



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school after what I hope has been a wonderful Easter break for you all!

We are delighted with how well the children have returned to school, they all seem very well rested, energised and ready for an exciting term ahead!

As you are aware, Ofsted have visited us this week. This was a Section 8, two day, ungraded inspection. A section 8 inspection is an inspection of all areas of the Ofsted Framework (Overall Effectiveness, Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development and Leadership and Management) however it is ungraded which means that rather than getting separate judgements/grades in these areas, we will be told if Ofsted feel that we remain a good school or not. We are not permitted to inform parents and carers of the outcome of the inspection at this time but as soon as we are able to, we will. We will also share the letter that we will receive notifying us of the outcomes of the inspection. Staff have worked incredibly hard and the children have been an absolute credit to you and to our school - we are so proud of them all. Thank you to those of you who completed our parent survey - it has been exceptionally positive and we are so grateful to you for sharing your views.



Today the children have enjoyed 'Earth Day' and this year's theme is 'Invest in our Planet'. Children have had the opportunity to think about how we can do our part as a school to save our planet and every pupil made a pledge to commit to preserving our beautiful Earth. I would like to thank Miss O'Mahony, Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum, Diversity and Inclusion) for organising the activities across the school.



This term is always a busy one in terms of assessment. We have both Year 2 and 6 SATS, Year 4 have the Multiplication Table Check and Year 1 have their Phonics Screening Check. If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

At the end of this section I have attached a poster regarding StudyBugs, which we are very keen for as many parents and carers to use. StudyBugs not only saves you time reporting absence for sickness, but is also very quick and efficient. Please remember this is for reporting sickness only and any reporting must be completed on the day and not the night before. For more information on StudyBugs, please see the poster on the next page.

We were also delighted to take delivery of our second Buddy Bench from The Biggin Hill Shed. As you are aware, the School Council had requested these benches for school and they will make a wonderful addition to each playground. I would like to thank the School Council for this brilliant idea and Mrs Snelling for organising this with The Biggin Hill Shed. Finally, a very special 'thank you' to The Biggin Hill Shed for our fabulous benches!

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Whole class**
Pyramid: **Owen L**
Taj Mahal: **Jake H**
Giants Causeway: **Ronnie A**
Colosseum: **Ralph P**
Royal Mile: **Stanley M**
Loch Ness: **Zaine T**
Sydney Opera House: **Peony P**
London Bridge: **Alex E**
Parthenon: **Bella C**
Mount Everest: **Jude B-S**
Globe Theatre: **Chloe G**
Mount Fuji: **Max B**
Orinoco: **The Whole Class**
Wembley: **Harrison G**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 95.8%*

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold' 98-100%

Colosseum: **99%**

Parthenon: **98.8%**

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Pyramid: **97.6%**

Taj Mahal: **97.3%**

Royal Mile: **96.7%**

Orinoco: **96.6%**

Mount Everest: **96.5%**

Loch Ness: **96.3%**

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ROWLING

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: ATTENBOROUGH

4th: HAWKING

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

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I would also like to advise that our menus have recently been updated on our website and can be found 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!

Next week is a very busy week with Year 3 and 5 off on trips on Wednesday. If we can just politely ask parents and carers to park as far away from the entrance to school on this day, it will help us greatly with both a clear and swift departure.

We are all looking forward to a very exciting term ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend.


My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

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If you haven't already, please download the *FREE* Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and is unable to attend school.

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<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Please can we ask that you only report on the day of absence - not the night before - so that absences are recorded correctly on our registers.

Mr Devlin, Assistant Headteacher (Achievement and Attainment)

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

21st April:

- World Earth Day.
- SEN Coffee morning (by invite only).
- Y3B (London Bridge Class) teaching recorders starts today.
- Rocksteady starting today.

24th April:

- Y4 Swimming Lessons.

25th April:

- Tea and Tots KS1 Hall, 1.30-3pm.

26th April:

- Year 3 Hornimans Museum.
- Year 5 visit to Guru Nanak Darbar Gurdwara, Gravesend.

28th April:

- Y3 Assembly - Sydney Opera House, 9am.
- Rock Steady (for children who have signed up in school PM).

27th April:

- Industrial Action - see separate letter from Mrs Freeman on 21st April.

1st May:

- May Day.

2nd May:

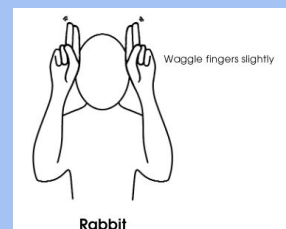
- Industrial Action - see separate letter from Mrs Freeman on 21st April.
- Tea and Tots KS1 Hall, 1.30-3pm.

5th May:

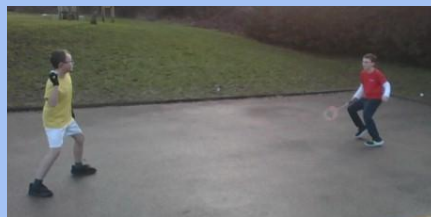
- Y3 Assembly - London Bridge, 9am.
- The Coronation Celebrations in school (PM).
- Rock Steady (for children who have signed up in school PM). We are working with Rock Steady for them to attend BHPS on a different day during this week only.

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



YEAR 6

Brilliant Badminton!

In PE last term Year 6 were learning to play badminton. We began by working hard to learn to serve with a badminton racket and shuttlecock - we quickly found that this was very different from tennis and that we had to use a lot less force than we were expecting. We then introduced the nets to practise hitting the shuttlecock upwards to get it over the net. Once we had plenty of practice using the different badminton skills including serving, forehand and backhand shots and footwork, we played a tournament - as you can imagine this got quite competitive!

Miss Wigfield and Miss O'Mahony



ROLL OF HONOUR

I feel like dancing!

Eva W, Year 2, completed her Street Dance exam with Boom Arts Academy and was delighted to receive an 'Honours' in her ISTD Street Dance exam.

This is an incredible achievement Eva - everyone at BHPS is very proud of you!

Lila W, Year 3, completed her Grade 1 ISTD Modern exam with her dance studio, Studio 74, over the Easter holidays and was delighted to be awarded with a Merit in her ISTD exam.

This is an incredible achievement Lila - everyone at BHPS is very proud of you!

The Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) is one of the world's leading dance examination boards with the widest range of dance genres available.



LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

French

Hello: Bonjour

Good Morning: Bonjour

Good Afternoon:

Bonne après-midi

ROLL OF HONOUR

A love of Shetland Ponies and Lambourn Country Show racing!



Joshua S, Year 3, dedicates a lot of his spare time to horse riding and caring for his two Shetland ponies and works hard to keep them fit and competes in showjumping.

Joshua has always been keen to start pony racing, however he cannot do this until he is a little older. He has since discovered Shetland Racing and also discovered the Shetland Pony Grand National Team, which is a team of Shetland ponies and jockeys who travel the country racing at different venues nationwide. They raise money for a nominated charity by taking the team of children aged between 8-14 years old and Shetland ponies to different venues across the UK.



They hold trials every April for any new jockeys from across the country, who wish to join the team and Joshua has recently travelled to Bedfordshire to take part in the trial. At the trial, the children have to show that they are competent riders and can ride safely within racing conditions to a good standard.

Joshua was the youngest participant there and was asked to join the team and invited to race at Lambourn Country Show where he made his debut during the Easter break! Joshua is looking forward to racing at some of the big Country shows across the country!

This is an incredible achievement Joshua - everyone at BHPS is very proud of you!