



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another very productive half term. I would like to thank the children for their enthusiasm and commitment to their learning - what super stars! I would also like to thank our amazing staff team for all their hard work. Thank you to parents and carers for coming to parent consultation meetings; your support for and interest in your childrens' learning is very much valued and appreciated by us all.

We are very sorry to have said goodbye to Miss Coker - she has been such an asset to our school and we wish her the very best of luck in her new job. Thank you to Ms Santos who, after a very short time with us, is returning to her studies. We have successfully appointed new staff to fill these roles and will provide details about our new starters after half term.

BHPS Extra has been busier than ever this term - thank you to Mrs Snelling and the breakfast club team and Mrs Greenslade and the ASC team for doing such a great job in running these provisions. Thank you also to the staff who have volunteered to run the early pre-school club - we will continue with this provision, as we know that many families are finding it useful. We will be moving over to Arbor as a payment system from today - thank you to Mrs Dawkins and Mrs Murphy for their hard work in getting this up and running. Please note that if debt has been transferred, you will not be able to book any services until this is cleared. If you are in need of support please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you to Mr & Mrs Downer for their kind donation of biscuits for Forest School - they have been very much enjoyed by the children!

We are very much looking forward to another busy half term - starting back on Monday, 19th February and hope that you all enjoy the half term break.

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Wear it Red - Thursday 8th February



On the last day of half term School Council we raised money for The Children's Heart Federation. 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 the children all looked amazing! Thank you to Mrs Snelling for organising this for the school.

We raised £220 - thank you so much for your support!

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Archie W**
Thorpe: **Oliver M**
Coyle: **Harry S-W**
Van Gogh: **Levana T**
Emberley: **Mary A**
Chung: **Alma P**
Shuster: **Roisin McL**
Blake: **Bella R**
Goldsworthy: **Lola McD**
Eldridge: **Ella-Rose S**
O'Keefe: **Whole Class**
Leibovitz: **Jackson G**
Fishel: **Gabby H**
Warhol: **Henry H**
Aspire: **Tyler J**

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 93.2%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

Banksy - 98.1%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Coyle - 96.1%

Blake - 96.6%

Well Done!

HOUSE POINTS

1st Rowling
2nd Attenborough
3rd Hawking
4th Holmes

Vapes

We have been made aware by the Metropolitan Police that there have been some instances of Vapes being sold which contain dangerous substances such as the drug "spice". We just wanted to make parents and carers aware that a number of teenagers have been hospitalised as a result of using these contaminated vapes. In the latest London incident, the vape was a blue and purple coloured rechargeable metal vape device labelled 'Vapresso', which held blue liquid residues within a clear plastic chamber of a silver and black cartridge. This is for information only. There have been no incidents at this school.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

Parents Conferences:

Reception - Year 6

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

Friday 9th February - Inset Day

Half Term - 12th - 16th February

19th February - Back to school!

28th February - 3S Class Assembly -
9am KS2 Hall

6th March - Friends Mother's Day
Event - TBC

6th March - 1G Class Assembly - 9am
KS1 Hall

8th March - World Book Day - dress up
as a book character - optional

11th March - Ambassador Assembly -
by invitation only (YR-3 KS1 Hall,
Y4-6 KS2 Hall)

13th March - 3B Class Assembly - 9am
KS2 Hall

W/C 18th March Science Week

NSPCC Number Day



Number Day

On NSPCC Number Day children across the school enjoyed fun mathematical activities, varying from sorting and matching bears in pre-school to exploring the Fibonacci sequence in Upper Key Stage 2. Thanks to your generous donations we raised £382.70 for the NSPCC.

Some of our children said ...

I've learnt that I'd rather start with a penny and double it for months instead of being given 1 million pounds all at once, because I worked out that if you go for one penny it adds up to £5,368,709 and 12 pence! Max C, Year 6

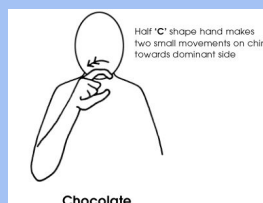
I loved the Fibonacci numbers because the colours and the drawing were super fun. I loved the new learning! I wish I could do it every day! Gracie W, Year 5

My favourite part of the day was beating Cameron on Connect 4. Freddie L, Year 4

I enjoyed making 3-dimensional shapes because it was fun and creative. Phoebe C, Year 3

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Chocolate

*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!