



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure for Mr Devlin to welcome parents and carers of 5G to Globe Theatre's class assembly this morning. The assembly which was themed 'The Musical' was fantastic and really showed off 5G's performance skills. Thank you to Globe Theatre class and to Miss Gray for such a fantastic assembly and our thanks to parents and carers for coming.

On Tuesday, Miss Turner, Miss Wigfield and Mr Devlin were delighted to take 22 children from our KS2 Choir to Young Voices at the O2. Biggin Hill Primary School has been involved with Young Voices for a number of years and again, this was a spectacular event and an experience that they will never forget! I would like to thank Miss Turner, Miss Wigfield and Mr Devlin for working so hard with the KS2 Choir and for taking the children to the O2. Our KS2 (Y4-6) choir will now close for the rest of the academic year although Miss Turner, Music Lead, will see them all at lunchtime on 27th January in her classroom.

After the February half term, we hope to be in a position to invite our children in year 1, 2 and 3 to join our KS1 Choir. We usually run this at lunchtime and will be in touch about this soon.

On Wednesday, we also sent a letter to parents and carers regarding Number Day, which is taking place on Friday 3rd February. We are looking forward to supporting the NSPCC and hope that we can raise much needed funds for this important charity. As part of Number Day, we will also be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and invite children to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie). Children can be as creative as they wish by dressing up in a full number themed outfit or by making a maths hat or they can keep it simple and wear their favourite sports number. Don't forget, there is no need to purchase anything expensive, please use what you have from around the house. Although we are suggesting a £2 donation, we really would appreciate any change that you feel you are able to give.

Mrs Buchanan, Maths Lead, will also be running a times tables workshop from 8.50 - 9.40am on Number Day for parents and carers of children in Years 3 - 6. This will take the form of a presentation in the Key Stage 2 hall followed by the opportunity to watch a times table session in your child's class. Please use the Google form within our original letter to indicate whether or not you will be attending.

We would also like to encourage as many parents and carers to sign up to the class WhatsApp groups if you have not already done so. We are still looking for a parent representative for Colosseum and Sydney Opera House class. If you would like to find out more about this voluntary role, please contact Mrs Helps at s.helps@bigginhillps.com for an informal chat or speak to me on the gate.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Dollie M**
Pyramid: **Raine T**
Taj Mahal: **Sienna C**
Giants Causeway: **Phoebe H**
Colosseum: **Kendall N**
Royal Mile: **Leo S-C**
Loch Ness: **Violet-Mae K**
Sydney Opera House: **Jessie S**
London Bridge: **Megan H**
Parthenon: **Daniella G**
Mount Everest: **Ruby D'R**
Globe Theatre: **Gabby H**
Mount Fuji: **Elvie P**
Orinoco: **Coral C**
Wembley: **Christopher B**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 96.9%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'

98-100%

Loch Ness: 99.2%

Parthenon: 98.9%

Mount Everest: 98.7%

Colosseum: 98.3%

Globe Theatre: 98.2%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Taj Mahal: 97.3%

Sydney Opera House: 97.2%

Giants Causeway: 96.5%

Mount Fuji: 96.4%

Orinoco: 96.3%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: HAWKING

4th: ROWLING

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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Today our Year 4 children enjoyed a visit from 'Portals to the Past' and swapped a day in the classroom for the KS1 hall where they enjoyed an activity-based workshop on the Saxon period!

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

WE ARE RECRUITING...

We are currently recruiting for a cleaner, 10 hours per week (2 hours per day) either before or after school (preferably after). For parents/carers applying, we do have our After School Club until 6pm available. For more information, please contact Mrs Lawrence at k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com or myself directly.

YEAR 2

Maths, English and Science!



In Year 2 we have been learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. We have learned lots of new mathematical vocabulary like edges, faces and vertices. We have practised counting these on 3D shapes and we can recognise 2D shapes on the faces of 3D shapes. We have also explored different ways of sorting shapes according to different properties.

In English we are reading "Wolves" by Emily Gravett. We started by thinking about what wolves are like in stories we know well, like Little Red Riding Hood and The Three Little Pigs. We thought about adjectives we could use to describe the wolves in these stories and learned some new vocabulary like "hostile" and "menacing". We are learning to identify the difference between fact and opinion and organise non-fiction writing.



In science we are learning about the properties of different materials. We brought in toys from home and looked at what materials they were made from. We noticed that lots of our toys were made of plastic and none were made of glass, so we talked about why that might be. We made houses with lego and gave each house a roof made from a different material to test which materials were waterproof.

Ms Reed, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Windover

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

1st February:

- Discovery Homework due date.
- Charles Darwin Masterclass - Art, 3.15-4pm (for pre-booked Y6 children only). *Note this is not a school event.*

2nd February:

- Charles Darwin Masterclass - Science, 3.15-4pm (for pre-booked Y6 children only). *Note this is not a school event.*

3rd February:

- Maths/NSPCC Number Day (Y1-6).

- Y2 Parent SATs Meeting, 8.30-8.50am. Year 2 Children to be taken to 2R's classroom whilst the meeting is taking place. Siblings of year 2 children can come into school at 8.30
- KS2 children to go to class and KS1 children to be dropped off in 2R.

- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Parent/Carer Times Tables Workshop, 8:50 to 9:40am, KS2 hall.

- Charles Darwin Masterclass - Computer Science, 2.15-3pm (for pre-booked Y6 children only). *Note this is not a school event.*

- Bingo and Bubbles (Friends event) 7.30pm (tickets must be booked in advance).

The Online Safety Workshop that was due to take place on 2nd February will be rearranged to a new date and time.

6-9 February: Internet Safety Week.

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

Afrikaans
Hello: hallo

Good Morning: goeie more
Good Afternoon: goeie middag



MAKATON
Sign of the Week

Miss Knott,
SENC
Assistant