



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning it was a pleasure to welcome parents and carers of Jessica Ennis-Hill Class (6E) to their class assembly. The children enjoyed sharing their learning and spoke so confidently and clearly. A very special 'well done' to 6E. Thank you to Mrs Shepherd and Miss Whittaker for their support with the class assembly this morning.



On Monday and Tuesday we welcomed prospective parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September, to our school. On arrival, parents and carers were given a very warm welcome by our prefects and found out all about our school through my Headteacher Presentation. Our visitors were then treated to an account of some of our Y6 children's time so far at BHPS - George H, Samuel Y and Bella S all took to the mic and delivered the most incredible speech about their journey at BHPS. Parents and carers were then taken on a tour of our school by our fabulous Y6 tour guides! Everyone convened in the hall

for questions, an informal look at books, newsletters, bulletins and associated literature. After not being able to hold an 'in person' open event last year, this was a very important opportunity for the school. Throughout both events, the children displayed impeccable behavior and a love for learning - we really are very proud of them all. Although our Open Days have now finished, we are still able to offer prospective parents and carers who have children due to start school in September 2022 pre-bookable tours of our school. Please see the advert on page 3 for more information.

On Wednesday, Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead, held an Early Reading Workshop. The purpose of this workshop was to show parents and carers how we teach reading in school and explain how you can help your child at home. Resources and books were also available to look

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Rio D**
Eileen Collins: **Jordan C**
Tim Peake: **Ellie G**
Eugenie Clark: **Daisy C**
Greta Thunberg: **Alfie I**
Josephine Baker: **Mia M**
Jesse Owens: **Leonie C**
Lek Chailert: **Ella D**
Marcus Rashford: **Daniella G**
Louis Braille: **Marnie-Belle D**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Liam K**
Ida B. Wells: **Shiloh K**
Mo Farah: **Tiana T**
Laura Dekker: **Sam Y & Bella S**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Whole Class**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 96.9%*

**Weekly Class Attendance
(Thursday to Thursday)**

Excellent attendance 'gold'

98-100%

Good attendance 'green'

96-97.9%

Eugenie Clark: 99.4%

Louis Braille: 99.2%

Marcus Rashford: 98.9%

Jesse Owens: 98.7%

Eileen Collins: 97.8%

Josephine Baker: 97.4%

Lek Chailert: 96.7%

Laura Dekker: 96.2%

Ida B. Wells: 96.2%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **HAWKING**

2nd: **ROWLING**

3rd: **HOLMES**

4th: **ATTENBOROUGH**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

*At BHPS every school
day matters.*

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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through over a coffee.

Last Thursday, I sent out a letter regarding the BHPS Christmas Fair which is taking place on Friday 10th 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 now 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 19th November**.

On Thursday we led the entire school community 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.



I must also bring to your attention that I have received a further complaint regarding parking in Old Tye Avenue whereby the resident was not able to leave their property due to a vehicle overhanging their drive. Our good relationship with our neighbours is very important to us as a school for both our reputation locally and within the borough. We are working exceptionally hard as a school to ensure that we uphold our good reputation. I can only ask again, that collectively we all consider our residents when and if we are driving and parking in Old Tye Avenue and the roads in the vicinity of the school.

Finally, next week is Anti-bullying Week. The theme for anti-bullying week this year is 'One Kind Word' and on Monday 15th November we invite everyone (including staff) to come into school wearing odd socks!

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Do you have a child starting school in September 2022?

Did you miss our Open Days?

Don't worry, we would still love to meet you. See our article on page 3.

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 November:

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

15th-19th November:

Anti-bullying Week at BHPS

15th November:

Odd Socks Day - children and staff are invited to wear odd socks

15th November:

Year 6 Swimming lessons

15th November:

Safeguarding Training - Volunteers and Friends Committee members invitation only - 9-10.30am

16th November:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

18th November:

Full Governing Body Meeting

19th November:

Hamper donations deadline (see letter 5th November 21 on our website)

19th November:

Individual and siblings photographs

19th November:

Learning Highlights - a combination of learning highlights will be emailed to parents (this is in place of inviting parents and carers into school)

20th November:

Christmas Lights switch on, New Life Church (next to Waitrose). The Choir will be performing - more information to follow

22nd November:

Year 6 Swimming lessons

22nd November:

Wonderdome Mobile Planetarium (EYFS, Y3 and Y5) in school events

23rd November:

Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm, KS1 Hall

26th November:

Y5 Egyptian Buzz Day

26th November:

Y4 Science Museum trip

MAKATON SIGN OF THE WEEK



Rachel Knott, SENCo Assistant

The Biggin Hill Primary School Christmas Fair 2021

Friday 10th December 2021 - 3.30-5.30pm



There will be lots of things to buy as well as face painting, refreshments and games. Each class will also be making something to sell at the fair, which the children are very excited about! Staff and volunteers from the Friends will be running the fair so parents and carers can come along and enjoy the experience with their children.

Christmas *Hampers* Donations

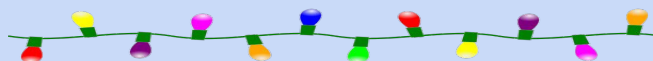
We hope to have another amazing raffle this year. We would like each year group to collect items for a themed hamper. Each year group has a collection box outside their classroom - please feel free to send in items as and when you are able to. The deadline for the hamper donations is **Friday 19th November**. We are very happy to take any unwanted gifts that you may have lying around, so please do raid your re-gifting cupboards! Please note that items should be new and within sell by date.

Class

Pre School
Reception
Year 1
Year 2
Year 3
Year 4
Year 5
Year 6

What we would like you to donate please!

For Girls (Children) eg. toys, sweets, colouring books, stickers etc
For Boys (Children) eg. toys, sweets, colouring books, stickers etc
For Him
For Her
Baking – think cookie cutters, cinnamon, sprinkles, cupcake cases, wooden spoons etc
Hair - accessories, products, etc
Chocolate
Toiletries



Do you have a child due to start school in September 2022?

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.

16th November 11am - 12noon
30th November 11am - 12noon
7th December 11am - 12noon
6th January 9.30am - 10.30am

Come and meet our amazing children and see our school in action.



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

We are looking forward to meeting you!
'We take pride in everything we do'

Visit our website
www.bigginhillprimary.com

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE



Outreach and Inclusion at BHPS!

Hello everyone,

Just a reminder that 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

Deputy Headteacher, Inclusion Lead
and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
k.lawrence@bigginhillsps.com

LANGUAGE OF THE WEEK

Greek

Hello: γεια σας (geia sas)

Good morning: Καλημέρα
(Kaliméra)

Good afternoon: καλό απόγευμα
(kaló apógevma)

- Population: about 10.6 million people live in Greece (2020)
- Capital: Athens with 3.2 million inhabitants
- Many of our modern stories and traditions date back to Ancient Greece

YEAR 4

'Doods and Ttots'



Year 4 had a visitor from the Bromley Youth Music Trust this week. We had a lesson on how to play 'doods and ttots'. Doods are basic clarinets and toots are similar to a

flute. We had great fun learning to play the notes A and B and playing a tune to an accompaniment.

Mrs Buchanan and Mr Day

YEAR 1

What is the weather like today?



This week as part of our topic 'What is the weather like today?', we have made instruments to measure the

weather. In Forest School with Mrs Greenslade we made rain gauges and now we are waiting for it to rain!! In class we made windsocks so that we can tell which way the wind is blowing. We have been weather watching and recording what we can see too. We have noticed that it is definitely getting colder Brrr....!

**Mrs Clark, Mrs Gilham,
Miss Turner and Mrs Lucas**



ROLL OF HONOUR

Fantastic work Taylor B 'Community Star'

Alfie M 'A Champion in the Making'

I received a lovely email from Akela at 1st Biggin Hill Hurricane Cubs earlier in the week. Akela advised that last Sunday the Hurricane Cubs held an event in conjunction with the Friends of the Parks and Taylor was very deserving of recognition for his fantastic work! Taylor worked incredibly hard planting daffodils and litter picking for over 2 hours! His community spirit and 'can do attitude' was outstanding. It is always lovely to receive an email of this kind - I would like to thank Akela for bringing this to our attention.

We are exceptionally proud of you at BHPS!

Alfie M, year 5, has recently been involved in production of a new go kart which is being offered into the club100 championship next year for children ages 8 to 12. As Alfie has been kart racing for 3 years' and has the experience of a kart for that age group, he has been key. Alfie helped out in the summer holidays and has been to different tracks. After multiple long days testing the kart out, the kart has now been put into production for their championship starting next year. Alfie has also been involved with the promotional video and was lucky enough to meet a YouTube SUPER GT star!

We are very proud of you at BHPS!

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