



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. Although the sun is starting to shine, it has still been very chilly and windy! We very much hope to see some warmer weather so that we can all enjoy the outside events that are planned for the summer term!

We were very pleased to announce that Mrs Lawrence has agreed to become Acting Headteacher from September - we hope that this has served to reassure parents and carers. Mrs Lawrence is very much looking forward to taking on this new role.

The children have settled back down brilliantly - as they always do! Year 4 have been enjoying a week of intensive swimming lessons and they have all done so well - brilliant job Y4. Thank you to everyone who has walked the children to and from the pool and to the staff who have got into the pool to support the less confident swimmers. Y6 are working very hard in preparation for their SATs which will take place in May and Y5 enjoyed a fabulous Portals to the Past, Egyptian Day!

A couple of summer term reminders: Please can all children have a named (full) water bottle in school every day and please can cardigans and jumpers be named, as these will be removed a lot more in the warmer weather.

We are very much looking forward to lots of summer fun this term - please keep an eye on the diary dates so that you are aware of what is coming up later this term.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Year 5 - Poetry Workshop at Biggin Hill Library

The SPINE Festival is an annual London spoken word and arts festival for children and families, delivered in libraries across 16 boroughs. For 2024 it is running from **21 March – 21 April 2024**, exploring the theme of **MAGIC & IMAGINATION**.

As part of the festival, 14 Year 5 children were invited to take part in a poetry workshop at Biggin Hill Library based on the story of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. They used their imagination to create poems which described what the town of Hamelin would look like with all the adults gone. Eileen the poet led the sessions and really encouraged the children's imagination to emerge. The children were so engaged and were a credit to the school with their behaviour and creativity.

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Brodie N**
Thorpe: **Esme G**
Coyle: **Sienna R**
Van Gogh: **Jesse E**
Emberley: **Ivy G**
Chung: **Riley C**
Shuster: **Ritchie J**
Blake: **Summer P**
Goldsworthy: **Whole Class**
Eldridge: **Whole Class**
O'Keeffe: **Billy I**
Leibovitz: **Ellie G**
Fishel: **Max C**
Warhol: **Logan B**
Aspire: **Millie A**

Congratulations!

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Banksy - 98.2%
Fishel - 99.6%

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

Thorpe - 96.6%
Coyle - 96.7%
Shuster - 96%
Blake - 97.7%
Leibovitz - 96.9%

Well Done!

House Points

1st Attenborough
2nd Hauckling
3rd Holmes
4th Rowling

Football News

The boys football team were unbeaten in their group matches and won their group. The top two teams from each group are now playing against each other. The winner will receive a reward and there will be medals for both the winners and runners up.

The girls team is also unbeaten. They have won games 11-2 and 6-0! They have one game left to play next week and I will update you with their results.

Well done to both teams!

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

22nd April - Ambassador Assembly
9am - invite only

24th April - Banksy Class Assembly -
9am KS1 hall

1st May - Thorpe Class Assembly -
KS1 Hall at 9am

9th May - Reception - Farm Visit - at
school

W/C 13th May - Year 6 SATs Week

15th May - Year 3 Trip

20th May - Class Photos - KS1 Hall

21/22 May - Year 6 Bikeability - in
school

24th May Sponsored Bounce - Friends
Event

27th - 31st May - Half Term

Upcoming Friends Event:

28th June - Colour Run & Summer Fair
(after Sports Day)

Roll of Honour

Jacob D in Y3, was selected to take part in the Mare Nostrum Cup in Barcelona over the Easter weekend playing against teams from across the world. He played exceptionally well with his team, getting to the 1/4 finals and Jacob winning supporters player of the tournament. Well done Jacob!



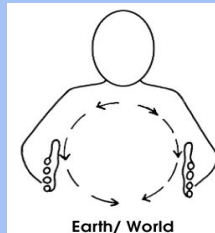
If your child has done something marvellous outside of school and you would like their achievements to feature in the Roll of Honour Section of the newsletter, please email me directly:

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We LOVE to hear about all of the amazing things that children get up to in their free time.

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Earth/ World

**Miss Knott,
SENCo Assistant**

LANGUAGE

Of the Month

ITALIAN

Hello: Ciao

Goodbye: Arrivederci

Thank you: Grazie

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!