



Spotlight On...



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Biggin Hill Primary School

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Message from Mrs Sharrock

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of 'Spotlight On...' for this academic year. There will be a new 'Spotlight On...' once a half term to highlight the wonderful work that is going on in our school, focusing on curriculum and our curriculum teams.

To update you, I am new to the school. Having worked in previous schools, both in the area and further into central London, I bring experience of what curriculum can look like in other settings; I am very excited to celebrate the wonderful and exciting curriculum that is already in place, as well as support the development of the curriculum further.

Below, I have outlined some of what the children have been studying in science this half term. It has been wonderful to discuss their topics with them and see their enthusiasm and passion for learning.

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you so far and look forward to meeting more of you at our Parent Consultation Meetings next week.

Have a brilliant weekend,
Mrs Sharrock

Stars of the Week

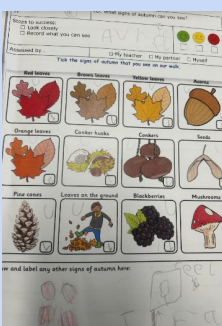
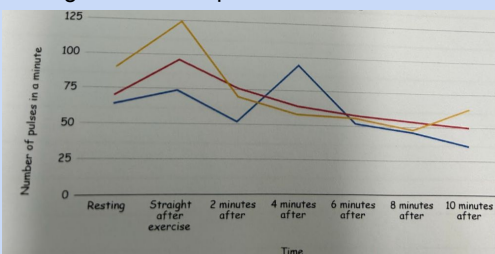
- Caterpillar - Chloe E
- Tiger - Milani D
- Elmer - Bobby B
- Chameleon - Thomas W
- Crayon - Nina C
- Charlie Cook - Ivy S
- Sofia Valdez - Kendall N
- Gregory Cool - Harrison T
- Chaya - Melissa Q
- Ebenezer Tweezer - Ava C
- Pevensie - Fynnley T
- Gelifen - Archie B
- Fred - Ellie D
- Skellig - Lenna B
- Aspire - Phoebe N

Congratulations!

Science

Science, at Biggin Hill, is designed to be accessible for all, yet also challenging and aspirational. This half term - as a school - we have been working on making connections between our units of work in different year groups at the start of a topic. To do this, we have used both unfamiliar and familiar vocabulary to describe what has been learnt before and how it might connect to our new topic.

This half term, year six have been investigating the effect of exercise on our heart rates. The children have learnt to take their own heart rates and understand that their heart rates change at different points after exercise and when they are resting.



Year 1 have been looking at the four seasons and how to classify them. Getting outside and making observations has supported the learning further.

	Autumn 1
Year 1	How does the weather change over the year? Autumn
Year 2	What do living things need from their habitats?
Year 3	Do opposites attract?
Year 4	How does an electrical circuit work?
Year 5	What happens in our solar system?
Year 6	What would a journey through your body be like?

Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.2%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98% - 100%

Good attendance 'green'
96% - 97.9%
Chameleon - 96.6%
Sofia Valdez - 96.6%
Fred - 97.1%

Well Done!

House Points

Attenborough
Holmes
Rowling
Hawking

Governors...Who are we?

I'm proud to volunteer as a Governor at Biggin Hill Primary School because I passionately believe that every child deserves the best school experience possible: respectful, inclusive, diverse, inspiring and of outstanding quality. The Governing body acts as a 'critical friend' to the school leadership team and serves as another important link to the wider community. We offer support and constructive challenge across all aspects of education, safeguarding, finance and community. I'm excited to be able to contribute in a small way to supporting every child in reaching their full potential at BHPS. I also share the wonderful school ethos that this potential combines academic progress and social/emotional growth. My professional experience includes design and business management, primarily in the construction industry, but also in the social enterprise sector where I develop creative tools to support young people's mental wellbeing. I have 4 years' experience as a school Governor locally, which I hope will be valuable in my role at BHPS. Aside from caring for my two children, I enjoy illustration, kayaking, cooking and being out in our beautiful local countryside. I feel strongly that having an engaged, motivated, trusting and supportive community of parents and carers is a real asset to any school and impacts positively on the children's experience. I am no longer at the school gates every day - my son has now moved on to Secondary School, but I'm looking forward to attending Governor meetings, fundraising/social events and visiting school regularly to listen and learn. Every day is a school day after all!

Laura Tully - Chair of Governors



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

- 14th October - Mental Health Day
- 16th October - Cake Sale & **Wear it Red for Heart Foundation**
- 16th October - Parent Conferences (PM)
- 17th October - Parent Conferences (PM)
- 18th October - **INSET** - no children in school
- 18th October - Parent Conferences (AM)
- Half Term**
- 21st October - 1st November
- Monday 4th November - first day of new term
- 5th November - YR 25/26 Open Day - 1.30pm**
- 6th November - YR 25/26 Open Day - 9.30am**
- 8th November - Harvest Food Bank donations
- 11th November - Remembrance
- 15th November - Christmas Fair donations

Governors...Who are we?

Philip Ridgewell - Vice Chair of Governors

Having taken on the role of a Parent Governor at BHPS in 2021 during a pandemic, it was certainly a challenge that I was happy to take on. Having been a Community Governor at another Bromley primary school for over 3 years, I want to embrace the opportunity to bring my experiences from that role, which has allowed me to understand first-hand the challenges faced by the teaching staff, as well as experiencing the enthusiasm and positivity that they generate on a daily basis. From a personal viewpoint, I also want to help and support the school using my background of working as a Building Services Engineer in construction and the associated Health & Safety involvement. My daughter is currently in KS2 at the school, so I also want to help provide the best possible environment and opportunities for every child at BHPS, which will allow them to experience life to the full and let them achieve their full potential.

Maria Daley - Parent Governor

I have lived in Biggin Hill for over 20 years and am a proud mum to three children, all of which either attended or are currently attending BHPS. I have a real passion for education and enjoyed spending time over the years volunteering at the school with reading and maths. I believe that our school should provide a safe, engaging and inclusive environment for each child to learn, develop and grow in - to enable them to reach their full potential academically and be supported in acquiring the psychological tools they need as they progress through life.

I have 15 years experience working in the corporate sector in London; I was involved in several strategic decisions across a broad spectrum of disciplines. I currently co-care for my brother who is disabled with severe learning difficulties. This has taught me a lot about the importance of patience and understanding within group settings especially. I have a deep love for nature and advocate mental health awareness for all ages. As a governor I will use my personal, community and business experience to drive efficiencies across processes and procedures and bring fresh, positive perspective on the future of our school.



Weekly Lunch Menus

We will continue sending out weekly menus each Friday afternoon as we feel this is working well for families and keeps this fresh in your inbox!



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND
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