

NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed two fabulous celebration assemblies in school this week - on Monday we had an Ambassadors assembly and on Thursday we had our Special Recognition assembly. It is always such a privilege for myself and the leadership team to be able to award these special badges - well done to all the recipients of these special awards.

I would like to pass on an enormous 'well done' to our Year 2 children for completing their SATs over the last two weeks. Our Year 2 teaching team are very proud of the effort and attitude shown towards these tests. My thanks to Mrs Lucas, Mrs Windover and the many staff involved in administering these SATs over the last few weeks.



Today the children have all enjoyed the Sponsored Bounce and Ι would like to thank the Friends BHPS for organising this brilliant fundraising event for the school.

On Tuesday, I wrote to parents and carers about both dogs on site and also the green gates in the morning and I would just like to reiterate that we do need your support with both of these matters please. On Thursday, Mrs Sanford also wrote to everyone regarding the guidance with respect to the wearing and taping of earrings in PE. Again, if you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Sanford, PE Lead, at e.sanford@biqqinhillps.com or myself directly.

On Wednesday, we also sent a letter to you all about the proposed expansion of our fabulous preschool. The decision to expand has been taken due to a growing need for full time preschool places in the local area and the increasing pressures on school budgets and the need for schools to generate their own streams of income. Our preschool has now been operational for over 5 years and has an excellent reputation. We are very excited about the proposed expansion of our preschool and to this end, we are delighted to announce our Preschool set tour dates on: **15th June, 22nd June, 29th June and 6th July. All tours will start at 9.30am and must** be pre booked by emailing Hannah Belaon, Preschool Manager, at h.belaon@bigginhillps.com or by calling our school office on 01959 575846. We do encourage you to bring your toddler along so we can get to know them.

We have recently had a new kitchen fitted in our preschool and on behalf

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STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: Whole Class Pyramid: Kane W Taj Mahal: Marcy W

Giants Causeway: Joshua H
Colosseum: Primrose R
Royal Mile: James S
Loch Ness: Miller G

Sydney Opera House: Grayson J

London Bridge: Evelyn B
Parthenon: Khian G
Mount Everest: Theo P
Globe Theatre: Lois T
Mount Fuji: Daisy F
Orinoco: Alex M
Wembley: Zack A

Congratulations

Weekly Whole School Attendance 93.9%

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold' 98-100%

Wembley: 98.2%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Globe Theatre: 97.7% Royal Mile: 96.9% Sydney Opera House: 96.9%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: ATTENBOROUGH

2nd: ROWLING 3rd: HAWKING 4th: HOLMES

'Congratulations to our winners this week'

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of the school, I would like to thank Howdens in Biggin Hill for their very kind donation! The new preschool kitchen was very kindly fitted by Mr Trantom, a parent at the school and also the director of CMT Building Services. Mr Trantom very kindly gave up his time to fit this and we are extremely grateful! We would like to extend our enormous thanks to Mr Trantom at CMT Building Services and the team at Howdens Biggin Hill (Mr Francis and staff) for this truly amazing donation to our school. I would also like to mention Mr Brocklehurst, a parent to the school, for working with Howdens to bring this project to fruition for the preschool.

On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Wigfield, PSHE Lead, held a drop in session for parents and carers after school regarding more information about the content of the RSHE lessons, which will be taught in the summer term to children in Y1-6. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact either Miss Wigfield or myself directly.

Please keep an eye on the 'Diary Dates' section of this newsletter as we are now approaching a very busy time of the year.

Yesterday, we placed an advert for a Site Manager to join our staff team from September 2023. If anyone would like to discuss this opportunity, please contact Mrs Burton, School Business Manager at: j.burton@biqqinhillps.com.

Next week, we all look forward to half-term. There is an INSET DAY on Monday, 5th June where school will be closed to children.

It really has been a very busy half-term at BHPS and, along with the leadership team, I would like to thank the staff team for their hard work. The children have been exceptional this half-term and I wish all our families a wonderful break.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday, 6th June.

Have a wonderful half-term.

My very best wishes,

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead



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unable to attend school.

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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)

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

5th June: INSET DAY - school closed. 6th June: First day of Summer term.

6-9th June:

- Y4 Times Tables Check this week.

6th June:

- First day of Summer term.
- Y2 Walk around Biggin Hill (AM).
- Tea and Tots, KS1 hall, 1.30-3pm.

9th June

- Y2 Assembly, Royal Mile, 9am.
- KS1 Choir (Yr 1, 2 & 3) Taj Mahal Classroom (12:30 13.00).
- Rock Steady in school.

12-16th June:

- Y6 Isle of Wight.
- Y1 Phonics Screening Check this week.

12th June:

- Y4 Swimming Lessons.

13th June:

- Tea and Tots, KS1 hall, 1.30-3pm.

15th June:

- Pre-School Tour (pre bookable only), 9.30am.

Good Luck to our Year 4 children with their Times Tables check

LANGUAGE

Of the Week

for next week)

Polish

Hello: Dzień dobry Good Morning: Dzień dobry Good Afternoon: Dobry wieczór

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant

BHPS PRESCHOOL

Are you looking for a Preschool for your toddler?

We are holding set tours of our Preschool on:

15th June, 22nd June, 29th 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 h.belaon@bigginhillps.com or contact our school office on 01959 575846.

We do encourage you to bring your toddler along so we can get to know them from the onset.

"We take pride in everything we do!"





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Year 6 Evolution and Inheritance in Science

Year 6 have been working hard leading their own learning about evolution and inheritance in science. They have been leading their own learning working to

improve their independence and resilience by choosing and completing a variety of different tasks to learn about how different animals can adapt to their environments. We have made flow charts showing how the process of evolution happens, have designed our own animals which are adapted to a specific environment and have looked at how similar species have evolved to survive in different environments - did you know that monkeys in the rainforest can have different adaptations dependent on which level of the rainforest they are living in?

Miss Wigfield and Miss O'Mahony, Year 6





Mrs Kennedy's Walking Challenge

I am walking 5000 steps a day for the month of June, this is to raise awareness for Cancer Research. This is a charity very close to my heart. I won't be doing all the steps on my own as Olive, our school dog, will also be taking part during lunchtimes. You can read more on my just giving page.

https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/clairs-giving-page-115

Weekly Lunch Menus

On our website at: https://www.bigqinhillprimary.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!



