



## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had such a busy week in school and we are so proud of how hard the children are working. Children are enjoying their learning and teaching staff are maximising every possible learning opportunity available. It is always a delight to see such creativity from our teaching staff here at Biggin Hill Primary School and makes me realise how lucky we are to be able to provide all that we do; there really is something very special about our school!

On Tuesday, you will have received a letter regarding 'The Big Ask.' This is an opportunity for children in England to have their say in this once-in-a-generation review of children's lives. Please see page 4 of this newsletter for more information.

On Thursday, I met with the staff team who will be taking our year 4 and 5 children to Bushcraft to finalise the arrangements and details. The children are very excited about this fantastic residential trip and I know they will gain far more from this wonderful experience than they realise! The children who are not going have such a fun three days of in-school activities planned including their own Bushcraft day and a Domino's pizza delivery!

I can not tell you how disappointed myself and the year 6 team are to be unable to take our year 6 children to the Eden Project this year, however, we all fully understand the reasons for this. We have a very long history of providing a residential experience for children in year 6 before they head off to secondary school. Nevertheless, we are very excited to be in the final stages of planning a very exciting fun week for our year 6 children! We are almost there with the arrangements and I will communicate plans with our year 6 parents/carers in the coming weeks.

We are also very sad to advise that Mrs Rowe will be leaving us today. Mrs Rowe has been part of the cleaning team here for many years and will be missed by us all. We wish her and her family well for the future.

I have just a few housekeeping items. Could we please ask that all items of clothing, especially jumpers and coats, are named along with water bottles. Also, for children having a packed lunch, please can you ensure that this includes a drink for them to have at lunchtime.

Finally, when you pass our main Reception, you will see the most beautiful display of the Earth with our commitment hearts made by the children on World Earth Day. Mrs Churchward has done a great job with this and the KS1 entrance display - thank you!

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday - have a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Eddie P**

Beatrix Potter: **James C**

Emily Gravett: **Ava-Rose C**

Eric Carle: **Grace S**

Abi Longstaff: **Cody J**

Michael Rosen: **Gracie W**

Helen Cooper: **Leo T-K**

Jeremy Strong: **Dolly-Rae W**

Berlie Doherty: **Elizabeth C**

Adam Frost: **Kye L**

Michael Bond: **William R**

Katharine Woodfine: **Teddy E**

Abi Elphinstone: **Jenson L-T**

Andrew Donkin: **Caroline K**

Sinead O'Hart: **Zac C**

***'Stars of the Week'***

*Attendance 97.5%*

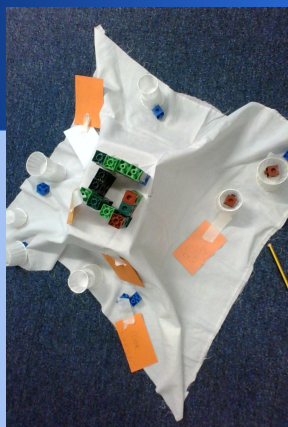
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## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 19th May -  
Friday 21st May**  
Year 4 and 5 Bushcraft

**Monday 24th May**  
Class Photographs

**Tuesday 25th May**  
French Day



## YEAR 4

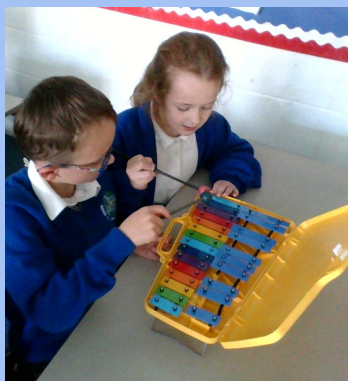
### *Press Release - So Much Learning!*

Since returning to school after Easter, Year 4 have been very busy. In history we have been learning about the Norman Conquest. We have enjoyed learning about the battle for the English crown and William of

Normandy's victory over King Harold. We spent an enjoyable lesson using resources from around the classroom to construct motte and bailey castles. King William built many of these to defend his new kingdom.

In music, we have been learning to read music and accompany tunes on the glockenspiel. We are very enthusiastic and many people have commented on the volume of our music. It sounds lovely!

**Mrs Buchanan and Miss Farrell**



## VOLUNTERRING

### *Oppertunites*

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 Mrs Helps at: [s.helps@bigginhillps.com](mailto:s.helps@bigginhillps.com)

## WE ARE RECRUITING

### *School Cleaner*

#### **School Cleaner**

**15.30 - 17.30 hrs  
Monday to Friday  
(10 per week)  
45 weeks per year**

If you are interested in finding out more about this position, please do contact [j.burton@bigginhillps.com](mailto:j.burton@bigginhillps.com)

**Closing date: Monday 10th May 2021**

## YEAR 3

### *The Big Friendly Giant!*



This term, year 3 have read *The BFG*. Our creativity has gone wild! We have created some ferocious giants of our own, including the Bone cruncher, Skull smasher and Jaw Breaker. We used these giants and made 'Wanted' posters for them. All of our work this term has culminated in the children being able to showcase their

amazing descriptive skills in their own giant stories. We have used specific skills such as fronted adverbials, relative clauses, speech, conjunctions, to name a few!

**Mrs Windover, Mr Day and Mrs Sandford**

## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

Please can we ask parents/carers to park and drive respectfully outside our school.

Please be aware of the following restrictions outside our school.



## RECEPTION

### *Hansel and Gretel*

This term we have been reading lots of different fairy tales. This week we are reading *Hansel and Gretel*. Do you know this story? We decided it would be the perfect time for us to bake some yummy gingerbread. We followed the instructions attentively and we think they came out wonderfully. The next day we had a go at decorating the gingerbread. Hansel and Gretel found a house made entirely out of gingerbread and sweets we decorated them with smarties. YUMMY!!



**Miss Powell, Mrs Clark and Mrs Gilham**

## COMMUNITY GOVERNOR

### *Vacancy*

### **We 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.

Thank you

***Mrs Freeman***

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### **\*\*\* 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 MR DEVLIN, LITERACY LEAD**

### *The Reading Cafe*



*Last week we were able to enjoy our first Reading Cafe Reward. This was postponed from the Autumn term, due to the school closures, so it was great to be able to finally do this. Children enjoyed the rewards that they had chosen with their classes at the start of the Autumn Term.*

*The summer term reward will take place on the 9th July so children have plenty of time to collect their points. Points will be awarded each week when children return their reading records and will be added to the class total.*

*Children will earn 1 point for returning their reading record; 2 points if they have read at least 3 times; 3 points if they have read more than 3 times; plus bonus points for completing extra reading activities such as book reviews.*

**Mr Devlin, Literacy Lead**



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM



Hello everyone,

This term our Same but Different bulletin will be focusing on Growth Mindset and how it can benefit our children and families. Mrs Sargeant has a wealth of knowledge and experience in supporting our families to help their children be positive in how they approach challenges or difficulties. Remember to look at our Padlet for more information for advice on what support is available <https://padlet.com/klawrence82/wmurbgg4yk14f1a>

Have a great weekend!

*Mrs Lawrence & Mrs Sargeant*



**Mrs Sargeant**

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## THE BIG ASK



**On Tuesday, 4th May you will have received a letter about 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](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](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**



**HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND AND STAY SAFE**  
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