

MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School for organising 'Explode your Colours', it was so lovely to see all the colour and sparkle in school last Thursday.

Biggin Hill Primary School would usually participate in the Biggin Hill Memorial Service on Remembrance Sunday laying a wreath alongside other service and community organisations, however, we were not able to be part of this act of remembrance this year. Mr Chotai, Headteacher of Charles Darwin School Academy Trust (CDAT), attended this special service and very kindly laid a wreath on our behalf.

At the beginning of the week, all children decorated poppies in school to take home and display in their windows to commemorate Remembrance Day and on Wednesday at 11am our entire school community observed two minutes silence to remember our fallen soldiers.

Next week is anti-bullying week and the theme for our school is 'unity'. Throughout the week, children across the whole school will be enjoying activities that promote working together, friendship and kindness towards each other.

To begin anti-bullying week the Anti-bullying Alliance are promoting a nationwide 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 16th November. On this day the only thing children need to do is to wear odd socks to school with their uniform - the sillier the better!

Have a fabulous weekend and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Mr Ellis



STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Ralph P**
 Beatrix Potter: **Ritchie J**
 Emily Gravett: **Summer P**
 Eric Carle: **Tayte S-B**
 Abi Longstaff: **Phoebe W**
 Michael Rosen: **Lenna B**
 Helen Cooper: **Olivia E**
 Jeremy Strong: **Beau P**
 Berlie Doherty: **Daisy S**
 Adam Frost: **Aaliyah-Skye D-F**

Michael Bond: **Suzannah G**
 Katharine Woodfine: **Emma U**
 Abi Elphinstone: **Pola T**
 Andrew Donkin: **Amber G**
 Sinead O'Hart: **George J**

Attendance

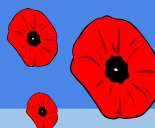
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Team Point Winners of the Week:

Attenborough and Holmes



NURSERY EVERY POPPY COUNTS



This week Nursery have been taking part in activities to commemorate Remembrance Day. We took part in Every Poppy Counts! The children decorated a poppy with great care whilst having a little chat about why we see a lot of poppies this time of year. All the poppies the children have decorated have been displayed around the school for the Nursery children to find and count in a fun game. The children will take home their poppies and it would be great if you could display them in your windows at home.

Miss Belaon, Nursery Manager



OWN CLOTHES
DAY FOR
BROMLEY FOOD BANK -
Friday 27th November 2020



On **Friday 27th November** we will be collecting for Bromley Food Bank. Please see the letter from Mrs Freeman, this can also be viewed on our Parent Portal on our website:
<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/parent-portal/whole-school-parent-letters>

REMEMBRANCE



We will remember them

A MESSAGE FROM THE INCLUSION TEAM

Bromley Parent Voice!

Bromley Parent Voice (BPV) is a voluntary group of parents and carers of children and young people (0-25) with special/additional needs and disabilities (SEND) living in the London Borough of Bromley. BPV provides an opportunity for parents and carers to express their views and input into the planning and delivery of SEND services as well as signposting, supporting and empowering families to obtain the best possible support and services for their children.

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



Thank you Kornel S for this beautiful wreath for Polish Independence Day



Reading Café



Last week we launched our brand new *Reading Cafes*: these have been introduced to help further promote reading for pleasure, and to reward regular reading at home. These will take place in your child's class each week and include a number of fun activities and reading games.

During the Reading Cafe, children can choose from a menu of activities linked to their reading book, or other stories that they may know. All the teachers have been working hard to create their own menus, which include lots of engaging activities for children to take part in.

The final Reading Cafe each half term will be a whole class reward based on the number of points that each class has collected. Children can collect:

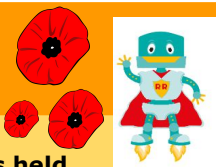
- ★ 1 point for returning their reading record each week
- ★ 2 points for reading at home at least 3 times each week
- ★ 3 points for reading at home more than 3 times per week
- ★ Bonus points for completing written activities linked to their book (e.g. writing a book review).

Last week, all children were involved in choosing the rewards for their class and are now looking forward to collecting lots of points. You can help them by recording in your child's reading record every time that they read at home, and making sure that these are returned to school on your child's book changing day.

Children have enjoyed taking part in choosing their own rewards and we look forward to hearing about all the books that they are reading.

Mr Devlin, Literacy Coordinator

PUPIL VOICE



This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Year 1 children.

What do you enjoy most about Year 1?

- "You do PE."
- "I like doing the activities on the tables."
- "I like writing."
- "I like doing the paints!"
- "The learning they put on the tables."

How do you think you are doing with your learning?

- "Good."
- "Great."

Are there clear rules in place in the classroom to look after each other and the school?

- "When the teacher is talking, you don't talk."
- "When you get it out (resources), you put it away."
- "Yes. We can't run inside, we can only run outside."

Do you feel unsafe or safe in school?

- "Safe."
- "I feel safe."

What resources do you have in the classroom to help you with your learning?

- "Numicon."
- "We have number cards and we have a number line."
- "This (sound card) helps me with letters."

Tell me something you have mastered in Year 1?

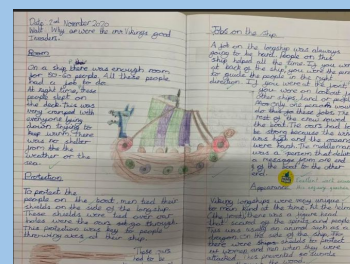
- "I cracked my maths; my maths is good!"
- "My writing - the teachers say it is really good."

YEAR 6

Were the Vikings victorious and vicious?

Year 6 have been working incredibly hard since their return to school. As part of their history learning, they investigated the question "Were the Vikings pushed or pulled from Scandinavia?" They also learned all about the everyday lives of the Vikings and really enjoyed researching to find out about their daily diet, where they lived and what rituals they practised. To show how much they had learned, they showcased all of this information in some fantastically, well-written non-chronological reports and some even wrote balanced arguments to show how many historians have contrasting opinions about the Vikings.

They found out that the Vikings were excellent invaders because of the ships they used; as the journeys were often challenging, many Vikings travelled on board the longships and had different roles - each important for a smooth, safe journey.



As part of their art, they learned about the figureheads on Viking longships; these often took the form of terrifying creatures such as dragons, eagles and snakes, so that they could ward off oncoming danger or evil spirits. They loved spending the time carefully designing their own figurehead for a longship.



Did you know that Viking helmets never really had horns? This is a historical interpretation, but not in fact true!



Miss O'Mahony and Mr Devlin

ROLL OF HONOUR

Well done from us all!

AMAZING ARTWORK, BOROUGH-WIDE POSTER COMPETITION, BROMLEY STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Well done to Dolly-Rae whose picture appeared in the Religious Education Calendar 2020-21. The calendar, which is produced by Bromley Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education, is used by schools to support their planning of Religious Education. **Well done Dolly-Rae from everyone at BHPS - this is a brilliant achievement!**

AMAZING BEAVERS - 1st BIGGIN HILL GLADIATORS

Well done to Arthur H, Ben S, Travis L, Frankie S, Sophie P and Thomas S who spent their half term busily reading a variety of books whilst working towards their Book Reader Beaver badge. Amazingly, these Beavers managed to raise £333 and will be using these funds to purchase books to give to the children on the paediatric ward at the PRUH over Christmas. As part of the badge requirements, they needed to read 6 books each. **Well done for this amazing achievement from everyone at BHPS - keep up the great work!**



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND AND KEEP SAFE

