



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a wonderfully Christmassy week here at school. We hope that you have all enjoyed the Christmas performances; children and staff have worked really hard to prepare for these and we hope that they have filled you with Christmas joy!

We had our Christmas parties this afternoon and a great time was had by all! Thank you to Annington for their very generous £250 donation - every child received a festive pencil and eraser and each class also received a prize for a game of pass the parcel!

Thank you so much for your donations last Friday - Christmas Jumper Day, in support of Save the Children, raised £250.

The Christmas fair was a huge success - thank you to everyone who came along - it was so busy! Thank you for all of your donations for the hampers, the sweet cones and the bottle tombola! Finally, thank you to the amazing Friends for organising such a lovely event for the school community - we loved it!

Let me finish by wishing you and your families a very merry Christmas and a happy new year! See you all on 3rd January 2024!

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Thank You

Thank you to you all for the cards and gifts that the staff team have received! We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity. We are really touched by the fact that you have thought of us at such an expensive and busy time of year. On behalf of the entire staff team....THANK YOU!!!



Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Oscar R**
Thorpe: **Liam C**
Coyle: **Raine T**
Van Gogh: **Albie G**
Emberley: **Harrison T**
Chung: **Georgia Y**
Shuster: **Niamh C**
Blake: **Milo A**
Goldsworthy: **Connie SB & Liam C**
Eldridge: **Molly L**
O'Keeffe: **Keira R**
Leibovitz: **Olivia E**
Fishel: **Luca W**
Warhol: **Abigail Y**
Aspire: **Ivy L-C**

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance (95)%*

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%
No classes

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%
Thorpe - 97.1%
Coyle - 96.7%
Blake - 96.9%
Leibovitz - 97.7%
Fishel - 96.9%

Well Done!

HOUSE POINTS

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

Christmas Parties!

A great time was had by all - as you can see!



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

15th December - last day of term

2024

3rd January 2024 - First day of Spring Term

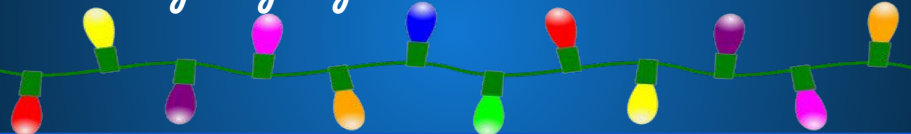
10th January 2024 - 4E class assembly (9-9.30 KS2 hall)

17th January 2024 - 2EW class assembly (9-9.30 KS1 hall)

24th January 2024 - 4G class assembly (9-9.30 KS2 hall)

31st January 2024 - 2C class assembly (9-9.30 KS1 hall)

Learning Highlights...



Year 5 Science

Year 5 have been learning about soluble and insoluble materials. We designed and carried out a fair test. We identified the independent and dependent variables and worked in groups to investigate 5 different materials. We learned some new scientific vocabulary including soluble, insoluble, solution, independent variable and dependent variable. We refined our understanding of the word "dissolve" and discussed how dissolving is different from melting.



Year 4 DT

Year 4 embarked on a DT project to bring together our science and English learning from the last term. Linking both our electricity topic and our work on the fabulous book, *Farther* by Grahame Baker-Smith, the children were tasked with planning and creating their own Iron Man robots. The challenge was to add a working electric circuit with a switch that would power two light bulb eyes and if that wasn't enough... to change the colour of the light.

We are so proud of the childrens' endeavour and perseverance throughout the week. This was a tough challenge but with the support of parents and staff alike, every child was successful and brought their designs to life. We even managed to clear up the chaos on the same day!!!

Well done year 4 and a big thanks to all that helped! These projects are not possible without working parent partnerships and the school community coming together!

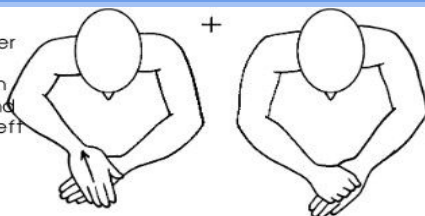
MAKATON

Sign of the Week

Christmas

Miss Knott,
SENCo Assistant

Slide right hand over back of left hand towards body, then close right hand and place on back of left hand



*LANGUAGE
Of the Month
POLISH*

Hello: Cześć

Goodbye: Cześć

Thank you: Dziękuję

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!