



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

NSPCC Number Day today was a great success! The children looked fabulous in their number themed outfits and the event raised an amazing £382.70 - thank you so much for your donations!

We have had a number of visitors to the school this week, from prospective parents touring the school to executives from the Inicio Trust. Everyone has been really impressed by what they have seen and, as headteacher, I have felt extremely proud of all the staff and children - their hard work and enthusiasm are so clearly evident!

We have a few staff leaving in February. Ms Coker, Ms Santos and Mrs Giles are all moving on to pastures new. We would like to thank them for their hard work and wish them all the very best. You will have seen that we have started the recruitment process by advertising their job roles. If you are interested in applying - please get in touch.

Congratulations to everyone who was awarded an Ambassador or Special Recognition Badge in assembly this week. We are so proud of you all!

We are looking for Parent/Carer Representatives for each class, as we would like to start the Parent/Carer Forum again. Apologies for the fact that we did not manage to have a Parent/Carer Forum in the autumn term. The voice of parents and carers is such an important part of school improvement and so we hope that you will consider putting yourselves forward or that those who have been reps previously will consider volunteering again.

Finally, we are looking forward to parent consultations next week - if you have not already done so, please book an appointment via Arbor. The booking system will be open until midday next Tuesday. Just a reminder to build in some time to look at your children's work, as books will be available for parents to look at.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Lola H**
Thorpe: **Harper Y**
Coyle: **Ronnie E**
Van Gogh: **Ava C**
Emberley: **Jessica-Rose P**
Chung: **George S**
Shuster: **Freya S-V**
Blake: **Theo J & Waylon G**
Goldsworthy: **Rudi C**
Eldridge: **Lilah-Rose G**
O'Keeffe: **Lenna B**
Leibovitz: **Theo P**
Fishel: **Edward B-S**
Warhol: **Lyla C**
Aspire: **James J-R**

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 93%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

No classes

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Banksy - 96.4%

Thorpe - 96.6%

Well Done!

Wear it Red - Thursday 8th February



HOUSE POINTS

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

World Book Day!

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 6th March by dressing up as our favourite book characters. We realise that not everyone likes dressing up so, as an alternative, pupils can wear their own clothes and bring in an object connected to their favourite character e.g. a wand for Harry Potter. Please do not feel pressure to buy new costumes. Recycle where possible or source second hand from Vinted, local community group chats or charity shops. We will also be inviting parents into school at 8:30 to read with their child. More details to follow.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

2nd February - Friends Event - Bingo and Bubbles 7.30pm - KS2 Hall - ticket only event (sale of tickets now closed)

7th February - 5LR Class Assembly 9am KS2 Hall

Parents Conferences:

Emberley Class only:

Tues 6th/Weds 7th February 3.30-5.50pm

Reception - Year 6

Weds 7th February - 3.30-4.50pm

Thurs 8th February - 3.30-6.50pm

Fri 9th February - 8.30 - 9.20am

Friday 9th February - Inset Day

Half Term - 12th - 16th February

Roll of Honour

Betsy D, Bella C and Elissia C all took their second ISTD street dance exam with Boom Arts Academy in December 2023. They all passed it at the commended level! Well done girls!



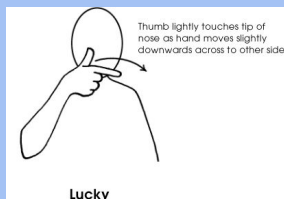
Fossil Hunting in Aspire!

Aspire Class had a very exciting week last week when they all tried their hands at paleontology! They became fossil hunters and carefully excavated some fascinating dinosaur bones and skeletons and then they wrote about their finds. The children were so engaged in their learning and produced some fantastic work! Well done everyone!



MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Lucky

Miss Knott,
SENCo Assistant

LANGUAGE

Of the Month

UKRAINIAN

Hello: привіт (privet)

Goodbye: до побачення (do pobachennya)

Thank you: Дякую (Dyakuyu)

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!