



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to 3C for a wonderful class assembly this morning - it was brilliant for us all to find out all about the amazing work they have been doing! Well done to 3C and also to Miss Castledine.



What an amazing experience our KS2 Choir had at the Young Voices Concert 2022! Not only did this amazing group of BHPS children raise the roof at the O2 as part of the largest children's choir concert in the world, they were also perfectly behaved!

I know from the many parents, children and staff that I have spoken with, it was a magical evening. After the postponement of this concert from earlier in the year, we were delighted to be able to attend this event. I would like to thank Mr Devlin, Mrs Windover, Miss Gray, Mrs Greenslade and Miss Whittaker for taking the children to the O2 and taking such great care of them all! If I could just remind Year 4, 5 and 6 parents and carers, the KS2 Choir after school sessions have now come to a close for the rest of this academic year.

To confirm, our KS1 Choir is still meeting once a week for rehearsals every Thursday lunchtime. We are also delighted to announce that we are in the process of organising a KS1 Summer Concert for our KS1 Choir and pupils who learn a musical instrument at school. A tentative date for this at the moment is 17th June, 3.40-5pm. Miss Turner will be in touch soon with more details, but for now if your child is in our KS1 Choir or plays a musical instrument in school, please do keep the date free.

I would also like to thank Mrs Chapman for coming into school on Tuesday morning to organise for the Jubilee artwork to be sent off - please see below for more information regarding this.

Next week, keep an eye out for a letter regarding our Jubilee celebrations that will be taking place across the whole school on Friday 27th May. We are still hatching our final plans and are looking forward to sharing these with you soon.



I am also delighted to advise that Mrs Buchanan will be starting a Maths Rockstars after school club on a Thursday from 3.15-4pm for children in years 3 and 4. This club is allocated on a first come first served basis - we only have 20 spaces, so please email Mrs Buchanan at [l.buchanan@bigginhillps.com](mailto:l.buchanan@bigginhillps.com) to find out if there is still space.

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## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:  
**Sienna R**

Eileen Collins: **Jesse N**

Tim Peake: **Nellie B**

Eugenie Clark: **Cammy T**

Greta Thunberg: **Frankie L**

Josephine Baker: **Joshua S**

Jesse Owens: **Rudi C**

Lek Chailert: **Harper F**

Marcus Rashford: **Stanley D**

Louis Braille: **Emma S & Edward B-S**

Leonardo Da Vinci: **Charlie C**

Ida B. Wells: **George H**

Mo Farah: **William R**

Laura Dekker: **Jack R**

Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Dylan A**

*'Congratulations'*

*Weekly Whole School  
Attendance 94.3%*

**Weekly Class Attendance**  
(Thursday to Thursday)

*Excellent attendance 'gold'*  
**98-100%**

*Good attendance 'green'*  
**96-97.9%**

**Josephine Baker: 97.8%**  
**Louis Braille: 97.7%**  
**Leonardo Da Vinci: 97.7%**

## HOUSE POINTS

**1st: ROWLING**

**2nd: HAWKING**

**3rd: HOLMES**

**4th: ATTENBOROUGH**

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*

## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Last Friday's planting activities for Earth Day were enjoyed across the whole school. It was so nice to see the children enjoying being outside and planting to improve the environment directly outside their classrooms.

Please remember that Monday 2nd May is a bank holiday and school will be closed.

Whatever you are doing for the long weekend, have a wonderful time. Let's hope the sun is shining!

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



### A message from the Friends of BHPS

Thank you for returning your artwork. To confirm, this has now all been sent off to Xmas4Schools for processing. Please look out for an email from them in the coming days. This will have your portal password so you will be able to order your Jubilee tea towel and/or mugs.

*Thank you.*

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### 2nd May:

- Early May Bank Holiday - School closed.

### 3rd - 6th May:

- KS1 SATS starting this week.

### 3rd May:

- Year 4 Swimming.

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

### 4th May:

- Outreach session: Dyslexia and Working Memory, 9-10am KS2 Hall.

### 5th May:

- Year 4 Bushcraft parent meeting, 3:30pm, KS2 Hall.

### 6th May:

- Year 1 Horniman Museum.

### 9th - 13th May:

- KS2 SATS week.

### 10th May:

- Year 4 Swimming.

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

### 16th - 20th May:

- KS1 SATS continuing this week.

- Walk to School Week.

### 18th - 20th May:

- Year 4 Bushcraft.

### 20th May:

- Y1LT Assembly, 9am, KS2 Hall.

### 23rd May:

Class Photographs (KS1 Hall in use all day)

### 24th - 27th May:

International week.

### 24th-25th May:

- Bikeability (Y6)

### 24th May:

- Year 4 Swimming.

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

## NURSERY

*Our Town*



This term's topic in Pre-School is "Our Town". We have been having lots of fun role playing different local businesses and job roles. In our Pre-School town we have a hairdressers, car wash, cafe and airport. We have had lots of discussion on the town we live in and the places we go and how we travel to get there.

Pre-School would also like to thank the Friends for our Easter Egg hunt. The children had a fabulous time and had a really great day.

If anyone is having a spring clean and is looking for a new home for any toys, especially transport related e.g. cars and trains, all donations will be gratefully received.

**Miss Belaon, Pre-School Manager**

## LANGUAGE

*Of the Week*

*(for next week)*

**Scottish**

Hello: **Halò**

Good Morning: **madainn mhath**

Good Afternoon: **feasgar math**

## MAKATON

*Sign of the Week*



**Miss Knott,  
SENCO  
Assistant**

## FOREST SCHOOL

### Minibeasts



We have had a brilliant time looking at minibeasts and using our magnifying glasses to see these creatures up close. We have also been learning about their habitats and the natural environment in which they live.

#### Did you know?

Minibeasts are invertebrates

– they are creatures without backbones.

Children have enjoyed peeking under logs to find spiders, millipedes, centipedes, beetles, caterpillars and woodlice. We were very careful when handling the minibeasts and placing them back in their habitats.

Next week, we are looking forward to making fires and toasting bread!

**Mrs Greenslade, Forest School Lead**

## PUPIL VOICE

### Young Voices

#### Did you enjoy Young Voices at the O2?

"Yes!"

"Very much."

"A lot."

"It was really cool!"

#### What was the best part?

"Everything."

"The beatbox collective that we did."

"I liked the Urban Strides. The dancers were really cool."

"The 'blackout' was amazing and then everyone turned on torches.... it was amazing."

"When the whole show started, there was a big flash and it was cool."

"There were beatboxers, street dancers and singers. There was a lady that sang like an angel."

"It was so pretty when all the torches were on."

"Probably the beatboxers."

"Singing and the dance moves."

"All of it!"

## ROLL OF HONOUR



#### Edward and Emily B-S, Taekwon-do Champions!

Edward passed to rank of 7th Kup yellow belt / green tag and Emily passed to rank white belt / yellow tag of Power Kickers.

This is a fantastic achievement. Keep up the good work.

**Congratulations**

## Gardening Club

### We need your old Wellies!

Hi everyone,  
We are looking to take any donations off your hands for our BHPS Gardening Club. If you have any old wellie boots (doesn't matter what condition they are in), soil and compost, seeds (pumpkins in particular), courgettes, tomato plants, basil plants and chives or 4 pint milk bottles (washed with warm soapy water). All donations will be greatly received.



**Miss Gray,  
Gardening Club**

## ROLL OF HONOUR



#### WOW, WOW, WOW!

George S has recently learned how to solve the rubik's cube!

George recently wowed his class on his newly acquired skill. Mrs Buchanan, our Maths Lead, was very impressed.

This is a fantastic achievement George!

**Congratulations**