



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today you will have received a letter from Mrs Lucas with information regarding Parent Consultations, which will take place on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Friday 18th October - please note Friday 18th October is also an INSET day. Parent Consultations are booked via your Arbor account - if you have any difficulty with booking an appointment, please contact the office.

On Monday, Miss Elliot held an assembly for our KS2 children to relaunch Times Tables Rock Stars. Children in years 3 - 6 will all have login details to be able to access TTRS from home. If your child is having any difficulty in accessing their account from home, their class teacher will be able to help.

We are seeking volunteers! At school we always need help and support in ways such as 1:1 readers, gardening, painting, working with small groups and many many more. If you have a skill set that you feel our children could benefit from, whether it be a regular commitment or a one off timeslot, please contact either myself or Mrs Murphy k.murphy@bigginhillps.com. As you will be aware, budgets within schools have been greatly reduced over time and this has had an impact on so much - if you feel you have time or skills to share with us, please let us know!

Last year, we held a parent workshop on how to support girls with ADHD, led by Una Archer. Una is running an online workshop to support families with a peaceful start to the day, especially those who may find getting ready for school tricky. The workshop is titled 'A Peaceful School Run' and is taking place online on Wednesday 9th October 1 - 2pm. The workshop will also be available on replay to those who register. For more information and to register interest, please follow <https://www.helpyourchildthrive.co.uk/peaceful>

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Lawrence

Interim Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead

Thank you!

Many thanks to Sean Appleby for supporting us with maintenance repairs (especially the toilets!), H Lilley & Co. for their donation of toilet seats and Biggin Hill Carpets for donating carpet to the Friends of BHPS room!



Educational Visits

Miss Elliot is our Educational Visit Coordinator. You will soon be receiving information about the visits, trips, workshops and visitors planned for this year to support your child's learning. If you have any queries about this or would like further information please contact your child's class teacher or Miss Elliot r.elliott@bigginhillps.com. For information on how our children with Special Educational Needs will be supported or for advice on how to prepare your children for Educational Visits, please contact Mrs Fearon, SENCo l.fearon@bigginhillps.com.

Stars of the Week

Caterpillar - Madison E
Tiger - Logan W-B
Elmer - Darcy M
Chameleon - Zach M
Crayon - Nancy C
Charlie Cook - Rocco L
Sofia Valdez - Daisy S
Gregory Cool - Evie C
Chaya - Elinam K
Ebenezer Tweezer - Stanley M
Pevensie - Tayte S-B
Gelifen - Cody B
Fred - Max B
Skellig - Jago M
Aspire - Ronnie M

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 96.4%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
Good attendance 'green'*

*Caterpillar - 97.1%
Tiger - 96.7%
Chameleon - 97.1%
Elmer - 97.4%
Gregory Cool - 99%
Sofia Valdez - 97.4%
Fred - 99.2%
Skellig - 98%*

Well Done!

House Points

*Attenborough
Hawking
Rowling
Holmes*

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Bags2School scheme this week. We donated a whopping 300kgs! Thank you to Mrs Snelling for organising this event and to Mr Gower for getting everything ready for collection. To find out more about the Bags2School scheme, please follow <https://bag2school.com/>



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

14th October - Mental Health Day

16th October - Cake Sale & Wear it Red for Heart Foundation

16th October - Parent Conferences (PM)

17th October - Parent Conferences (PM)

18th October - INSET - no children in school

18th October - Parent Conferences (AM)

Half Term

21st October - 1st November

Monday 4th November - first day of new term

Year 5

Welcome back to the start of a fantastic year in Year 5! We've hit the ground running this term with an exciting range of topics and we have been incredibly impressed with how engaged and enthusiastic the classes have been. Here's a glimpse of what we've been up to so far:

In English, we've studied "The Dam." We started by creating our own dams and testing them to see if they would work. Then we moved on to process writing, persuasive texts, descriptions and creating tourist brochures.



In Maths, we have started our new mastering number arithmetic sessions and have focused on Statistics and Place Value, mastering big numbers and interpreting data.

In Spelling, we've tackled tricky words with 'ough', silent letters, and double consonants.

We have been reading "Beowulf" in Destination Reader, sharpening our skills in predicting, summarising and clarifying.

We have been busy in our topic sessions too - in Science we've explored the solar system, in Geography we have compared the USA and the UK and in RE lessons we have been highlighting how far a Sikh would go for their faith. In French we've been learning to talk about our pets!

In PE we have been playing hockey, improving our dribbling and teamwork skills, whilst in Art, we've looked at architecture and designing buildings based on the work of architects we have studied. We have also had fun in Computing where we have been programming music with Scratch.

A huge congratulations to those who made the football teams and the swimming gala attendees. You have made us proud of your hard work and fantastic behaviour. Well done Year 5!



*Have a great weekend,
Miss Gray & Miss Penver*

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Mrs Fearon, SENCo

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

Lithuanian

Hello: Sveiki

Goodbye: Viso gero

Thank you: Ačiū

Weekly Lunch Menus

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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