



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an exceptionally busy week in school and I must say an enormous 'well done' to our year 6 children this week for working so hard on their SATs. I have been so impressed by the positive attitudes, endeavour and resilience that year 6 have shown - I am very proud of each and every one of them! I would also like to thank Miss O'Mahony, Miss Wigfield and the many staff involved with administering the SATs this week.

Next week, our year 2 children will be starting their KS1 SATs. It is important for all year 2 children to be in school on time - please remember that the gates open at 8.40am, giving the children plenty of time to settle before their tests. The SATs will take place over a 2 week period (week commencing 15th and 22nd May) and be managed by our Year 2 teaching staff with additional staff supporting. If any Year 2 parents and carers have any questions or concerns, please direct these to your child's class teacher.

My thanks to Miss Elliott, Year 4 Teacher and Educational Visits Lead, for hosting our Year 4 Bushcraft meeting for parents and carers on Tuesday afternoon. If any parents and carers of year 4 children attending Bushcraft have any final questions, queries or concerns please contact either Miss Elliott or Miss Plum as soon as possible and before Tuesday at midday at the very latest.

For children that are not attending Bushcraft, we have a lovely few days planned and are very much looking forward to next week.

On Wednesday, Mrs Helps posted our school class Coronation cards to Buckingham Palace. We made the decision not to put these out on Tuesday morning and afternoon as the weather was very unsettled and we didn't want the cards to get ruined - we also had a few finishing touches to make! Please see the pictures of the cards on page 2 of this newsletter for you all to enjoy.

On Thursday 11th May, I sent a consultation letter regarding PE and Forest School Kits and we would like to seek your views on this subject. If not already done so, please can I ask you to complete the survey - the link can be found on the letter. This survey should take no more than a minute of your time and will close on 18th May at 3.30pm.

Yesterday afternoon we also sent a letter and presentation to YR-6 parents and carers regarding the teaching of RSHE which will be delivered as weekly sessions, starting in the week beginning Tuesday 6th June. As mentioned in the letter, there will also be a drop in session in the Key Stage 2 hall after school on Wednesday, 24th May from 3:30-4:30pm where Miss Wigfield, PSHE Lead will be available to answer any questions regarding the content of these teaching materials.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Lainey M**
Pyramid: **Sophia C**
Taj Mahal: **River B**
Giants Causeway: **Michael P**
Colosseum: **Eren F-A**
Royal Mile: **Emily B**
Loch Ness: **Alfie I & Cooper L-T**
Sydney Opera House: **Florence P**
London Bridge: **Caroline T**
Parthenon: **Bella C**
Mount Everest: **Sophie P**
Globe Theatre: **Mia P**
Mount Fuji: **Dolly W**
Orinoco: **The whole class**
Wembley: **The whole class**

'Congratulations'

Weekly Whole School Attendance 95.6%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

Orinoco: **99.3%**

Sydney Opera House: **99.3%**

Royal Mile: **98%**

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Loch Ness: **97%**

Globe Theatre: **96.6%**

Giants Causeway: **96.2%**

Wembley: **96.1%**

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ROWLING

2nd: ATTENBOROUGH

3rd: HAWKING

4th: HOLMES

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

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Finally, on behalf of the leadership team and staff at the school, I would like to wish our Year 2 children the very best of luck with their SATs next week and the week after.

We wish all our families a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

15-19th May and 22-26th May:
- Year 2 SATs Week.

15th May:
- Y4 Swimming Lessons.

16th May:
- Tea and Tots, KS1 hall, 1.30-3pm.

17th May:
- Y4 Residential trip - Bushcraft.
- Y4 Non Bushcraft (*see separate arrangements from Mrs Freeman (letter dated 3rd May)*).
- Discovery homework due.

18th May:
- Preschool set tour date for new families (pre-bookable). Please note this tour is now full.
- Interclub Netball Rally - BHPS, 3.15-5pm.

19th May:
- Rocksteady in school PM.

22nd May:
- Class Photos, KS1 hall.
- Y4 Swimming Lessons.

Good Luck to our Year 2 children next week

LANGUAGE

Of the Week:
(for next week)

Portuguese
Hello: Olá

Good Morning: Bom dia
Good Afternoon: Boa tarde

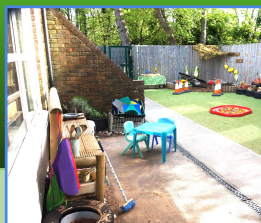
BHPS PRESCHOOL

Are you looking for a Preschool for your toddler?

We are holding set tours of our Preschool on:

18th May (FULL), 15th June and 6th July. Tours start at 9.30am

To find out more about our preschool and book a tour, please contact Ms Hannah Bealon, Preschool Manager on **01959 575846** or at h.bealon@bigginhillps.com



MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



YEAR 3

A fabulous time at the Horniman Museum

Year 3 had a great trip to the Horniman Museum recently. We had a workshop where we were able to look at and touch some of the exhibits such as a shark's jaw and a whale's tusk. We also had fun using our Ispy sheet around the museum. We saw different types of puppets, fossils and tools from the Stone Age.

Mrs Sanford and Mrs Buchanan

RECEPTION

Butterflies



We recently let our butterflies free in the sensory garden. We have been waiting a very long time... 6 weeks to be precise! We think this is because it has been a very cold spring so far. We put them near some bushes and plants to make sure they had somewhere safe to live. We have very much enjoyed our life cycles topic and we still have some tadpoles in our fish tank which we are keeping a close eye on.

Miss Powell, Miss Turner and Mr Devlin



STUDYBUGS

Use the FREE Studybugs app to report illness

Please get the **free Studybugs app** for reporting your child's absence due to illness.

<https://studybugs.com>



Report sickness, receive guidance, help improve children's health
See what illnesses are going around
Secure system, all communications encrypted



Studybugs

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If you haven't already, please download the **FREE** Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and is unable to attend school.

Get the app or register now at:

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Please can we ask that you only report on the day of absence - not the night before - so that absences are recorded correctly on our registers.

Mr Devlin, Assistant Headteacher (Achievement and Attainment)

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!



HAVE A FANTASTIC WEEKEND
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