



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very cold, but very productive start to 2024 - the children have come back full of energy and ready to learn!

I wanted to provide a staffing update. We have recently appointed some new members of staff and this may seem strange or even unfair given that at the end of last year we went through a redundancy process. I wanted to provide some clarity around this. We have indeed appointed two new LSAs, Ms Taphouse and Ms Withams, but they have been appointed on 1:1 contracts to support children with additional needs; the hours that they have been appointed to work are split between children who have EHCPs. These contracts are not the same as regular LSA contracts and are attached to funding received for individual children and therefore they have not replaced those staff who opted for voluntary redundancy at the end of last year. We have also appointed Ms Taft to work in the dinner hall - this was necessary due to the significant increase in children opting for school dinners. Unfortunately Ms Gardner, who went on maternity leave last year, has decided not to return to work and therefore we have appointed Ms Santos as an apprentice LSA. I hope that this clarifies the the current staffing situation.

Unfortunately Mrs Ellerby is unable to return to work at the moment on the grounds of ill health. We hope that she will be able to return after half term but have emailed Year 2 parents and carers about cover arrangements for Emberley class until Mrs Ellerby is well enough to return.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Rae L**
 Thorpe: **Charlotte C**
 Coyle: **Marcy W**
 Van Gogh: **Charlie S**
 Emberley: **Amelia P**
 Chung: **Nellie B**
 Shuster: **Emilie H**
 Blake: **Hadley C**
 Goldsworthy: **Heidi S**
 Eldridge: **Joshua S**
 O'Keeffe: **Daniella G**
 Leibovitz: **Leo T-K**
 Fishel: **Meila-Rose D**
 Warhol: **Rosie C**
 Aspire: **Phoebe N**

Congratulations!

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.3%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

No classes

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Banksy - 96.1%
Thorpe - 97.1%
Coyle - 96.9%
Chung - 96.5%
Blake - 97.4%
Eldridge - 97.1%

Well Done!



THANK YOU

Biggin Hill Primary School

**For donating 89.3kg of food
To Bromley Borough Foodbank for our 2023 Harvest Festival**



HOUSE POINTS

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

Uniform

Please make sure that children are wearing a plain black tracksuit or leggings (or shorts in warmer weather) on their PE days. We have noticed a number of heavily branded/patterned items being worn and these are not school uniform. Please help us to ensure that our whole school community is looking smart!

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

2024

17th January 2EW Class Assembly
9am KS1 Hall

24th January 4G Class Assembly
9am KS2 Hall

29th January Ambassador
Assembly 9am - invitation
only (YR-3 KS 1 Hall / Y4-6
KS2 Hall)

31st January 2C Class Assembly
9am KS1 Hall

2nd February Maths/NSPCC
Number Day

2nd February - Friends Event -
Bingo and Bubbles 7.30pm -
KS2 Hall - ticket only event

7th February 5LR Class Assembly
9am KS2 Hall

**Parents Conferences w/c 5th
Feb full details to be
confirmed**

Half Term - 12th - 16th February

Roll of Honour

Milo A, George H, Theo J, Ronnie C, Cammie T and Niamh C did themselves proud just before Christmas by achieving their Chief Bronze Awards at Beavers! They all worked extremely hard to achieve these awards. They have all been attending Swordfish Beavers but will now be moving up to Cubs.



We really love to hear about all the exciting things that children do and achieve outside of school. Please do email us with photos and information about childrens' achievements outside of school. We would love to add them to the *Roll of Honour* and also to get them up in Celebration Assembly to sit on the Bench of Glory!

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MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Thank You

**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!