



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic week and 3 days back at school. The children have returned with such enthusiasm, have settled very well and have generally been an absolute pleasure!

It has been so hot this week and they have coped so well in the heat. Next week we should see a return to cooler temperatures and so children will need to wear their ties. Please can they continue to bring a water bottle every day and should also have a coat with them in case it rains.

Attendance has been excellent since we have been back - long may this continue. As you know improving attendance and reducing persistent absenteeism (a persistent absentee is any child with attendance below 90%) is one of our two Ofsted priorities. Please help us by making sure that your child is at school every day unless they are too unwell.

We are introducing a musical style each month. This month the children will be listening to and learning about soul music. If you like soul music perhaps you could listen to some together.

You may have noticed a police presence outside school this week. We are working with the police to make the roads safer for the children and they will hopefully be around more regularly to tackle issues such as dangerous parking and youths riding e-scooters and mopeds dangerously.

PE kits were amazing this week! Well done to everyone. The children look so much smarter in their black shorts and house T shirts. As the weather gets cooler please can I remind you that tracksuit tops, bottoms and leggings should be plain black.

We are so excited about a range of new clubs that will be starting at BHPS! We already have a waiting list for our new Wildlife Wonders Club who came in to promote the club in assembly - I was so excited to hold a snake but less thrilled to clear up parrot poo! Look out for information about new clubs starting soon!

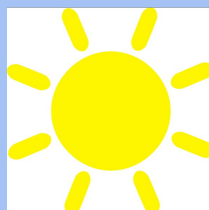
Thank you so much to everyone fortweaking your morning routines and working so hard to get your children into school at our new start time; if you did rack up the odd late mark this week, please make sure that you are on time next week.

Have a lovely sunny weekend - enjoy it while it lasts!

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Eddie C**
Thorpe: **William C**
Van Gogh: **Tyrah Q**
Coyle: **Teddy C**
Emberley: **Eddie P**
Chung: **Ronnie A**
Blake: **Jessica J**
Shuster: **Emma O**
Goldsworthy: **Cody J**
Eldridge: **Scarlett T**
O'Keeffe: **Lilly-Marie B**
Leibovitz: **Frankie W**
Fishel: **Elijah B**
Warhol: **Taylor B**

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 97.5%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

Banksy - 98.1%
Thorpe - 98.9%
Emberley - 98.4%
Chung - 99.2%
Blake - 99.3%
Goldsworthy - 98%
Leibovitz - 100%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Coyle - 97.6%
Warhol - 96.9%
Fishel - 96.4%

HOUSE POINTS

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

Geography PQM!

We are delighted to inform you that we have achieved the Silver Primary Quality Mark for geography. This prestigious award recognises high-quality geography teaching and learning in schools across the country and is a hugely beneficial process for the school. The PGQM is a process of reflection which celebrates achievements, encourages creative and critical thinking and identifies school priorities to help pupils become responsible global citizens. The award applications are reviewed, assessed and moderated by the geography association's (GA) highly experienced National Moderation Team which includes consultants to the GA and teacher educators, as well as practising teachers; all with extensive expertise in delivering and supporting high quality learning in geography.



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

25th September - Y6 SATS meeting, time TBC
2nd October - Special Recognition Assembly - invitation only (9-9.30am KS2 hall)
1st November - Halloween Disco - time TBC
7th November YR 24/25 Open Day - 1.30pm
8th November YR 24/25 Open Day - 9.30am
15th November - 6F assembly (9-9.30am KS2 hall)

Roll of Honour

Each week we have a "Roll of Honour" section in our newsletter, if your child has done something fabulous outside of school - please email us with some information and a photo and we will include them here!

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This week's "Roll of Honour" is for two members of staff!!!!

Dragon Boat Race

Thank you so very much for your support and generous contributions to our recent charity Dragon boat race in aid of the Chartwell Children's Charity Trust (CCCT). We are so fortunate to have such a generous school community and we can't thank you enough for all the support you've shown us. All money raised will go towards improving facilities, funding clinical research and capital projects, enhancing staff training, as well as delivering a range of support to young oncology patients and their families in our local community. Both Miss Gray and myself had a thoroughly enjoyable day at this well organised and spirited event securing 14th place out of 33 teams (dressed as Barbie Vikings). We won one of our 3 races and have raised £1010 so far. There is of course still time to donate to this wonderful cause.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/lucy-beech-1691773262421?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Flucy-beech-1691773262421&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share

Thank you all again for your generosity and if you would be willing to join the team next year, please let us know

Miss O'Mahony & Mrs Gray



MAKATON

Sign of the Week



**Miss Knott,
SENCo
Assistant**

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

for next week

French

Hello: Bonjour
Good Morning: Bon Matin

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!