



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such an enjoyable week in school. Although still chilly, it's been lovely to see some lessons being taken outside and the children enjoying the grounds during PE.

Teaching staff have reported that children are showing great interest and engagement in their learning and we hope they are coming home feeling fulfilled and telling you all about their day at school. The staff team agrees that there has been some semblance of a return to 'normality' for the children and school generally feels much more like it did prior to the pandemic.

Mrs Churchward, Geography Lead, has put together a lovely article about how we celebrated World Earth Day across the school. All children have contributed to some display work that shows how well Biggin Hill Primary has committed to looking after our beautiful planet! We will be putting up two displays, one in the KS1 and KS2 entrance halls very soon.

This term, the focus is on the highest possible quality teaching and learning, ensuring that we identify and close any learning gaps as well as providing additional challenge for those children who need it.

Our 'Deep Dive' behaviour survey has now closed. Thank you to the parents/carers and children that responded - your views are extremely important and will help to shape our provision. Over the coming weeks we will be collectively looking at the results along with our Behaviour Policy and will communicate our findings and resulting actions in due course.

We also still have a vacancy for a community governor. A community governor cannot be a parent or carer of a child at the school currently but they may be associated with the school in another way eg. a grandparent or local resident. If you know someone who might be interested in finding out a little bit more about the role of a community governor, please ask them to get in touch with me.

Finally, we are currently recruiting for a School Cleaner (15.30 - 17.30 hrs Monday to Friday, 10 per week, 45 weeks per year). If you would like to find out more information about this post, please contact j.burton@bigginhillps.com in the first instance.

We are all very much looking forward to the bank holiday weekend and hope that we will be blessed with some sunshine!

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 4th May.
Have a fabulous and safe weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Jude B**

Beatrix Potter: **Miller G**

Emily Gravett: **Eva W**

Eric Carle: **Stevie T-S**

Abi Longstaff: **Charlie W**

Michael Rosen: **Morgan D**

Helen Cooper: **George S**

Jeremy Strong: **Elvie P**

Berlie Doherty: **Max C**

Adam Frost: **Lexi D**

Michael Bond: **Shirley S**

Katharine Woodfine: **Tyler L**

Abi Elphinstone: **Holly M**

Andrew Donkin: **George G**

Sinead O'Hart: **Ronnie R**

'Stars of the Week'

Attendance 97.6%

*Team Point Winners
Holmes*

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd May

Early May Bank Holiday

Wednesday 19th May -

Friday 21st May

Year 4 and 5 Bushcraft

Monday 24th May

Class Photographs

Tuesday 25th May

French Day

PUPIL VOICE

Nursery



This week, Pupil Voice was held with our Nursery children.

What do you like most about Nursery?

"I like the little bikes."
"Go on the big field."
"Music."
"My friends."

"Dinosaurs."

"Playing with the crates."

Who helps you in Nursery?

"Mary and Hannah."
"My teacher helps me."
"Mary, Hannah, Libby, Clair and Amy."
"My Friends."

What do you play with when you are outside?

"Mud kitchen."
"The crates."
"I go on the big playground."
"The shapes."
"Lego."
"Trucks."

What do you like about Forest School?

"Trees."
"Climbing trees."
"Jump in the muddy puddles."
"I like having hot chocolate and a biscuit."

Thank You Nursery for taking part in Pupil Voice

VOLUNTEERING

Opportunities

If there are any parents/carers that are interested in volunteering in school or have previously volunteered with us before and would like to join us again, please do contact s.helps@bigginhillps.com

WE ARE RECRUITING

School Cleaner

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15.30 - 17.30 hrs

Monday to Friday (10 per week)

45 weeks per year

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Lexi D - You are Amazing!



After having long hair since the age of 4, Lexi D of 4F decided to grow her hair during lockdown before having it cut and donating it to The Little Princess Trust. Lexi, who has the most beautiful thick hair, had 11 inches cut off in April and has generously donated this to The Little Princess Trust, a wonderful charity that has been helping children and young people since 2006.

Lexi said "it will make me very happy that another child with cancer will be able to have hair." Lexi told us that she felt very strongly about helping children with cancer and donating her hair was her decision. Lexi is really pleased that she took this very brave step and is delighted that The Little Princess Trust is going to make a wig to help another child have hair.

All the staff at Biggin Hill Primary School are immensely proud of Lexi - this is a really wonderful way to help people. *Well done Lexi!*
To find out more information about donating your hair to The Little Princess Trust, please visit:
<https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/our-story/our-journey>

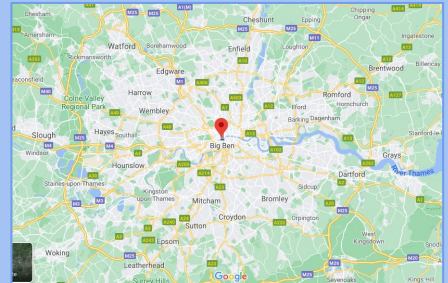
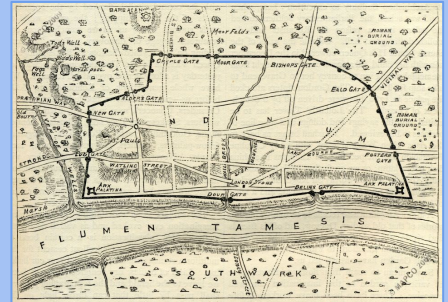
YEAR 2

The Great Fire of London

In Year 2 we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. We started by looking at some old maps of London. We noticed that the older maps had fewer buildings, roads and bridges but that all of the maps showed the River Thames. We even spotted that the oldest map (of Roman London) had a different language written on it. We have learnt what it was like to live in London in 1666 and learnt that the houses were made of wood and built very close together, which was a fire hazard. We have thought about how firefighters tackle fires today and how that is different to 1666. We had lots of fun pretending to be firefighters in 1666 carrying buckets of water and squirting water at burning buildings!

In literacy we have been reading the story "*Jim and the Beanstalk*". In this story, a little boy called Jim climbs a beanstalk and meets a giant (the son of the giant in "*Jack and the Beanstalk*"). The giant is sad, so Jim buys him some presents to cheer him up. We have used this to write our own stories, also with characters beginning with "J".

Ms Reed and Miss Castledine



***** 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.

WORLD EARTH DAY

Making the Earth a better planet



On World Earth Day everyone at Biggin Hill Primary School had a picture to collage, some of us used paint, pencils, pastels and even tissue paper. We then put all the pictures together to make this display which is in the entrance of the KS1 building. We have also all made a commitment to making the Earth a better and healthier place, we wrote these on coloured hearts which will hang in the KS2 office for everyone to see.

Mrs Churchward, Geography Lead

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM



This week some of our families would have received information regarding interventions and Edukey login details. Please speak to your class teacher if you require any further information about this, or email myself or Mrs Sargeant. Don't forget that there is detailed information on our website about the interventions we provide, support available and details of who to contact. Have a great weekend!



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THE BIG ASK



**What is life like for children in England?
It's time to give something back to
children after COVID.**

The children's Commissioner for England is doing the largest ever survey of children in England.

It's called the **Big Ask**.

This is your opportunity to have your say and to show the Government what children think!
It's your chance to get your voice heard!

FIND OUT MORE AT:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

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

A poster displaying information about COVID-19 Restrictions in England from 29 March:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-restrictions-posters-29-march-2021?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=6de36c48-6546-4e39-8cd7-c14c38c06421&utm_content=immediately

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**