



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although it is considerably warmer - the weather this week has been pretty miserable! A few of our trees have fallen victim to Storms Isha and Jocelyn and we have unfortunately had to have some trees removed this week. Thank you to Mr Gower for making sure that this was managed with minimum disruption to playtimes!

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Parent Consultations in the week before half term. Appointments will be available to book from next Tuesday. Full details about the meetings can be found in the letter that was sent on Wednesday this week.

Thank you to Mrs Horgan who visited us last week to lead assemblies on water safety. The children were really engaged and can hopefully tell you about what they learned about keeping themselves safe when in or by the water.

A reminder to let us know if you would like your child to feature in our Roll of Honour section of the newsletter. We know that children achieve all sorts of amazing things outside of school and I am aware of children taking part in various competitions/events from Karate to Motor Cross and Football to Opera! If you would like to email me about your child's extra curricular triumphs - please feel free to do so!

There are a number of exciting events coming up in the spring term so do keep an eye on the "Dates for your Diary" section!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Harrison R**
Thorpe: **Romeah-Rose T**
Coyle: **Jaxson W**
Van Gogh: **Sienna C**
Emberley: **Whole Class**
Chung: **Neave W**
Shuster: **Frankie L**
Blake: **Whole Class**
Goldsworthy: **Whole Class**
Eldridge: **Whole Class**
O'Keeffe: **Billy F**
Leibovitz: **Ellie D**
Fishel: **Keeley E**
Warhol: **Max B**
Aspire: **Daisy F and Eva W**

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 92.2%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

Blake - 98.6%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Thorpe - 96.6%

Well Done!

Wear it Red - Thursday 8th February



On the last day of half term our School Council will be raising money for The Children's Heart Federation by asking all children to come dressed in school uniform but wearing one item which is red for a donation of £1. Each year the CHF works with children who have a heart condition and their families. We are proud to be supporting this amazing charity and look forward to seeing lots of red!

**HOUSE
POINTS**

1st Yellow
2nd Holmes
3rd Rowling
4th Tittenborough

Police Visit Reception!

Last week Police Officer Marshall & Police Officer Da Souza came to visit us in school. We have been learning about people who help us in our local community and this week we have been focusing on police officers. We were very lucky because they brought lots of equipment for us to look at. We were able to hold a police shield and wear real police hats! The children were very excited to see the police officers turn up in their police car and were even more excited when we were allowed to get in the police car and hear the very loud sirens going off! After the visit the children were very eager to play in our roleplay area pretending to be police officers and criminals - they were even taking each other's fingerprints!

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

29th January Ambassador & Special Recognition Assembly 9am - invitation only (YR-3 KS 1 Hall / Y4-6 KS2 Hall)

31st January 2C Class Assembly 9am
KS1 Hall

2nd February Maths/NSPCC Number Day (details given in separate letter)

2nd February - Friends Event - Bingo and Bubbles 7.30pm - KS2 Hall - ticket only event

7th February 5LR Class Assembly 9am
KS2 Hall

Parents Conferences:

Emberley Class only:

Tues 6th/Weds 7th February
3.30-5.50pm

Reception - Year 6

Weds 7th February - 3.30-4.50pm
Thurs 8th February - 3.30-6.50pm
Fri 9th February - 8.30 - 9.20am

Friday 9th February - Inset Day

Half Term - 12th - 16th February

Buzz Days

Year 4 Roman Day

Year 4 enjoyed a fun-filled Roman Day last Friday!

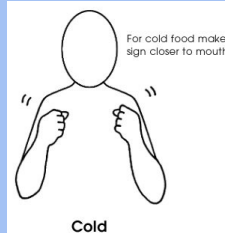
We began our day making laurel wreaths and explored artefacts (some from over 2000 years ago!) to determine what life was like in Lullingstone Roman Villa. Then, we used clay to make Roman coins and designed and created our own mosaics. Thank you to the parents/carers for supporting the children coming in wearing authentic clothing which added to the authenticity of the day. Thank you for the donations to Lullingstone Roman Villa. It was a very enjoyable day for both children and adults!



Year 5 Science Year 5 were thinking about different jobs that involve scientific understanding or scientific skills. At the start of the day we thought of lots of jobs like astronaut, doctor and dentist. We then discovered that Miss Coster used to be a baker! Miss Coster showed us how to make bread and explained all the scientific processes involved in making bread. We observed the bubbles and how the mixture changed as we worked the dough. In the afternoon we learned about all the scientific understanding and skills involved in designing a garden. We went for a walk around the school and identified possible locations for a flower bed. We discussed how each location was slightly different and how this would impact the plants there. We then selected a site and planned what we would include in our garden and why. The children were really creative, thinking about how their plants would thrive, how it would look nice and how they would attract pollinators. By the end of the day we were able to add more ideas to our list of jobs which involve scientific skills or understanding as none of us had originally thought of baker or gardener.

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



**Miss Knott,
SENCo Assistant**

LANGUAGE

Of the Month

ROMANIAN

Hello: Bună ziua

Goodbye: La revedere

Thank you: mulțumesc

Weekly Lunch Menus

On our website at: <https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/> at the bottom of the page. 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!