



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Part of the Charles Darwin  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wet and windy start to the second half of the spring term! Thank you for ensuring that children continue to bring a winter coat to school whilst this weather persists. We are very sorry that children got very wet yesterday, we were keen to give them at least a small amount of time outside and then they got caught in a torrential downpour! Sincere apologies.

We are delighted to inform you that Ms Malcolmson has been appointed as a 3 day per week LSA and Ms Hoadley has taken on the apprenticeship role. We are really looking forward to them both starting work with us.

Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Giles who has worked with us as a midday meals supervisor for a number of years. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her hard work. Mrs Cook has been appointed to replace her and we are looking forward to her joining our team.

We were delighted to have a visit this week from Isobel Cattermole, Chair of the Inicio Trust Board. Isobel was very impressed by what she saw on her walk around the school and commented on how hard at work the children were, how smart they looked and how impressed she was with all of their badges! Well done everyone!

Thank you to you all for attending Parent Consultations before half term. If you have not met with your child's class teacher yet, please arrange a meeting as soon as possible.

Have a wonderful weekend,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Computing at BHPS.... Year 1

### Bee-Bots

Year 1 has spent the half term learning how to programme Bee-Bots. Bee-bots are exciting robots designed specifically for use by young children. These colourful, easy to operate, friendly little robots teach sequencing, directionality, problem solving and the children have lots of fun programming them. The children were set lots of challenges to overcome and finished the term with a great understanding on how programming starts.



## Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Nellie D**  
Thorpe: **Jaxon W**  
Coyle: **Freddie S**  
Van Gogh: **Jenson R**  
Emberley: **Rose B**  
Chung: **Lily M**  
Shuster: **James C**  
Blake: **Leo S**  
Goldsworthy: **Frankie M**  
Eldridge: **Emmy R**  
O'Keefe: **Noah B**  
Leibovitz: **Ellie H**  
Fishel: **Tammy C & Bailey S**  
Warhol: **Liam K**  
Aspire: **Lilah-Rose G**

**Congratulations!**

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 95%

### Weekly Class Attendance

**Excellent attendance 'gold'**  
98-100%

**Banksy - 99.5%**  
**O'Keefe - 99.1%**

**Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%**

**Coyle - 97.1%**  
**Blake - 96.9%**  
**Fishel - 96.9%**

**Well Done!**

## HOUSE POINTS

**1st Holmes**  
**2nd Yellow**  
**3rd Attenborough**  
**4th Hawking**

## Times Tables Workshop

Mrs Buchanan, Maths Lead, will be running a times tables workshop from 9.00am - 9.30am on Tuesday, 5th March for parents and carers of children in Years 3 - 6. This will take the form of a presentation in the KS2 hall followed by the opportunity to watch a times tables session in your child's class. Please use this form to indicate whether or not you will be attending. If the link does not work, please cut and paste it into your browser. <https://forms.gle/6sZELHsViidXhDUTA>

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

- 26th February - Year 4 Portals to the Past
- 28th February - 3S Class Assembly - 9am KS2 Hall
- 29th February - Break the Rules Day - Friends fundraising event
- 6th March - 1G Class Assembly - 9am KS1 Hall
- 6th March - World Book Day - dress up as a book character - optional
- 6th March - School Council Cake Sale - after school (cake donations gratefully accepted)
- 8th March - Friends Mother's Day Event (during school day)**
- 11th March - Ambassador Assembly - by invitation only (YR-3 KS1 Hall, Y4-6 KS2 Hall)
- 13th March - 3B Class Assembly - 9am KS2 Hall
- W/C 18th March Science Week

## Football News

The girls and boys football teams have got their games off to a good start. The girls played in a Bromley tournament and out of 5 games only lost 1. The boys have begun their league and go unbeaten after 3 games. We will keep you updated on how they get on, once all games have been played. Well done everyone!



### Computing at BHPS continued.... Micro:bits

The BBC has offered all primary schools 30 Micro:bits to use. Ours arrived a few weeks before half term and our year 5's have had a lesson learning how to programme this device. Micro:bits allow children to experience hands-on coding. The lesson was a great success and we hope to do more in the summer term. More computing news next week....

*"There's nothing better than cake but more cake" - Harry S Truman*

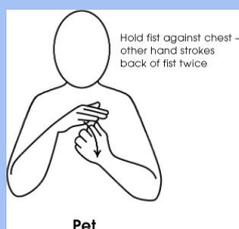
**School Council Cake Sale**  
**Wednesday 6th March**

*After school 3.15-3.45 outside reception.*  
*All cake donations would be gratefully received (no nuts please).*



## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*



Pet

**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!