



BIGGIN HILL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

An enormous 'well done' to our year 2 children this week for working so hard on their SATs - there is one final week of Year 2 SATs next week and then these important statutory assessments will be completed. So far, I have nothing other than praise for all our amazing year 2 children for showing such endeavour and working so hard on these tests.

It is again important for all year 2 children to be in school on time next week - please remember that the gates open at 8.40am, giving the children plenty of time to settle before their tests.



On Wednesday morning we waved off many of our year 4 children as they headed out on their Bushcraft residential trip. We welcome them back later today and I am sure they will have so many tales to tell!

For children who have not attended Bushcraft, we have had a very exciting few days in school and have enjoyed a trip to Beckenham Park, a Pizza Express lunch, bowling and finally some cooking with Mrs Sargent today!



We will provide a little more information on the Bushcraft trip in the coming weeks, but for now I would like to thank Miss Elliott, Mrs Greenslade and Miss Curran (school staff) and Ms Wythers, who as you know retired earlier this year, for attending. Thank you to them

all for taking great care of the children and a very special 'thank you' to Ms Dawkins and Miss Elliott for taking care of the administrative side of the trip. Finally, thank you to Mrs Lawrence, Mrs Rooney, Mrs Sargeant and Miss Knott for ensuring that our children who did not attend Bushcraft had their own exciting week.

Thank you to parents and carers for responding to the consultation survey regarding PE and Forest School Kits - please be advised that this survey has now closed. Over the next few weeks we will analyse the results and communicate with you. Please continue to send children into school in Forest School and PE Kits on days when they have these lessons in school.

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Esme G**
Pyramid: **Matilda S**
Taj Mahal: **Jesse C**
Giants Causeway: **Logan H**
Colosseum: **Naomi D**
Royal Mile: **Max M**
Loch Ness: **Isabella C**
Sydney Opera House: **Freddie L**
London Bridge: **Connor D**
Parthenon: **The whole class**
Mount Everest: **The whole class**
Globe Theatre: **Olivia C**
Mount Fuji: **Rosie C & Henry H**
Orinoco: **Sam S**
Wembley: **Harry W**

'Congratulations'

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 94.5%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

Royal Mile: **100%**

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Sydney Opera House: **97.2%**

Wembley: **97%**

Mount Fuji: **96.6%**

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: HOLMES

3rd: HAWKING

4th: ROWLING

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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On Monday, we were delighted to forward a letter to you from the Friends of BHPS regarding the Sponsored Bounce which is taking place on Friday 26th May. You will have also received a paper copy of a sponsorship form as these came home with children on Monday. We do have a few copies of the sponsorship forms in our main reception area, if needed. The sponsored bounce is always great fun and all proceeds raised will directly benefit the children at the school - so please encourage friends and family to sponsor your child.

I would like to thank Mrs Horgan for organising the BHPS Interclub Netball Rally which took place after school yesterday. This was a great opportunity for the team to play some fun and friendly games against each other - well done everyone and my thanks to parents, carers and staff for supporting and cheering our netball team along.

Just a final reminder, class photographs will be taking place on Monday, 22nd May. Please can we ask all children to ensure that they come into school wearing school uniforms on this day and if necessary, bring a PE kit and/or swimming kit.

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 final week of SATs.

We wish all our families a wonderful weekend.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

22-26th May:

- Year 2 SATs Week.

19th May:

- Y4 Bushcraft residential trip returns to school.

22nd May:

- Class Photos, KS1 hall.
- Y4 Swimming Lessons.

23rd May:

- Ambassadors Assembly, 9.10am (by invitation only).
- Tea and Tots, KS1 hall, 1.30-3pm.
- Isle of Wight Meeting (Y6), KS2 hall 3.30pm to finalise details and information.

24th May:

- RSE Parent Meeting, KS2 hall 3.30-4.30pm with Miss Wigfield.

25th May:

- Special Recognition Awards Assembly - 9.10am (by invitation only).

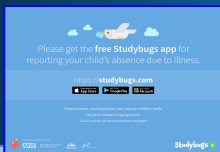
26th May:

- Sponsored Bounce.
- Y2 Assembly, Loch Ness Class, 9am

Good Luck to our Year 2 children next week

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 & Attainment)

LANGUAGE

Of the Week:

(for next week)

Romanian

Hello: Buna ziua

Good Morning: Buna dimineata

Good Afternoon: Buna ziua

BHPS PRESCHOOL

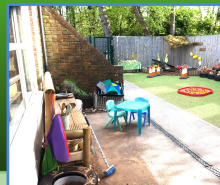
Are you looking for a Preschool for your toddler?

We are holding set tours of our Preschool on:

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 Belaon, Preschool Manager on **01959 575846** or at h.belaon@bigginhillps.com



MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Bubbles

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



PRE-SCHOOL

Out of this World!

This term's topic in Pre-School is 'Space' and our children have been super stars in their learning. We have had lots of fun exploring what it would be like to live in space and thinking of the different ways we could travel there. We have also made our own spaceship. It has been a blast!

Ms Belaon, Preschool Manager

ROLL OF HONOUR

An amazing achievement for both Isabella and Ella!

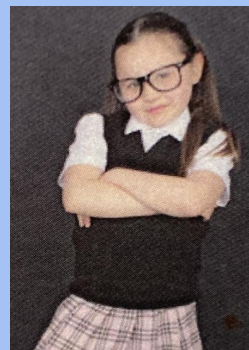
PERFORMING AT THE WOODVILLE THEATRE, GRAVESEND

What an amazing achievement for both Isabella and Ella!

Both Isabella and Ella, Year 2, had the amazing opportunity to perform in 'Pop' at The Woodville Theatre, a 700 seat theatre in Gravesend, last weekend! Through Centre Stage, a drama club that both Isabella and Ella attend, the opportunity to perform at The Woodville Theatre could not be missed!

Isabella goes to Centre Stage every Saturday and was delighted to be able to perform in POP! Isabella had 3 lines, 3 songs and dances to learn and worked incredibly hard at home and spent all her spare time outside of school rehearsing and learning the dances.

Isabella's performance was incredible - she delivered her lines perfectly and, most importantly, enjoyed every moment of being on stage!



Ella attends Centre Stage on a Tuesday and was thrilled to perform in POP! Ella thoroughly enjoyed learning her dances at home and at Centre Stage and has worked so hard rehearsing and learning the dances.

Ella's performance was incredible and, most importantly, she enjoyed every moment of being on stage!

Isabella and Ella - this is an amazing achievement!



ROLL OF HONOUR

Jack and George H and Mrs Horgan - Swimathon

Last weekend, Jack, George and I took part, along with thousands of other people across the county in a charity Swimathon to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care and Cancer Research, two charities very close to all our hearts. Our goal was to swim 1.5k for which Jack swam 800m, George swam 500m and I swam the rest! We were delighted to raise £600.00! I couldn't be prouder of my 2 boys and a massive thank you to all at Biggin Hill Primary who sponsored and supported us all.

Mrs Horgan