



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



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 children experience the usual Christmas term that we very much enjoy here at BHPS!

Firstly, I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School. They have done a magnificent job of bringing our children some Halloween fun with a Halloween trail around the local area, carving competition and finally a spooktacular disco on Wednesday.

Today, Mr Devlin and I were delighted to welcome parents and carers of Laura Dekker Class to 6D's class assembly. It was fabulous for the children to have the opportunity to share their hard work - a very special 'well done' to 6D!

This week, each class 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. I have also mentioned this in more detail on our Safeguarding bulletin earlier in the week.

Year 6 have enjoyed a trip to the Science Museum for an 'Animals Including Humans' workshop on Wednesday. This is the first school trip in London that we have been able to do since the easing of restrictions for schools - the children (and staff) were all delighted to be going! I have been informed by Miss Elliott and Mr Devlin that the children were impeccably behaved both on the coach and at the museum. Well done everyone!

Thank you all for attending parent consultations at the end of the last half term. Teaching staff enjoyed the opportunity to share your child's work and talk about their progress. These 'face to face' meetings make such a difference to us all!

Children may have also told you that we have had an enormous delivery of new chairs! Our refurbishing project is underway with

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Charlie B**
Eileen Collins: **Albie S**
Tim Peake: **Kaden G**
Eugenie Clark: **Ava-Rose C**
Greta Thunberg: **Daniel - Junior P**
Josephine Baker: **Jenson D**
Jesse Owens: **Summer-Rose D**
Lek Chailert: **Ellie D**
Marcus Rashford: **Arthur H**
Louis Braille: **Ava M**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Beau P**
Ida B. Wells: **Chloe Q**
Mo Farah: **Faith G**
Laura Dekker: **Whole Class**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **George H**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 97.3%

Weekly Class Attendance (Monday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'

98-100%

Good attendance 'green'

96-97.9%

Tim Peake: 99%
Louis Braille 98.9%
Lek Chailert 98.8%
Leonardo Da Vinci 98.4%
Mo Farah 98.1%
Josephine Baker 98.1%
Ida B. Wells 98.1%
Greta Thunberg: 97.5%
Eugenie Clark: 97.5%
Eileen Collins: 97.1%
Marcus Rashford: 97.1%
Laura Dekker: 96.1%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **ROWLING**

2nd: **ATTENBOROUGH**

3rd: **HAWKING**

4th: **HOLMES**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

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most classrooms also having received new cabinets and cupboards. We still have some way to go with this project, however, I would like to pass on a big thank you to Mr Walpole, Mrs Burton, the staff and children for being so helpful whilst we are in the middle of this exciting transition!

This week we also held in-school elections for school council members (years 2-6 only). Children were invited to apply by giving a short speech about why they should be considered. Children in year 6 were invited to apply to become part of the marketing and communication team for the school council. Mrs Lucas, Literacy and School Council Lead, will provide an article in the coming weeks where she will announce the new school council members - keep an eye out.

We are very much looking forward to hosting our open days next week on 8th November at 1.30pm and 9th November at 11.00am. If you know of any families with children due to start school in September 2022, please do let them know. 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 - our Year 6 tour guides are raring to go!

The term ahead is an exciting one - please keep an eye on the 'Diary Dates' section on page 2 as we will use this to provide dates and times for upcoming events. This information is also available on our website.

We are sure that this will be a half term to remember!

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

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Open Days

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!

8th November:

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

8th November:

No Year 6 Swimming this week due to open day. This session will take place on 6th December

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:

Early Reading and Phonics Workshop, 9am.

10th November:

Y6 Screening - Height & Weight checks

11th November:

Reception Screening - Vision, Height & Weight checks

11th November:

Remembrance

12th November:

Year 6E Class Assembly - 9am KS2 Hall

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

15th November:

Safeguarding Training - Volunteers and Friends Committee members (invitation only - more information to follow) 9-10.30am

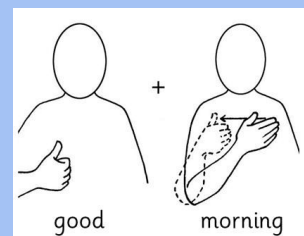
16th November:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

18th November:

Full Governing Body Meeting

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



Rachel Knott, SENCo Assistant



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



A MESSAGE FROM THE INCLUSION TEAM

Outreach and Inclusion at BHPS!



Welcome back everyone!

Bromley Mencap are running Visual Communication Workshops for parents and carers of children with additional needs. To find out more about these workshops, please collect a flyer from the main office.

Our next Outreach session will be on 'Emotional Regulation' on Wednesday December 1st at 9.00. To book a place at this session, please complete the following link: <https://forms.gle/djMu4AHquXUgqtsFA>

Mrs Lawrence,



Mrs Lawrence

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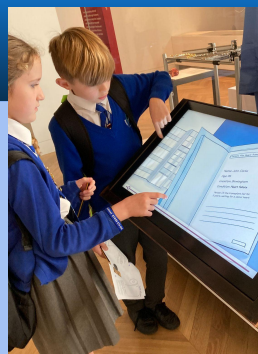


Reception

Diwali

This week we have started our 'Celebrations' topic. On Thursday it was Diwali, which is a Hindu celebration. We had a lot of fun joining in with Hindu traditions such as; creating rangoli patterns using pastels, making diva lamp holders from playdough and adding sequins for decorations and creating mehndi patterns on hands. In the afternoon we got to try different indian foods such as samosas, onion bhajis, poppadoms and indian sweets. It smelt amazing and tasted delicious!

Miss Powell, EYFS Lead



YEAR 6

Science Museum

We really enjoyed our trip to the Science Museum on Wednesday. We watched a show called 'It Takes Guts' all about the digestive system - it was very informative but also very disgusting as we learnt

about (and watched!) a journey through the body! We also had some free time to explore lots of galleries, including Medicine, The Modern World and Space. We had a whale of a time!

Miss Elliott and Mr Devlin



We are taking donations

Pre-School and Tea and Tots

Pre-School

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.

We are in need of fancy dress costumes (ages 0-3) for our 'Tea and Tots' baby and toddler group. If you have anything in very good condition, we would love to take these off your hands.

Please just pop them into our main reception.

Thank You

OUR LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK

Romanian: Moldovan

Hello: Buna dimineata
(Boo-nuh dee-mean-yaht-sah)
(means hello in the morning)

Hello: Buna ziua
(Boo-nuh Zee-wah)
(means good day or good afternoon)

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.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

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