



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week here at BHPS. The children have been working really hard and despite the awful weather have managed to get outside for some really fun playtimes too!

On Mondays and Tuesdays, Olive, our school dog is in school. Children in EYFS and KS1 have been able to choose to come up onto the field to play with her while she is off her lead. If your child is wary of dogs - please do not worry - this is a choice and when Olive is on the playground she is always on her lead. Children have really enjoyed throwing her ball, taking her for a walk and giving her treats. She has even shown them a trick or two. She loves being at school but is very unimpressed to be left in my office by herself - we are going to have to work on this - as soon as I leave she starts to cry!

The LLT (Leading Learning Team) have been looking at reading across the school, with a particular focus on our new programme in KS2 - *Destination Reader*. We are pleased with what we have seen so far and believe that this way of teaching reading will lead to really great progress being made.



A reminder to complete the "Big Ambition" survey with your child, if you would like to: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/>

This Sunday there is an event for families at St Mark's Church:

"On Sunday 24th September, starting at 3.30pm, there will be a 'Forest Church' in the grounds of St Mark's Church, Biggin Hill, where we will be enjoying outdoor activities for all the family. Drinks and cakes will be provided. All are welcome to attend - please join us if you can."

Have a great weekend!

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Nancy H**
Thorpe: **Sadie A**
Coyle: **Buster V-R**
Van Gogh: **Maddie G**
Emberley: **Ralph P**
Chung: **Freddie W**
Shuster: **Miller G**
Blake: **Ava-Rose C**
Goldsworthy: **James J-R**
Eldridge: **Freddie L**
O'Keeffe: **Daniella G**
Leibovitz: **Poppy T**
Fisel: **Alarna G**
Warhol: **Lilly D**

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 97.2%*

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold' 98-100%

Banksy - 97.5%
Thorpe - 100%
Blake - 97.6%
Leibovitz - 99%
O'Keeffe - 98.4%
Fisel - 98.4%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Van Gogh - 96.7%
Shuster - 96.8%

Well Done!

HOUSE POINTS

1st Attenborough
2nd Holmes
3rd Hawking
4th Howling

Message from Mr Devlin regarding Google Classroom:

To access your child's Google Classroom, please login to their school account using RMUnify by following the link: <https://bigginhillps.rmunify.com/> After you have logged in you can access the Google apps from the 'Launch Pad'. Your child's class teacher can let you know their username and reset the password, if you need them to. The Google apps will work best using a Chrome browser. If you have multiple Google accounts on your device, you may need to switch between your profiles before you can access these.

Y3 Buzz Day

Year 3 had an exciting Buzz afternoon investigating forces by riding their bikes and scooters around the playground. We found out that you have to push to move. The harder you push the faster you go. To stop your bike you pull on the brakes.



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

- 18th September - 9am - Friends AGM in KS2 hall - all welcome
- 25th September - Y6 SATS meeting, 3.30pm in 6F classroom - *attendance strongly advised please*
- 2nd October - Special Recognition Assembly - invitation only (9-9.30am KS2 hall)
- 3rd November - Halloween Disco - time TBC (**date changed**)
- 7th November YR 24/25 Open Day - 1.30pm
- 8th November YR 24/25 Open Day - 9.30am
- 15th November - 6F assembly (9-9.30am KS2 hall)
- 17th November - Children in Need
- 22nd November - 50 assembly (9-9.30 KS2 hall)
- 27th November - Ambassador Assembly - invitation only (9-9.30am YR-3 KS1 hall, Y4-6 KS2 Hall)
- 29th November - 6W assembly (9-9.30am KS2 hall)

News from Reception!

Mackenzie Thorpe Class have settled into their new Reception class really well. We have been busy getting to know each other and learning all the rules and routines. During our Topic 'Fabulous Me!' we have created some brilliant self portraits using paint and we have drawn some lovely pictures of our families to share with our teachers and friends. We have looked at different types of houses and talked about where we live. We have also created a fantastic class display about our class artist using paint marbling effects to decorate some hearts. We love Storytime and singing our Days of the Week song. Well done Mackenzie Thorpe Class!

Banksy Class have had an amazing start at BHPS! We have been getting to know our learning areas (both inside and outside) as well as the routines of the day. This half term our topic is 'Fabulous Me!'. We have been talking about our families, houses & what we want to be when we are older. We have had some great discussions about how some of us have big families, some are small, some of us have a lot of stairs in our houses and some of us don't have any. It's been great to see them speaking with such confidence in circle times! We have definitely become a 'class family' over the last few weeks with lots of wonderful friendships being made. Well done Banksy Class!

Our EYFS gallery!
The children enjoyed painting themselves and then looking for their portrait on the display.



MAKATON

Sign of the Week



**Miss Knott,
SENCo
Assistant**

LANGUAGE

Of the Month

French

Hello: Bonjour

Good Morning: Bon Matin

Weekly Lunch Menus

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