



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We started this week with an assembly about race, culture and belief. We talked about our own school culture and how 'The Biggin Hill Way' is very much a part of this. Children also listened to Caliban's Dream - a piece of music that was used in the London Olympics to bring together representatives from nations from across the world!

Last Friday, 4B had a visit from two very special VIP's. I must say, they were exceptionally well behaved and would make a great addition to our school.... they were two fabulous guide dogs from Guide Dogs.org. It was great to meet the dogs and their owners and the children enjoyed hearing about how these amazing dogs help people who are visually impaired. My thanks must go to Mrs Buchanan for organising this for the children. **I do hope the dogs will come back and visit us again!**

On Monday, the school celebrated Roald Dahl day with a special lunch. We had some 215 children who had a school lunch on Monday. The children enjoyed listening to Roald Dahl poems and rhymes while they ate their delicious lunches! Thanks to our catering team who made a special effort to make this a fun lunchtime for the children.

On Tuesday, Mrs Windover and Mr Devlin re-launched our wonderful BHPS Choir and had a staggering 43 children attend!!! I think it is fair to say that listening to children singing again was a real tear jerker! We do still have a few spaces in our choir for children in year 4/5/6 - if your child would like to join, please let us know.

On Wednesday, I wrote to you all regarding our 'Team Points for Toothbrushes' campaign to support Bromley Brighter Beginnings - a fantastic charity. Please can I ask for your support to really get behind this campaign - let's see how many toothbrushes we can collect as a school! I also wrote to families yesterday regarding our systems for homework. If you do have any questions or concerns regarding this, please do speak to your child's class teacher.

Finally, a very special 'thank you' to our wonderful volunteers - we are incredibly grateful for your time and support, it really makes a difference to the children at BHPS. For any volunteers that have put their name forward; I know that Mrs Helps will be contacting you, if she has not already done so, very soon.

My very best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated
Safeguarding Lead

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven: **Ronnie K**
Eileen Collins: **Jessica-Rose P**
Tim Peake: **Trixie J**
Eugenie Clark: **Inola J**
Greta Thunberg: **Cooper L-T**
Josephine Baker: **Tayte S-B**
Jesse Owens: **Lola M**
Lek Chailert: **Poppy T**
Marcus Rashford: **Chloe B**
Louis Braille: **Alarna G & Tilly C**
Leonardo Da Vinci: **Frankie Y-G**
Ida B. Wells: **Enrico M**
Mo Farah: **Natalie F**
Laura Dekker: **Sam Y**
Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Jacob P-G**

'Congratulations'

Attendance 94.9%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: HOLMES
2nd: ATTENBOROUGH
3rd: ROWLING
4th: HAWKING

***'Congratulations to our
winners this week'***

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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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YEAR 3

Stone Age Buzz Day



On Friday the 10th of September Year 3 had a Stone Age Buzz Day! We started by being archaeologists. We had to look very carefully and gently for jigsaw puzzle pieces in the ground.

We didn't find enough pieces to make a complete picture, but we could use what we already knew to work out what the picture would be. We learnt that this is just like how archaeologists find artefacts and have to use their knowledge to work out what they must be.

Next we made timelines and found out what "BC" stands for. We then learnt about how the Early Britons got their food. We went for a walk around the school grounds to see what we would have been able to hunt or gather. We discovered that there was quite a lot to eat, but that there would be a lot less at different times of the year. We then thought about where we would build a Stone Age shelter. We decided it would be best if our shelters were near a source of food and water, and protected from the rain.

We learnt lots of new words, including archaeologist, artefact and hunter-gatherer.

Ms Reed and Miss Castledine

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

27th September:

7pm, Y5/6 SATs
Meeting via Zoom
(please can we ask that where possible only one parent/carer per family attend)

28th September:

9am, Y5/6 SATs
Meeting at school

PUPIL VOICE

Year 4 and 6

What is it like in year 4?

"Very good."

"I really like it."

"It makes me feel grown up."

What are you enjoying most?

"I enjoy all the work."

"I enjoy literacy, maths and art."

"Seeing my friends."

"Seeing my teacher."

"Art or literacy - when I am older I want to be an artist."

What is it like in year 6?

"Challenging."

"We do a lot of writing compared to other year groups."

"Maths is OK. One lesson you could fly through it and another could be hard."

What are you enjoying most?

"Literacy."

"Maths."

"Science."

Thank you for taking part in Pupil Voice

OUR AMAZING

*Pre-School - Limited
space available!*

Our thriving pre-school aims to shape children into creative and enquiring individuals and gives them the very best start on their educational journey with us!

To find out more about our pre-school, fees/funding or to arrange a visit, please contact Ms Claire Wythers, Pre-School Admissions & Finance on 01959 575846 or at c.wythers@bigginhillps.com

BHPS

Roald Dahl Day

On Monday, children enjoyed celebrating Roald Dahl Day. This day celebrates his achievements and takes place every year on his birthday. Our caterers organised a special menu and the children took part in various activities in the lunch hour. A number of members of staff read Roald Dahl's revolting rhymes to the children while they ate their lunch. The older children also had Roald Dahl themed conversation starters on their tables such as 'Which Roald Dahl book would you like to be in?'

On the playground, a reading area was set up where pupils could read their favourite Roald Dahl book. There was also colouring and word searches based on some of his famous characters. Finally, the children could test their Roald Dahl knowledge with a quiz. The winner of which will be announced in an assembly next week.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead

TEA and TOTS

*We look forward to
seeing you at:*

**'Tea and Tots'
Tuesday
1-30-3.00pm**

***Mrs Sargeant and
Mrs Helps***



A MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE

Hi everyone! This week you received edition 1 of Same but

Different, explaining what the SEN register is and how it works. Next week many of your children will be bringing home information about interventions they are taking part in and how you can access this information via Edukey - any queries please contact me for support. Our outreach programme is shaping up nicely but we need your help! Please complete the survey at:

<https://forms.gle/yoxsWveTbnpBoJgG6>

Have a fabulous weekend!

Mrs Lawrence

Headteacher, Inclusion Lead and Deputy Safeguarding Lead
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Mrs Sargeant

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Mental Health Lead
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Miss Knott

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TEAM POINTS FOR TOOTHBRUSHES

Don't forget your TOOTHBRUSH!



We are asking that children donate a new individual packaged toothbrush in return for a team point. We would like to collect 420 toothbrushes for Bromley Brighter Beginnings. We need your help!

We will be starting our collection from Monday 20th September and children will be able to swap a new toothbrush for a team point either on the gate with myself or Mrs Sargeant or via their class teacher. We really hope you will all get involved with this worthwhile collection.

Brighter Beginnings also donate a number of Christmas Hampers across the borough. They are collecting new children's Pjs, toys and books - if you would like to make a donation please do so by dropping these items into our office.

We are aware that our community is diverse and so if you are a family that would benefit from the kind of support that BBB offers - please come in and speak to Mrs Sargeant in complete confidence.

We hope you will all get involved with our "Toothbrushes for Team Points" campaign to support such a worthwhile local charity. Here at Biggin Hill Primary we are very grateful for all their hard work and would like to ask for your support with the launch of our new campaign.

Thank you



New Staff: Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

Hello everyone,

I am Rachel Knott the new SENCO Assistant and would like to introduce myself to you all, some of you may recognise me as I have previously worked here. I am extremely excited to be back and am looking forward to getting to know all your children and making their school experience a positive and successful one.

I will be working as part of the inclusion team and throughout my career have gained experience of supporting children through working as an LSA, working as a class teacher for a complex needs provision and working for the National Autistic Society. During this time I have always dedicated myself to continue to develop my knowledge of special educational needs and disabilities and am pleased to have studied autism at university. When I am not at work I enjoy time with my two dogs and cake decorating (topics that I am always happy to chat about!). I share the inclusion office with Mrs Sargeant in the key stage one building so please pop in and say hello to help me get to know you all better.

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

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

The government has announced that 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.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

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