



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome parents and carers to 6O's class assembly this morning - thank you so much for coming and supporting the children. We very much hope you enjoyed finding out all about their learning in school - well done to them all! A very special 'thank you' to Miss O'Mahony for preparing the children so well and her work towards the assembly.

This week we held our BHPS Open Days for prospective families with children due to start school in September 2023 and we were delighted with how well attended these were. These attraction days are a very important event for us as a school and so we were thrilled with the turn out.

We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all the children for showing such wonderful behaviour during our open events. Having lots of visitors peer into classrooms can sometimes be overwhelming for children, but ALL of our amazing children were just fabulous.

A very special mention to Year 6, who helped the Leadership Team with these events in school. We were both very proud to write to their parents/carers on Tuesday evening to share how marvellous they had all been during the open events. Year 6 were involved by acting as tour guides and promoting our school to the prospective (and existing) parents and carers who visited. They helped to set up our hall and spoke about their own experiences at our school and generally extended a very warm and positive welcome to everyone who attended the events. Two of our year 6 children, Lewis C-B and Hannah O also read their account of the experience they have had at the school to a large audience! We would also like to extend our thanks to Mrs Bellhouse-Smith and Mrs Smith for serving refreshments to our visitors on the day.

All of our children have represented our school brilliantly and we are proud of them all.

For any prospective families with children due to start school in September 2023 that missed our open days, we will be running some 'set tours' at the school (see our advert on page 2).

Our heartfelt thanks to you all for your very kind donations to our 'Stickers for shower Gel' campaign for Bromley Brighter Beginnings. We were delighted to collect a huge amount of bottles of shower gel - these were delivered yesterday evening and received by them with huge thanks.

On Tuesday, I sent out a letter regarding the BHPS Christmas Fair which is taking place on Friday 9th December, 3.30pm-5.30pm. We hope to have another amazing raffle this year and as in previous years we will be making up, what we hope will be, some fabulous hampers for this raffle. Each year group has been given the theme for their hamper and has a collection box - please feel free to send in items as and when you are able to. The deadline for the hamper donations is Friday 18th November.

Next week we will celebrate both Anti-bullying Week and Children in Need - please read our letter sent yesterday carefully. In summary, on Monday (14th

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Oliver M**
Pyramid: **Rocco L**
Taj Mahal: **Leah M**
Giants Causeway: **Polly C**
Colosseum: **Rose B**
Royal Mile: **Inola J**
Loch Ness: **Melissa Q**
Sydney Opera House: **Grace N**
London Bridge: **Jack T**
Parthenon: **Henry B**
Mount Everest: **Daisy D**
Globe Theatre: **Luca W**
Mount Fuji: **Taylor B**
Orinoco: **Lexi D**
Wembley: **Jake G**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.1%

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Orinoco: 98%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Sydney Opera House: 97.9%

Mount Everest: 97.3%

Loch Ness: 96.4%

Royal Mile: 96%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: HOLMES

**3rd: HAWKING and
ROWLING**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'



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Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?
DID YOU MISS OUR OPEN DAYS?

Don't worry, there is still an opportunity to tour our school.
Tours are running on the below dates and must be booked in advance.

Monday 21st November 11am - 12noon
Wednesday 30th November 9.30am - 10.30am
Thursday 8th December 11am - 12noon
Thursday 5th January 9.30am -10.30am

To book a tour please contact Mrs Helps at
s.helps@bigginhillps.com. For more information, please contact
admin@bigginhillps.com or 01959 575846

Children are very welcome to attend our tours.
Come and meet our amazing children and see our school in action.
We are looking forward to meeting you!

Visit our website
www.bigginhillprimary.com

'We take pride in everything we do'



Singing and Choirs at BHPS

Our AMAZING Choir!

We are very lucky to have two choirs running at our school. KS2 Choir (year 4-6) runs from September until January and KS1 Choir (year 1-3) runs from February until July. There are lots of wonderful opportunities for the choirs to perform. The KS2 choir are currently working hard and practising for the Young Voices Concert which will take place at the O2. Every year thousands of children across the country come together for this event in a joint concert at various arenas across the U.K. We have also been invited to perform at the Biggin Hill Christmas lights switch on. The KS1 choir will be performing at our annual summer concert. There are also opportunities for the choir to perform in our weekly singing assembly. Children will also have the chance to sing in our bands which the amazing Rocksteady company will be starting at our school in January.

Miss Turner, Music Lead



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November), for Anti-bullying Week and Odd Socks Day, we invite children to come to school wearing odd socks. On Friday (18th November), for Children In Need, we invite children to come to school wearing their own clothes including either something spotty; something yellow; or something bear-themed to pay homage to Pudsey bear. On Friday we will be collecting a suggested donation of £1 for each child on the gate in return for wearing their own clothes.

We will not be collecting money on Odd Socks Day this year due to the ongoing cost of living crisis. Instead, we will be splitting donations collected on Friday 18th equally between both the two charities, Anti-Bullying Alliance <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk> and Children in Need <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>.

This morning at 11am class teachers led their class in a moving Act of Remembrance. The whole school fell silent to remember the service men and women who have given their lives for our country. We were all very proud of the children as their behaviour was impeccable. On Sunday, myself, Mrs Helps and our prefects will also be representing the school, along with other community organisations and local schools' at the Biggin Hill War Memorial Remembrance Service.

Finally, next Friday 18th November, we will be welcoming parents and carers into school from 2.30pm where children will be sharing their Learning Highlights with you - please do come along.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Our very best wishes,

Mrs Lawrence

SENCo, Deputy Headteacher and Deputy
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal.



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

13th November:

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

14th November - 18th November:

- Collecting Christmas hamper donations in school.
- Anti-Bullying Week.

14th November:

- Odd Socks Day.

15th November:

- Whole School (R-Y6) Nasal Flu Vaccinations.
- Top up swimming (Y6 - selected children only).
- Tea and Tots, KS1 Hall, 1.30pm.

17th November:

- Full Governing Body Meeting - tme TBC.

18th November:

- Own Clothes Day, Children in Need. Suggested donation of £1.
- Learning Highlights (R-Y6), parents and carers welcome into school from 2.30pm.

21st November:

- Year 6 Lullingstone Country Park School trip.
- Phonics and Early Reading Workshop for parents/carers of Reception and Year 1, 8.50-9.30 (see email from Mrs Lucas sent on 11.11.22, Literacy Lead).



YEAR 1 Remembrance Day

Year 1 has had a very exciting week learning all about Remembrance Day. We have been learning about the symbolism of the poppy. We have enjoyed making poppies and creating a picture of poppy fields.

Mrs Gilham, Mrs Clark and Miss Castledine

LANGUAGE Of the Week

(for next week)

Romanian

Hello: Buna ziua

Good Morning: Buna dimineata

Good Afternoon: Buna ziua

STUDYBUGS Free Studybugs app

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:

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HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND
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**Miss Knott,
SENCo
Assistant**

