



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a lovely week in school and all the children seem very settled and happy!

Today our school was a sea of colour in recognition of Comic Relief with many children also dressing up as their hero. Thank you to Miss Wigfield for organising this event.

This week, all children have enjoyed a themed assembly around being happy and mindful. Usually Mrs Lawrence and I would present this sort of assembly, however we found this great link below and felt that we couldn't describe this any better than these children!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/school-radio/assemblies-ks1-ks2-mindfulness-how-to-be-happy/zcpqkty>

On Monday we were delighted to be able to write to you all with regards to our volunteering initiative as part of our Covid-19 Recovery Plan. In the past, children have loved volunteers being in school and this is such a nice way to become involved. If you are interested in volunteering your time and assisting us with our reading initiative, please do email Mrs Helps at [s.helps@bigginhillps.com](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com)

On Wednesday we also sent a *Who to Contact About What Guide*, which we hope will provide some guidance on how to direct your queries or concerns. If you do feel you need any further clarification, please do contact us via the office.

The government has also announced that parents and carers of primary aged children can access rapid lateral flow testing. Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the spread of the virus, protect loved ones and is in the interest of public safety. More information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Finally, I am sure it will be a huge comfort for you all to know that school feels and sounds just like it did before the pandemic. Although we have new routines and tight timetables, the children have all adapted brilliantly. We honestly couldn't be more proud of them all!

Have a fabulous weekend.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*



## STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Raine T**

Beatrix Potter: **Lyla H**

Emily Gravett: **Leo S-C**

Eric Carle: **Elsie K**

Abi Longstaff: **Megan H**

Michael Rosen: **Benjamin S**

Helen Cooper: **Rosie F**

Jeremy Strong: **Myah Belle P**

Berlie Doherty: **Dexter D**

Adam Frost: **Mia C**

Michael Bond: **Tabitha S-D**

Katharine Woodfine: **Jimmy L**

Abi Elphinstone: **Zekay G**

Andrew Donkin: **Nick B**

Sinead O'Hart: **Jason C**

**You are our  
'Stars of the Week'**

*Attendance 97.3%*

*Team Point Winners*  
J K Rowling and David Attenborough

## DIARY DATES

**Monday 29th - Wednesday 31st March**

Science Week

**Wednesday 31st March**

Last day of term

**Thursday 1st April**

Staff INSET Day

**Friday 2nd - Friday 16th April**

Easter Holidays

**Monday 19th April**

First day of term



## PUPIL VOICE

*Year 3*

***This week, Pupil Voice was held with our year 3 children.***

### **What is it like to be back at school?**

*"Very fun."*

*"Good."*

*"It feels good because I can play with more people."*

*"Good and I am very happy to see everyone."*

### **Do you have the opportunity to work with other children in your class?**

*"Yes, when we have a group or pairs."*

*"Yes we can."*

*"Yes, when we are partners."*

### **How do you think you are doing in your learning?**

*"I think I'm doing good."*

*"Good because I got all my Maths Challenge correct!"*

### **Do you have the opportunity to improve your work after it has been marked?**

*"Yes because I can improve my spelling."*

*"Yes we do whole class marking."*

*"Yes."*

*"With a purple pen."*

## CHICKS

*Wow!*

Our Reception children had the most amazing experience on Tuesday afternoon. They were able to watch two of our chicks hatch!

The children have been learning all about life cycles and watching these little chicks hatch really is an amazing experience for them. The chicks are currently being carefully looked after by our Reception team and children.



## FRIENDS

*Thank You*



A big  
***Thank You***  
for  
organising  
the daffodils  
and gifts.

## PUPIL VOICE - COMPUTING LEAD

*Biggin Hill Primary School*



One way of finding out what is happening in school is to ask the people who are experiencing it - the pupils! Pupil Voice is important as it gives pupils an opportunity to express their views on what happens at school. Last week I asked the pupils their thoughts on their Computing lessons with Junior Jam. I asked a wide mix of pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 and the response was overwhelmingly positive. Nearly every pupil said they enjoyed their computing lessons with Mr Small. Pupils could explain the skills they had learnt in their lessons and they knew they had made lots of progress since the start of the year. There was always help if they needed it and they really liked Mr Small's snazzy dance moves. In particular, Year 5 and 6 enjoyed the freedom they were given to choose how to complete a task. Many of the pupils explained how they often went home and downloaded the same apps from the lesson so they could continue to explore them. It was a pleasure talking to the children and it was lovely to see and hear their enthusiasm for Computing. In fact one pupil stated that "Mr Small had inspired him to have a career in computing."

***Mrs Lucas, Computing Lead, Biggin Hill Primary School***



## VOLUNTEERING

*We Need You!*



**Would you like to become more involved?**  
**Do you have a spare few hours a week?**  
**Would you like to help out?**  
**Would you like to do something rewarding?**

We are very keen to talk to any parents / carers who would like to become more involved in volunteering at Biggin Hill Primary School.

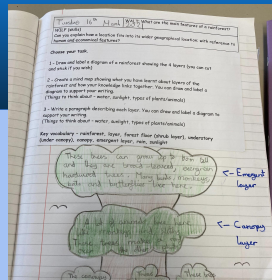
*We are looking for adults to help with the following:*

- Listening to children read
- Sharing books with small groups of children
- Supporting children with Guided Reading activities.

**If you would like to have an informal chat about volunteering, please email Mrs Helps at [s.helps@bigginhillps.com](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com)**

**Thank you.**

## YEAR 5 Rainforest



Year 5 have been learning all about rainforests and, in particular, endangered

animals. We have been working hard to research certain endangered animals and how they are threatened within the world. Thankfully, there are organisations working to save the animals!

We have written reports about their chosen endangered animals, giving lots of facts and writing formally with technical language. As part of our Design and Technology (DT) project this term, we will also be creating a lemur enclosure to make sure that lemurs are protected!

**Miss Elliott and Miss Wigfield**

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS \*\*\*

**Please use the one way system for entry and exit when coming on to and leaving the school site.**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM



Hello,

To support families during this difficult time, **Bromley Children's Project** are launching a Parenting Hotline from Thursday 26th March. If you have a parenting issue and would like some advice or just some reassurance, please ring the Hotline number which is **0208 461 7259**. You will be asked some basic details and then someone will call you back.

### **Bromley Children's Project are also running a series of parenting courses:**

Boundaries...are you in charge?	30 March 2021 @11:00 to 12.30
Communication...it's good to talk.	29 March 2021 @11:00 to 12:30
Relationships...can be hard.	22 March 2021 @11:00 to 12:30

**Interested?** Simply email  
[parenting.courses@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:parenting.courses@bromley.gov.uk) or  
 telephone 020 8461 7259 stating the session  
 you'd like to join.



**Mrs Lawrence**  
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## YEAR 1

### *Did you see a Spaceship?*

Unbelievably, a spaceship crashed outside the Year 1 classrooms last week. Mrs Snelling and Mrs Born thought they saw an alien running away from the crash site. It was small and yellow with a big belly and very long fluffy ears that touched the ground. The children used the description of the alien to draw what they thought it looked like. They then became detectives and looked for further clues about the incident before filling in police reports. The alien was then discovered hiding in our classrooms. Her name is **Beegu** and she mixes up her words when she speaks and says things like 'nike' instead of 'bike'. Beegu is feeling lonely on Earth and we have been making her lots of new friends using arts and crafts.

***Mrs Churchward, Mrs Lucas and Miss Turner***



## THINKING OF TEACHING AS A CAREER?

**Thinking of taking the next step in your teaching career?**

**Find out more about the Assessment Only Route to QTS at our online information event on Thursday 25th March at 4pm**

Email [administrator@gradteach.uk](mailto:administrator@gradteach.uk) to book your place



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## 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***