



**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,

We have come to the end of what has been an exceptionally busy half term at BHPS. The children have been fantastic - they have shown such endeavour in their work and brilliant behaviour for learning.

This week has been Safer Internet Week and Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday which is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology to help to create a better internet. The theme for 2023 is 'Want to talk about it? Making Space for conversations about life online'. Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote in school, and to celebrate the theme of Safer Internet Day this year, we began our online safety learning and have had conversations about our life online and how we can keep ourselves and others safe.

I hope the children in R-Y6 have had an opportunity to complete the 'App Review Template' which was sent to parents and carers along with Miss Farrell's letter on 2nd February. Any completed templates can be emailed to [e.farrell@bigginhillps.com](mailto:e.farrell@bigginhillps.com) or handed in to your child's class teacher. Children who complete the App Review Template will be awarded with a Safer Internet Day certificate! I would like to thank Miss Farrell, Computing Lead, for planning and leading the activities across the school this week for both KS1 and KS2. Yesterday you will have received an electronic version of the 'Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers 2023' for you to watch at your leisure. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Farrell directly.

On Wednesday you will have received a letter regarding scooters and bikes. Please can I just reiterate that scooters and bikes must NOT be ridden on the school site and children must dismount these before the white line - this is very important for keeping everyone on our site safe.

I would also like to thank the Friends of BHPS for arranging and hosting 'Bingo and Bubbles' at the school last Friday evening. This proved to be a brilliant evening and was enjoyed by all!

Myself and the leadership team are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to parent consultations both today and tomorrow. These consultations will provide you with the opportunity to discuss your child's progress, wellbeing and

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Whole Class**  
Pyramid: **Jenson R**  
Taj Mahal: **Hallie S**  
Giants Causeway: **Harry M**  
Colosseum: **Harrison T**  
Royal Mile: **Ayaah H**  
Loch Ness: **Dylan D**  
Sydney Opera House: **Scarlett T**  
London Bridge: **Harley W-E**  
Parthenon: **Ben S**  
Mount Everest: **Sammy S**  
Globe Theatre: **Ava M**  
Mount Fuji: **Amos K**  
Orinoco: **Joshua M**  
Wembley: **Tabitha S-D**

*'Congratulations'*

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.5%

### Weekly Class Attendance

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

**Colosseum: 98.8%**

**Mount Fuji: 98.8%**

**Taj Mahal: 98.3%**

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

## HOUSE POINTS

**1st: ATTENBOROUGH**

**2nd: HAWKING**

**3rd: HOLMES**

**4th: ROWLING**

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*



## PRE-SCHOOL

*Looking after others!*

This week in Pre-school we have been participating in activities and discussions on being kind to others and how we can look after ourselves and others around us.

Pre-school children were very lucky to have the opportunity to look after Olive, our school therapy dog! The children had lots of fun showing her kindness, keeping her safe and most important of all having fun!

**Miss Belaon, Pre-school Manager**

## WE NEED YOU!

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CLASS REPRESENTATIVE?

We are 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](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com) for an informal chat.



## YEAR 6

*Systems in the human body!*

This term Year 6 have been learning all about systems in the human body. We have learnt about lots of different major organs and are now experts on the circulatory system. Although we all knew that the heart pumped blood around our body we weren't sure why and have been learning that this is to ensure that all our cells have a supply of oxygen. To help us understand how this works we made blood - cheerios were the perfect shape to show our red blood cells which are biconcave to carry oxygen.



**Miss Wigfield and Miss O'Mahony**

## COME AND JOIN OUR TEAM

### 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](mailto:k.lawrence@bigginhillps.com) or myself directly.

**Mrs Freeman**

## READING VOLUNTEERS

*Would you like to help?*

We are always looking for ways to increase the number of reading volunteers we have in school. Reading regularly to an adult is so important and we need as many volunteers as we can get. We realise that not everyone can commit to a couple of hours a week so we would like to offer flexibility for volunteering.

We know a number of parents park up early and we would really appreciate it if you could come in and hear a few readers before the end of the day. Just to have your time for 20 minutes one or two days a week would be really valuable. Alternatively, maybe you have 20 minutes to spare before you start your day and could hear a few children read as they come into school.

Please let Mrs Helps at [s.helps@bigginhillps.com](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com) know if you are interested in volunteering in this way.

**Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead**

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achievement at school. Please make sure you take a little time to look through your child's work and celebrate their achievements with them - children love to talk about their learning and are always very proud to talk about their school work.

Please also remember that it is an inset day tomorrow (Friday 10th February) and school is closed to children. Children are very welcome to attend parent consultations, however must be supervised by parents and carers at all times.

Thank you to everyone for taking part in Number Day and supporting the NSPCC with your kind donations. By taking part in 'Dress for Digits' and supporting the NSPCC we are delighted to have raised £350.25! To find out more about this amazing charity, please visit their website at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>.

I would like to wish all our children, families and staff a very enjoyable half term and a wonderful break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 20th February.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

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**ALL PARENT CONSULTATIONS MUST  
BE BOOKED VIA ARBOR IN  
ADVANCE**  
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### 9th February:

- Parent Consultations, 3.30-6.50pm.  
(Children are very welcome to attend parent consultations, however must be supervised by parents and carers at all times).

### 10th February:

- INSET DAY - school closed to children.  
- Parent Consultations, 8.30-10.50am.  
(Children are very welcome to attend parent consultations, however must be supervised by parents and carers at all times).

### 13th - 17th February:

- HALF TERM

### 20th February:

- First day back after half term.

- Charles Darwin Masterclass - Art, 3.15-4pm (arrival at Charles Darwin School from 3pm). Parents/carers MUST have booked their children directly with CDS in advance). Please note, this event is not organised by BHPS.

## ADVANCE NOTICE

*World Book Day*

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day by dressing up as our favourite book character. The organisation - Greener and Cleaner are organising a 'make your own costume' workshop using old clothes. The workshop is free but you need to book.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/world-book-day-costume-making-tickets-525726059797>.

Also during half-term, Waterstones have a character hunt in their store. Details are below.

<https://www.waterstones.com/events/world-book-day-character-hunt/bromley>

**Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead**

## LANGUAGE

*Of the Week*

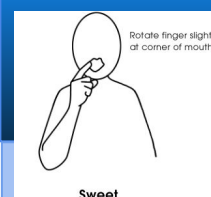
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Turkish

Hello: merhaba

Good Morning: günaydın

Good Afternoon: tünaydın



## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*

**Miss Knott, SENCo  
Assistant**