



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a brilliant first week back with all our wonderful children - we really hope they all enjoyed the special welcome back on Monday morning. I know the children were especially delighted to see Martin, our much loved lollipop man.

Today has been our World Book 'Dress Up' Day. As always, our amazing children have made such an effort with dressing up as their favourite book characters. Your creativity and resourcefulness never ceases to amaze!

Thank you to everyone for observing the government guidelines around mask wearing and social distancing during drop off and collection times.

This week has been all about settling in and reintegration into school for our children. Children have enjoyed some wellbeing activities, usual lessons and of course socialising with their friends - it has been great to see their joy at being back with their peers. Mrs Lawrence and I are particularly impressed with how settled and happy the children seem and how well they have managed the transition back to school. If you do have any concerns around teaching, learning or your child's wellbeing, please do let your child's class teacher know. Please look out for our *Who to Contact About What* Guide - that will be coming soon, this will help to direct parents and carers to the right person, depending on the nature of the issue.

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day in school this year on Friday 19th March. We are asking that children come to school on 19th March dressed as their heroes. Your child's hero should be somebody that they respect, are inspired by, look up to and would like to be like when they grow up. Alternatively children can wear their own clothes - including something red! For more information, please see the letter from Miss Wigfield dated 8th March - this can be found on our website.

Thanks everyone for pulling together for all our wonderful children and making their return a memorable one!

Have a fabulous weekend.

My very best wishes, *Mrs Freeman*



STARS OF THE WEEK



Jill Barklem, Beatrix Potter,
Emily Gravett, Eric Carle,
Abi Longstaff, Michael Rosen,
Helen Cooper, Jeremy Strong,
Berlie Doherty, Adam Frost,
Michael Bond, Katharine
Woodfine, Abi Elphinstone,
Andrew Donkin and
Sinead O'Hart

You are all our

'Stars of the Week'

**Thank you for all being so
fabulous at school this
week.**





PUPIL VOICE

Year 2

This week, Pupil Voice was held with our year 2 children.

What is it like to be back at school?

"Fun!"

"Great!"

"Fun because I can be with my friends."

"It is amazing to be back in school."

"I am enjoying playing with my friends."

What are you enjoying most about being back at school?

"Playing with my friends and seeing friends."

"Being with my friends."

"Seeing everyone again."

"Seeing my teacher."

What are you working hard at to improve?

"Using good adjectives in literacy."

"Times tables."

"My 4 times tables and 3 times tables."

"I am trying to improve my literacy."

Tell me about something you have mastered?

"Maths. Adding big numbers together."

"Maths."

"I have mastered my reading."

YEAR 3

Rainbow Artwork



Year 3 have enjoyed being back at school this week. We have completed a collaborative piece of art work across the year group. We were all given a colour to draw a self portrait and when the pictures were put together the colours make a rainbow. The rainbow has become a sign of hope in lockdown and for the NHS. ***Mrs Sanford and Mr Day***



A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM



Mrs Sargeant and I have been exceptionally proud of how the children have returned to school this week. The excitement in the air on Monday morning was electric! Of course, many of us are feeling anxious about the changes to our routines this week. I would imagine some of you are feeling a bit lost with your children back at school and are wondering how they are throughout the school day. I can tell you that they are wonderfully engaged in their learning, enjoying socialising with their peers and pleased to see their teachers without a computer screen in between!

I am very proud to be supporting one of our parents, Laura Tully, with her mission of improving mental health and wellbeing for our young people through 'Colourful Conversations'. Take a look for yourself at www.colourfulconversations.org.uk ... if you look closely enough you may be able to find Mr Ellis on there too! We will be using Colourful Conversations in school to support our children with regulating their emotions, understanding how they feel and as a tool to support children in expressing their thoughts, feelings and worries.

From myself and Mrs Sargeant we wish you a lovely weekend.
See you all next week!



Mrs Lawrence

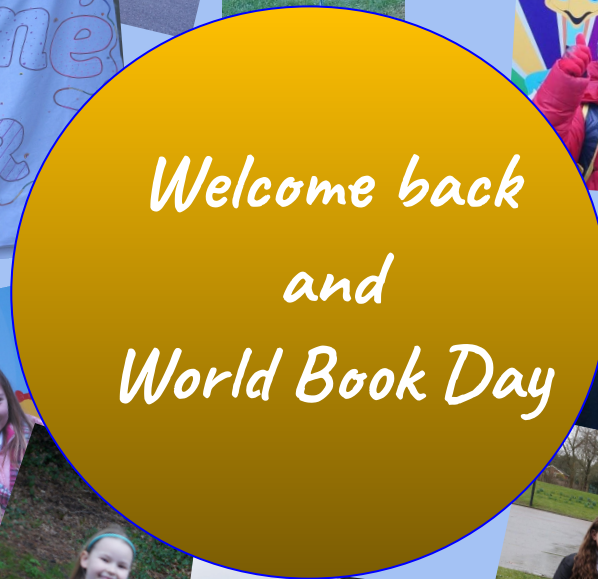
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SUCH A FANTASTIC WEEK
Biggin Hill Primary School



RECEPTION

The Very Hungry Caterpillar



This week we had a special delivery of caterpillars. We are observing the changes that are happening. Some of our caterpillars have grown quite big already! We read the story '*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*', which we all enjoyed - this

helped us see the life cycle of the caterpillar. We are very excited for our caterpillars to move onto the next stage of the cycle which is a cocoon! We have also had a go at many independent tasks including creating a caterpillar out of playdough and beads.

Miss Powell, Mrs Clark and Mrs Giham



Thank you to all our children for your AMAZING work in school this week!

LOCKDOWN

Creativity and Fun!



Salt and vinegar pringles won. Mr Freeman was not happy!

During lockdown the Freeman household took part in a Crisp World Cup! There were some tense moments from the start to the final.



COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

All the latest guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

There is also a very useful 'How we will move out of lockdown' easy read guide which has been produced by the Cabinet Office - see below:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965011/COVID-19_Response - Spring 2021 Summary - Easy Read .pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/965011/COVID-19_Response_-_Spring_2021_Summary_-_Easy_Read_.pdf)

IMPORTANT NOTE

We are working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible in school. I must ask that if your child or a family member within the household is unwell with any of the key symptoms, please keep your children at home and follow the government guidance. This is very important for us **all** in making sure everyone is as safe as possible.

Mrs Freeman and Mrs Lawrence