



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL
*Part of the Charles Darwin
Academy Trust*

NEWSLETTER

Term: Spring | Issue: 21 | Date: 24th February 2023



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been so nice to welcome everyone back to school this week to what I hope will be a brilliant term. The children have really enjoyed being back - as have the staff!

This morning Mrs Lawrence was delighted to welcome parents and carers to 4E's Class Assembly. The children really demonstrated how much they have learned and how engaged they are in their learning at school.

On 10th February we wrote to families regarding World Book Day, which we are celebrating in school on Friday 3rd March rather than Thursday due to so many children having Forest School on Thursday. The focus of the day is the enjoyment of reading and the pleasure that stories give us. On Monday 27th February, we have a special assembly 'The Masked Reader' where children will need to guess which member of staff is reading a story behind the mask!

We encourage children to dress up on World Book Day as their favourite book character for the day, however we also appreciate that not all children like dressing up. Instead, pupils can wear their own clothes and bring in an object connected to their favourite character e.g. a wand for Harry Potter. There will be no P.E. lessons on Friday 3rd March.

We also encourage children to bring their favourite book from home to share with the class. It may or may not be connected to who they have dressed up as. Please name your child's book.

After our successful decorate a spoon competition last year, this year it's the turn of the potato! Entries to the competition are to be brought to school on Friday 3rd March only.

We are excited to welcome parents and carers into school on World Book Day from 2:45pm to share a book with your child. Please enter individual classrooms through their external doors. Parents and carers with siblings will be able to use the external doors to move from classroom to classroom. Dismissal for all children will be at the normal time of 3:15pm. Please do not worry if you can't attend because all staff will be reading stories to groups of children who do not have a parent or carer who can make it. Pre-school will also be taking part and parents and carers can join their children from 2:30pm.

Yesterday we sent a 'Costume Flyer' to all families. We are very keen to hold a small supply of fancy dress or curriculum themed costumes in school. If you do have any unwanted costumes, please pop them into main reception - it would be great to have any donations in time for World Book Day.

We will also be holding the Book Fair at school again, which will take

... continued on page 3

STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Nancy H**
Pyramid: **Owen L**
Taj Mahal: **Caleb R**
Giants Causeway: **Amelia A**
Colosseum: **Eddie P**
Royal Mile: **Ronnie C**
Loch Ness: **Max H**
Sydney Opera House: **Freddie M**
London Bridge: **Heidi S**
Parthenon: **Arthur H**
Mount Everest: **Daniel I**
Globe Theatre: **Lois T**
Mount Fuji: **Willa-Rose W**
Orinoco: **Lily-Rose K**
Wembley: **Kayla L**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 94.4%*

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Parthenon: **98.8%**
London Bridge: **98.3%**
Mount Everest: **98%**

Attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Globe Theatre: **96.9%**
Mount Fuji: **96.1%**
Colosseum: **96%**

HOUSE POINTS

1st: HOLMES
2nd: ATTENBOROUGH
3rd: HAWKING
4th: ROWLING

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

YEAR 2

Drumming Workshop

In Year 2 we enjoyed an amazing drumming workshop. Sam brought with him over thirty drums and a big bag of percussion instruments. We learnt about the African history of drums and how they were made. He showed us how to get the best sound by tilting the drum and hitting it with different parts of our hands. We learnt lots of drumming rhythms and made a lot of noise! It was such a fun afternoon!



Mrs Windover, Mrs Lucas and Ms Reed

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 for an informal chat.

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 know if you are interested in volunteering in this way.

Mrs Lucas, Literacy Lead

ROLL OF HONOUR

Mia - You are Amazing!



Mia M, 3S, who has the most beautiful hair, had 9 inches cut off in January and has generously donated this to The Little Princess Trust, a wonderful charity that has been helping children and young people since 2006.

All the staff at Biggin Hill Primary School are immensely proud of Mia - this is a really wonderful way to help people.

Well done Mia!

To find out more information about donating your hair to The Little Princess Trust, please visit:

<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/our-story/our-journey>.

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

continued from page 1

place in the KS2 hall after school from Friday 3rd March to Wednesday 8th March.

Just before the end of the half-term, the leadership team held Pupil Progress Reviews (PPRs) with teaching teams across the school and the information from these important reviews will inform our teaching this term. Children in both year 2 and 6 will be preparing for statutory assessments, which will be taking place in all primary schools across England.

Yesterday we sent a letter to parents and carers of children in Year 1, 2 and 3 regarding our KS1 Choir which we are delighted to be starting on Friday 10th March. The Choir will meet in Ms Turner's classroom (Reception, Taj Mahal Classroom). If your child would like to join, please complete the slip at the bottom of the letter and return to your child's class teacher. Places will be offered to children who attend the choir regularly each week and will be limited. If the choir becomes full we will operate a waiting list.

We also sent a letter yesterday regarding the closure of our school gates, which will be effective from Monday 27th February. If you do have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the main office or speak to me or a member of the leadership team on the gate.

We are also delighted to welcome you to our BHPS Community Coffee Morning which is taking place on Wednesday, 1st March at 8.45-9.40am. The coffee morning is an opportunity for you to purchase preloved school uniform, meet the Inclusion team, purchase some second hand books and talk to Mrs Helps about volunteering at the school. Also, if you do have any fancy dress costumes that you would like to donate, you can pop these into us at the coffee morning.

We are also looking forward to Careers and Aspirations Day on Monday 6th March. We have some very exciting activities for the children and are looking forward to welcoming some wonderful visiting speakers to school as well as Laura Tully, our Chair of Governors.

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

28th February:

- Tea and Tots - KS1 Hall, 1.30-3pm.

1st March:

- BHPS Community Coffee Morning and Pre-loved Uniform Sale, 8.45-9.45am.

3rd March:

- World Book Day.
- Pre-school: Parent Reading / Sharing a Book with your child, 2.30pm-3pm.
- R-Y6 Parent Reading / Sharing a Book with your child, 2:45 – 3:15pm.
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.

6th March:

- Careers & Aspirations Day (R-Y6) - Reception children will also be taking part in this day.
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.

7th March:

- Outreach Session 2 - Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA), 9am-10am.
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm.
- Outreach Session 2 - EBSA (as above), 6pm on Zoom.

8th March:

- Charles Darwin Masterclass - Maths 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.
- Book Fair - KS2 Hall, 3.15pm

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

Lithuanian

Hello: Sveiki

Good Morning: labas rytas

Good Afternoon: laba diena

A MESSAGE FROM BETSIE AND ROSIE

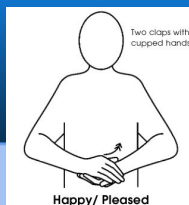
and the Reception Team

Thank you to Georgia and Abigail Y for looking after us over the half-term break. We had a fabulous time!



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND

<https://www.bigginhillprimary.com/>



MAKATON

Sign of the Week

Miss Knott, SENCo
Assistant