



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been enjoying the sunnier weather this week and are hopeful that the playground markings will be finished today! Easter will soon be upon us and we are looking forward to the Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Hunt next week - thank you in advance to the Friends who are busy preparing!

Y6 will embark on their final round of mock SATs next week - they are all working so hard and we are so proud of them. We will be sending information about arrangements for the official SATs week which will take place in May, soon.

Thank you so much for your very generous Easter Egg donations - there is still time to donate an egg on Monday if you have not already done so and would like to (this is entirely optional!).

We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Ms Gordon and Mrs Shepherd at the end of this term. We would like to thank them for the amazing contribution that they have made to our school and wish them the very best of luck. Recruitment to these positions has begun and we will share news when appointments have been finalised.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Sevenoaks School - Holiday Activity Programme

We are delighted to invite your child to our Holiday Activity Programme, which will take place from 20 to 22 August 2024 at Sevenoaks School.

The three-day programme is designed to bring together highly engaged pupils from different schools and enable them to work collaboratively and build relationships with like-minded peers.

The activities will be based at Sevenoaks School and staffed by experienced teachers from both our school and local primary schools.

This summer we will be offering the following programmes:

**For current Year 4 pupils:** Art, Science and Sport

**For current Year 5 pupils:** Drama, Mathematics and Music

Each day will run from 9am to 3pm and, on the final day (Thursday 22 August), there will be a short Show & Tell to parents at 2.30pm.

The courses are designed for pupils who are highly interested by, and engaged in, that subject area. Please note that they will be doing the same subject for all three days. Bookings are now open to all Year 4 and 5 pupils.

**Please refer to the attached flyer for further information and booking details/QR code.**

## Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Millie M**  
Thorpe: **Jackson-Blake W**  
Coyle: **Jesse C**  
Van Gogh: **Caleb R**  
Emberley: **Jesse N**  
Chung: **Phoebe H**  
Shuster: **Emyrs S**  
Blake: **Daisy C**  
Goldsworthy: **James J-R**  
Eldridge: **Jack H**  
O'Keeffe: **Frankie S**  
Leibovitz: **Daniel I**  
Fishel: **Marnie D**  
Warhol: **Mia-Lily K**  
Aspire: **Cameron M**

**Congratulations!**

*Weekly Whole School  
Attendance 96% !!*

### Weekly Class Attendance

**Excellent attendance 'gold'**  
**98-100%**

**Banksy - 99.11%**  
**Blake - 98.3%**

**Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%**

**Coyle 96.39%**  
**Chung - 96.6%**  
**Leibovitz - 97.6**  
**Fishel 96.88%**

**Well Done!**

## HOUSE POINTS

**1st Hawking**  
**2nd Holmes**  
**3rd Attenborough**  
**4th Howling**

## Cricketing Triumph

Here are some lovely photos from the Y1 Cricket Festival that we recently attended - well done everyone!



## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

W/C 25th March - Neurodiversity / Good to be me Awareness Week

27th March - Easter Egg Hunt and bonnet competition - Friends Event

28th March - HT Awards Assembly - invite only

28th March - last day of term

29th March - 12th April Easter Holiday

22nd April - Ambassador Assembly - invite only

24th April - Banksy Class Assembly - 9am KS1 hall

30th April - Year 5 Trip to Pizza Express (Class 1)

1st May - Thorpe Class Assembly - KS1 Hall at 9am

7th May Year 5 trip to Pizza Express (Class 2)

### Upcoming Friends Events:

24th May - Sponsored Bounce

28th June - Colour Run & Summer Fair (after Sports Day)

## Roll of Honour

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who have emailed to share their child's achievements with us - we love to hear about successes outside of school! We have quite a few to publish and so if your child's success does not feature in this edition - watch this space as it will feature very soon!

**Swimming Success** - Edward S has recently had some great achievements in the sport of swimming. He swims for Bromley Swimming Club, which has around 400 members. Edward was selected to be part of 30 strong team to compete in the National Arena League, which is a national competition that starts each year with around 600 clubs and 20,000 swimmers. During 2023 there were several rounds of competition between clubs in each region, then based on points the top 20 clubs go through to a National final in Cardiff in March. Despite being a year out of his particular age group, Edward did the club proud, competing in every round and in the final helped the team in two relay races, alongside some of the very best swimmers in the country. Also on an individual level Edward qualified for and competed in the 2024 Kent County Swimming Championships held at the London Aquatic Centre in Stratford. Edward raced in seven events and came away with seven medals. Five Finalist medals (top 8) and two Bronze medals in the 50m Freestyle and 100m Breaststroke. WOW!!!!



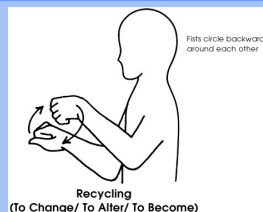
### Dancing Debut!

Jasmine E took part in her first ever ballet exam level one last weekend - she achieved an extremely high distinction, which her teacher said was, "an absolutely incredible achievement for such a very young ballerina." Well done Jasmine!



## 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!