



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 2 SATS

Well done to our children in year 2 for working so hard on their SATs which they started this week. Year 2 will complete their SATs week commencing 16th May. It is very important that our year 2 children are in school for these statutory assessments. If you have any questions or concerns regarding KS1 SATs, please contact your child's class teacher.

Year 6 SATS

Next week, it is our year 6 children who will be taking their SATs papers. The tests take place between Monday 9th and Thursday 12th May and it is vital that all children are in school and on time each day. On the day of each test we will be providing a 'SATs Breakfast' from 8am in the year 6 area. The children will have toast with a selection of toppings, fresh fruit and fruit juice. There will also be games and activities set up. This is an excellent way to get the children into school relaxed and ready for the tests. Please note that if a child is absent they will not be able to re-sit the test and will therefore not be given a level – absence should be avoided at all costs please. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Our sincere apologies for needing to move the planned outreach session for Dyslexia earlier in the week. To confirm, the remaining sessions will take place on:

Dyslexia Outreach: Tuesday 14th June 9am - KS2 Hall
Tuesday 14th June 6pm - Virtual

Managing Transition: Tuesday 5th July 9am - KS2 Hall
Tuesday 5th July 6pm - Virtual

Yesterday, Mrs Lawrence and I were delighted to share with you our plans for YR-Y6 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations on 27th May. We are all very much looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee as a school and hope this will be a memorable day for the children.

Our final Bushcraft meeting took place yesterday for parents and carers of children in year 4. We hope that you found this meeting useful and feel that you have all the information that you need. If you have any questions, concerns or queries, please contact your child's class teacher; Mrs Buchanan at l.buchanan@bigginhillps.com or Mr Day at: o.day@bigginhillps.com.

I very much hope that our year 1 children enjoyed their time at the Hornimans Museum today - I am sure they will have so much to tell us all next week in school.

We are very clear that the SATs are only one measure of how a child is achieving/a school is performing and it is important to remember that

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Ludwig van Beethoven:
Bertie C

Eileen Collins: **Harry M**

Tim Peake: **Polly C**

Eugenie Clark: **On school trip**

Greta Thunberg: **On school trip**

Josephine Baker: **Emmy R**

Jesse Owens: **Caroline T**

Lek Chailert: **Elena H**

Marcus Rashford: **Poppy C**

Louis Braille: **Max C**

Leonardo Da Vinci: **Henry H**

Ida B. Wells: **Coral C**

Mo Farah: **Jeremiah K**

Laura Dekker: **Leo N**

Jessica Ennis-Hill: **Finlay P**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 93.9%*

Weekly Class Attendance
(Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Louis Braille: 97.9%
Marcus Rashford: 96.6%
Leonardo Da Vinci: 96.6%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: **ATTENBOROUGH**

2nd: **HAWKING**

3rd: **ROWLING**

4th: **HOLMES**

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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children achieve every day and that not every success can be measured by a test. We choose to measure successes in a variety of different ways and we recognise every child for their achievements in our school however these may manifest.

On behalf of the whole school, I would like to wish our year 2 and year 6 children the very best of luck - they have all worked extremely hard this year and we are very proud of each and every one of them.

Have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

9th - 12th 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.

25th May:

BHPS Community Coffee Morning, KS1 Hall (8.45am - 9.45am). More information to follow next week.

26th May:

Year 6 Isle of Wight parent meeting 2 - 3:30pm.

27th May:

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 Celebrations.

Note: more information to follow to our pre-school parents/carers next week.

YEAR 6

Mayan Pyramids



Year 6 have been working extremely hard preparing for SATS next week. We have been practising lots of our SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) as well as practising our reading strategies, arithmetic and reasoning skills. Our

resilient Year 6's should be very proud of themselves, as we know we are very proud of them!

As well as SATS practise, we have had some down time learning about Mayan pyramids. The Maya civilization is famous for its architecture: many of the palaces, buildings and other public buildings are still standing today! We learnt that the buildings were covered with carvings and statues to honour their gods as well as to commemorate their kings. Year 6 had a go at making their own Mayan pyramids.

Miss Elliott and Mr Devlin

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

(for next week)

Irish

Hello: Dia Dhuit

Good Morning: Dia is Muire Dhuit

Good Afternoon: Dia Dhuit

RECEPTION

Around the World



In Reception our new topic is 'Around the World' and we have been learning about a different country each week. We have visited Spain and South Africa and next week we are going to China. While we have been learning about these countries, we have been tasting various food and have tasted chorizo and churros from Spain and koeksisters and beef jerky from South Africa. We had to use our thumbs to show if we liked or disliked the food.

Mrs Churchward

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Spring

**Miss Knott,
SENCO
Assistant**