



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure for Mr Devlin to welcome parents and carers to Year 3 Sydney Opera House class assembly this morning. It was wonderful to find out more about their learning - the dancing and singing were fabulous! Thank you to parents and carers for coming.

We thank you for your understanding and support following the Industrial Action which took place yesterday and is also taking place on Tuesday 2nd May. I hope the remote learning on-line resources emailed to parents and carers on Wednesday were helpful. Please also use these on Tuesday. I would just like to reiterate that these are 100% optional as we appreciate that many parents and carers will not be able/wish to facilitate this. To confirm, school will be open to 4P (Miss Pluim's class) and our Year 6 classes, 6O (Miss O'Mahony) and 6W (Miss Wigfield). Our preschool will also be open.

It was brilliant to see two school trips depart on Wednesday morning and after speaking to both Y3 and Y5 teaching staff, both trips were enjoyed by all! I have been informed that the children were a pleasure to take and were extremely well behaved!

On Monday, our Eco Club started building compost bins with Dilo from Tatsfield Compost Site. This is a brilliant initiative for the school. I know they have a little further to go to complete the bins, however I would just like to say an enormous 'thank you' for all their efforts and hard work so far - we all look forward to seeing the finished product! Mrs Snelling has provided an article on page 3 about this exciting project.



On Tuesday, The London Fire Brigade came into school to visit Year 2. Year 2 had the opportunity to find out about what equipment is on board and how it is used to help keep people safe. They

also found out that some of the equipment is very heavy and the sirens are very loud! I would like to thank Mr Hill, Mr Smith and Mr Smith-Williams from the White Watch at Biggin Hill Fire Station for a very special interactive visit! Our Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed this brilliant opportunity. I would also like to thank Mrs Helps for organising this visit for our Year 2 children.

On Tuesday, I wrote to Year 6 parents/carers regarding our arrangements for SATs. This letter is important and contains lots of information for Year 6 SATs. If you have any questions, please contact Miss O'Mahony or Miss Wigfield.

Next week on Friday 5th May, we also look forward to our school celebrations for The Coronation. Children are invited to come into school dressed in red, white and blue! We are happy for children to wear crowns fit for the occasion if they would like to. Crowns can be as elaborate or as simple as

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Jackson-Blake W**

Pyramid, Taj Mahal, Giants
Causeway, Colosseum,
Royal Mile, Loch Ness,
Sydney Opera House,
London Bridge, Parthenon,
Mount Everest, Globe Theatre,
Mount Fuji, Orinoco and
Wembley

'Congratulations'

*For all being so brilliant during the
first week back!*

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 94.4%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Mount Fuji: **97.2%**

Parthenon: **97%**

Royal Mile: **96.7%**

Taj Mahal: **96.4%**

Mount Everest: **96%**

SCHOOL MENUS

On our website at:
<https://www.bigginhillprimary.co.uk/>
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!

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you wish, homemade or purchased - it's your choice and entirely optional. As always, dressing up is optional as we recognise that for some children this can cause anxiety.

In my newsletter last week, I also asked parents and carers to try to use Studybugs as much as possible for reporting absence for sickness only. This is a great app (it's FREE), which saves you time and is quick and efficient. Please do remember this is for reporting sickness only and any reporting must be completed on the day and not the night before. For more information on Studybugs, please see the poster at the bottom of my section.

I would just like to remind families:

- **Monday, 1st May - Bank Holiday, school is closed to children and staff.**
- **Tuesday, 2nd May - School is closed for MOST classes with the exception of 4P (Miss Plum's class) and our Year 6 classes, 6O (Orinoco class - Miss O'Mahony) and 6W (Wembley class - Miss Wigfield). Our preschool will also be open.**

We wish all our families a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play | See it on Microsoft

Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health
See what illnesses are going around
Secure system, all communications encrypted

Studybugs

Studybugs is quick, efficient and FREE! You can do it from your mobile, tablet, laptop

Use the FREE Studybugs app to report illness

If you haven't already, please download the **FREE** Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and is unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now at:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Please can we ask that you only report on the day of absence - not the night before - so that absences are recorded correctly on our registers.

Mr Devlin, Assistant Headteacher (Achievement and Attainment)

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

1st May:

- May Day - bank holiday (school closed to children and staff).

2nd May:

- Industrial Action - see separate letter from Mrs Freeman on 21st April.

5th May:

- Children invited to come into school wearing red, white and blue.
- Y3 Assembly - London Bridge, 9am.

- The Coronation Celebrations in school (PM).

- Rock Steady (for children who have signed up in school PM). The 5th May session will now take place on 3rd May for this week only due to the Coronation celebrations.

8th May:

- Bank Holiday (school closed to children and staff).

9-12th May:

- Year 6 SATs Week - see letter from Mrs Freeman dated 25th April.

LANGUAGE

Of the Week!

(for next week)

Arabic

Hello: أهلا

'ahlan

Good Morning: صباح الخير

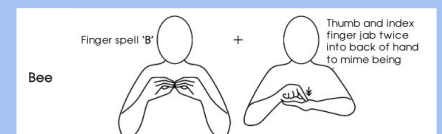
sabah alkhayr

Good Afternoon: طاب مسائك

tab masayik

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Bee

Finger spell 'B'

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Thumb and index finger jab twice into back of hand to mime being

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



ECO CLUB

Composting Bins!

Eco Club started building its new compost bins on Monday. Despite the weather a team of 5 children (Elizabeth C, Poppy L-S, Lyla C, Coral C, Eva L and Isabella C) with the help of Mrs Snelling, Mrs Mew, Mrs Blackburn and Dilo from Tatsfield Compost Site worked hard to get the shell of the bin ready. We removed the wooden slats and nails from one of the pallets, which will be used to make the doors. The children were able to use a number of tools (drills, hammers and tape measures) to put the pallets together. Everyone got really involved and worked well as a team and only stopped when the rain became too heavy. The plan is to finish the first bin next week ready for grass, fruit and horse manure!

Mrs Snelling, HLTA and Eco-Club Lead



ROLL OF HONOUR

Amazing Musical Instrument!

Last term, Year 4 learnt all about Sound. Each class was required to design a musical instrument - the choices were a harmonica, a mini drum or have a go at making and designing their own instrument. For the strings, children used rubber bands pulling them tightly so they would project the sound to a better quality.

After the lesson, Grace, Year 4, decided to design her own guitar with her grandad at home. They used an old wooden box, some old wood from an old mud kitchen and together made a wonderful guitar. Her sister, Emma, Year 2, helped a little at the end and both Grace and Emma decorated the guitar with stickers. This is such a brilliant piece of additional work and a fantastic musical instrument!

Well done to both Grace, Emma and their grandad for making this brilliant guitar!

ROLL OF HONOUR

Golfing achievements - under 12s Kent Schools Championship, Sussex County Junior first team and the Robert Rock junior tour!

Maxwell, Year 6, is a very keen golfer and on Monday 24th April he represented Biggin Hill Primary School in the under 12s Kent Schools Championship. Maxwell not only won, he also earned himself a place on the Sussex County Junior first team and won the Robert Rock junior tour!

He scored an impressive 5 under par on Sunday at the Robert Rock event and followed it up with a 35 point Stapleford score at the Kent Schools.

The weather was terrible over the weekend and to play golf to such a remarkable standard and in these conditions is not easy! Maxwell shared some of his thoughts about the day:

What was the most challenging aspect about the day?

"Playing golf in the rain is hard because when the rain is coming down it distracts you. I was soaked!"

What did it feel like to win?

"I was astonished, I just couldn't believe it!"

What do you hope will happen next?

"Win another competition!"



This is such an incredible and remarkable achievement Maxwell - we are all very proud of you!