



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a fabulous week in school and it has been lovely to see the children enjoying the slightly warmer weather.

I am very proud to announce that our school raised £155.50 last Friday for Comic Relief. This is such an important cause and your donations will have an impact on the lives of people in the UK and worldwide. Once again, thank you for your generosity.

On Tuesday, along with many other educational settings, we marked National Reflection Day with a one minute silence to take a moment to reflect on the way this pandemic has changed our lives. This was an important moment of reflection for the entire country and we couldn't be more proud of how much maturity and respect the children displayed whilst observing the silence.

Next week is Science Week and the children have a range of engaging science activities to look forward to. All children from across the school will be participating in an enrichment activity from Primary Nature Live.

Now that children have been in school for a few weeks and have settled in, Mrs Lawrence and I have been holding COVID Recovery Meetings with teaching staff to ensure that we are meeting the needs of every learner in the school. We have been planning interventions for the summer term to close any gaps that may have arisen as a result of school closure.

Finally, I wanted to inform you that from after Easter Mrs Sanford will be working from home as she will have reached the 28th week in her pregnancy. Mrs Windover will take over the teaching of Jeremy Strong class. Mrs Sandford's maternity leave will begin at the end of May.

Next week we will see the end of this term - please note our last day at school is Wednesday 31st March.

I do hope the milder weather will be with us for the weekend - see you all on Monday.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*



**If your child is absent, please ensure that their absence is reported each day by telephone to the School Office on 01959 575846**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Amelia A**  
 Beatrix Potter: **Miller G**  
 Emily Gravett: **Beau D**  
 Eric Carle: **Erin H**  
 Abi Longstaff: **Rudi C**  
 Michael Rosen: **Pixie-Lace B**  
 Helen Cooper: **Ruby D'R**  
 Jeremy Strong: **Willa W**  
 Berlie Doherty: **Keeley E**  
 Adam Frost: **Joshua M**  
 Michael Bond: **Violet P**  
 Katharine Woodfine: **Isabelle J**  
 Abi Elphinstone: **Ollie M**  
 Andrew Donkin: **Lyam O**  
 Sinead O'Hart: **Blue B**

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

*Attendance 96%*

*Team Point Winners*  
Holmes and 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 Holiday

**Monday 19th April**

First day of term



## PUPIL VOICE

Year 5

***This week, Pupil Voice was held with our year 5 children.***

### **What are you enjoying most about being in school?**

*"I'm enjoying seeing my friends and doing fun stuff."*

*"Seeing my friends and teachers."*

*"Having my weekends because being at home all the time was the same."*

*"I like face to face teaching."*

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

*"I think I'm doing better in maths because my test results have gone up!"*

*"I'm doing well and enjoying the rainforest work."*

*"Good, I feel I have improved."*

### **What makes an effective team?**

*"Everyone putting in the effort."*

*"Working together and all being part of a team."*

*"Thinking that everyone is as important as everyone else."*

*"Being able to help someone that doesn't understand."*

*"Working together."*

### **What are you working hard at to improve?**

*"My knowledge of all subjects."*

*"Getting my numbers the right way round."*

*"Probably literacy."*

*"My handwriting."*

*"My maths."*

*"Literacy."*

*"Maths - I want to be better at it."*

*Thank You*

*Year 5 for taking part in Pupil Voice*

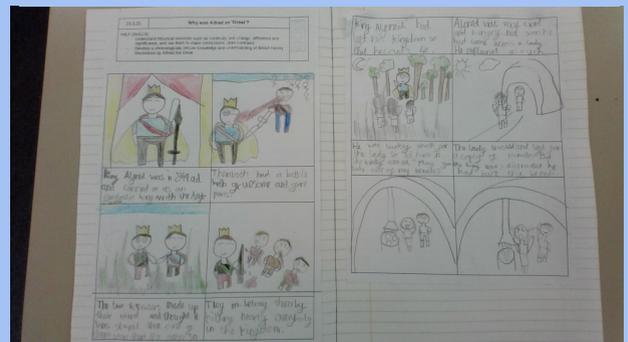
## YEAR 4

*Hockey fun and the Anglo-Saxons*

Since we returned to school, Year 4 have been learning to play hockey. We can stop the ball, do a push pass and dribble to ball in a controlled fashion. We have had lots of fun practicing and are looking forward to playing a match.



We have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons. This week we heard the story of King Alfred the Great and how he burnt the cakes. We retold the story as a comic strip.



**Mrs Buchanan and Miss Farrell**



# 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.**

# A STAGGERING...

*\* Thank you everyone \*  
**£155.50**  
raised for Comic Relief*



### \*\*\* 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



Hi everyone,

**Bromley Y** are offering a FREE webinar to help support parents and carers of primary school aged children in Bromley Schools to manage their child's fears and worries. To book a place on this webinar, please visit the Eventbrite link below:

**Wednesday 14th April 10.30 - 12.00**

**Interested?**

**Please visit:**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-children-with-fears-and-worries-primary-tickets-143995776243?aff=erelexpmlt>



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## NURSERY

### *The Life Cycle*



This week Nursery class have been looking at life cycles. We have observed our frogspawn turn into

tadpoles and taken walks to visit the school ponds to make sure we have fresh pond water for them to live in and collected some pond weed for them to eat as tadpoles find that yummy. Nursery class have also been lucky enough to take a sneaky peek at the baby chicks that the Reception class have hatched. The baby chicks were so cute that we just had to make some of our own. Next week we look forward to lots of Easter fun and games to celebrate a fun-filled term back in Nursery before the half-term break.

***Ms Belaon, Nursery Manager***



## COVID-19 UPDATES AND USEFUL LINKS

The government has 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>

**Further 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***