
In Year 4, we have been practising our handball skills in PE. We have learnt the 'drive shot' which gives more accuracy when trying to score a goal.

Miss Elliott and Miss Pluim

We have been experimenting how to make our own switches in science to make a complete circuit. We concluded that the switch would need to be made of metal for it to conduct electricity.



BOOK OF THE WEEK



Some people collect stamps. Some people collect coins. Some people collect art. And Jerome? Jerome collected words... In *The Word Collector* by Peter H. Reynolds, a little boy discovers the magic of words. One day, his carefully organised collection gets messy and he starts to realise that by connecting his words, they become powerful.

A New York Times best seller!

Poppy Appeal



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