



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
*Part of the Charles Darwin  
Academy Trust*

# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome everyone back to school on Tuesday to what I hope will be a wonderful summer term.

I would like to thank our fabulous children in Year 2 for their brilliant class assemblies. Loch Ness class assembly took place on the last day of term and today it was the turn of Royal Mile class. Both of these class assemblies were fantastic - we are so proud of all the children! My thanks to Mrs Lucas, Loch Ness class, Mrs Windover, Royal Mile class and to Mrs Snelling for working so hard with the children on each class assembly. Thank you also to parents and carers for coming.

Yesterday, you would have received a letter from Paul Woolfenden, Chair of the Charles Darwin Academy Trust, along with a copy of our Ofsted Inspection Report. Myself, the leadership team and staff are delighted with the Ofsted report and all feel that it shows the ethos of our fabulous school, the engagement and hard work of the children and the value we place around our families and our school community. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the entire staff team for their exceptional and continuous hard work and, most importantly, the children for making Biggin Hill Primary the very special place that it is.

The Ofsted report will be on our school website early next week and will be available on the DfE website soon.

This term is always very exciting as we all generally enjoy the warmer weather and the opportunity to be outside more. With this in mind, can we request that children have a freshly re-filled water bottle in school each day, a sun hat and also sunscreen applied before they come to school.

On Wednesday, Mrs Sanford was delighted to share with you our arrangements for Sports Day on Friday 30th June. Please look very carefully at the letter as this provides the timings for both KS1 and KS2. Please note, Friday 7th July is allocated as a reserve for Sports Day - this will only be allocated if the weather conditions are deemed too unsafe for us to deliver Sports Day on 30th June.

Yesterday, we also forwarded a letter from the Friends of BHPS who are offering children an opportunity to purchase a gift, as a surprise, for all Fathers and other superheroes in their lives. If you would like your child to participate in this lovely initiative, please follow the instructions within the letter sent yesterday. The last day for ordering via ParentPay or the yellow Friends box in main reception is Wednesday, 14th June at 3pm. Please be advised, the Friends of BHPS will not be able to process any late orders.

On Wednesday, the School Council wrote to you regarding a cake sale that is taking place after school on Thursday 22nd June. Please support this brilliant fundraising event as all money raised will go towards the purchasing of lunchtime playground equipment and also new books for our reception classes.

Please also remember that we are collecting for BAG2SCHOOL on Monday 12th June and are able to collect and recycle good quality ... *continued on page 3*

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Big Ben: **Millie M**  
Pyramid: **Lewis C & Nina C**  
Taj Mahal: **Jaxson W**  
Giants Causeway: **Jude B**  
Colosseum: **Albie S & Mia H**  
Royal Mile: **Milo A**  
Loch Ness: **Emilie H**  
Sydney Opera House: **William S**  
London Bridge: **Regan M**  
Parthenon: **Jessica G**  
Mount Everest: **Ella D**  
Globe Theatre: **Tilly C & Zac C**  
Mount Fuji: **Beau P**  
Orinoco: **Finley A**  
Wembley: **Jack R**

*'Congratulations'*

## Weekly Whole School Attendance 94.3%

### Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'*  
**98-100%**

Globe Theatre: **99.5%**

Loch Ness: **98.9%**

Mount Everest: **98.4%**

Royal Mile: **98.3%**

*Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%*

Giants Causeway: **97.4%**

Wembley: **96.3%**

## HOUSE POINTS

**1st: ROWLING**

**2nd: ATTENBOROUGH**

**3rd: HAWKING**

**4th: HOLMES**

*'Congratulations to our winners this week'*

## YEAR 4 BUSHCRAFT

*An adventure like no other!*



Year 4 had a fantastic time at Bushcraft on 17th-19th May, along with Miss Elliott, Mrs Greenslade, Ms Wythers and Miss Curran.



We camped in the wilderness and enjoyed our back to nature experience. Lots of life skills were picked up in the freedom of the outdoor environment. We had loads of fun sleeping in teepee tents with our friends - it was like a massive sleepover! We definitely struggled to get to sleep the first night as we were extremely excited and full of energy.

A lot of fun was had cooking our first lunch over open fires - we had just learnt how to light our own fires! We all barbequed our burgers and they were delicious! We really enjoyed building our own shelters using Bushcraft materials. One of our most favourite activities was when we played the 'camouflage and concealment' game. We could all use face paints and bits of trees and bushes to hide ourselves out in the wild. We then played a game to see who could reach the leader at the other side of the woods without being seen! After having learnt some first aid, we ventured into the SOS activity which entailed Mrs Greenslade and Miss Curran having to be rescued by us from a terrible plane crash site! We did a great job using our newly learnt skills. Another activity was when we made our own tent pegs using cutting tools - we had to be very careful. We also learnt about different traps people could use if they were out in the wilderness and needed to catch their own food. We then had a go at creating our own traps - this was fun!

We had some lovely food whilst we were away, including pizzas which were cooked in a brick pizza oven. We cannot forget the huge salmon that our camp leader gutted and filleted! The eyeballs were popped out and two brave children ate them for rehydration if they were stuck out in the wild! The salmon was ponassed over an open fire and we could try the tasty salmon as a snack if we wished.

We really enjoyed our time away camping, and loved singing around the campfire, drinking hot chocolate and eating smores. We learnt a lot, laughed a lot, screamed a lot and forged many new friendships and bonds. Most importantly, we all came back in one piece (although dirty!) with lots of memories and unfortunately a large amount of washing!



*Miss Elliott*



## YEAR 4 NON BUSHCRAFT *Fun, fun, fun!*

Our children that didn't attend Bushcraft had their own fabulous week in school! The week started with a fun day of bowling and a Pizza Express lunch as well as a day with Olive, our school dog, and a picnic lunch in Beckenham Park.

We also enjoyed completing some beautiful art and had a fun day cooking.

Some of our beautiful art can be found in The Haven, our sensory garden.



*A fantastic week was had by everyone!*

## MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

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second hand clothing. You are welcome to bring in any of the following items: men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes and handbags, belts and accessories. Any items need to be brought into school by 9am in a plastic bag - **no uniforms, pillows, duvets or fabric pieces.**

It has been a wonderful first week and the children have come back to school full of enthusiasm for learning.

We are all looking forward to a fabulous final term ahead.

My very best wishes,

*Mrs Freeman*

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

## DIARY DATES

*Keep a note!*

### 12-16th June:

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

### 12th June:

- Y6 Isle of Wight.
- BAG2SCHOOL collection. *All donations to be in by 9am at the latest.*
- Y4 Swimming Lessons.

### 14th June:

- Friends of BHPS - Fathers and Superhero gift deadline for ordering via ParentPay 3pm today.

### 13th June:

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

### 15th June:

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

### 16th June:

- Pyramid Class Assembly, 9.05. KS1 hall.

### 19th and 20th June:

- NCMP - Heights, Weights and Vision checks.

### 20th June:

- After School Council Cake Sale, outside Main Reception, 3.20pm.

## BHPS PRESCHOOL

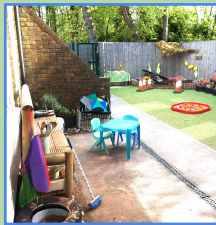
*Are you looking for a Preschool for your toddler  
We are holding set tours of our Preschool*

**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](mailto:h.belaon@bigginhillps.com).

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!"**



## ROLL OF HONOUR

*A climb like no other!*



Emrys S, Year 2, has recently been to the Lake District. Not only did Emrys have a fabulous time, he climbed his first mountain - the Old Man of Coniston which is 803m above sea level. Emrys enjoyed this so much - he even skipped and ran some of it!

***This is a fabulous achievement Emrys - well done from us all at BHPS!***

## LANGUAGE

*Of the Week*

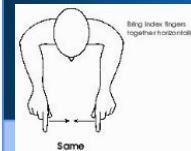
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### Welsh

Hello: hêlô

Good Morning: Bore da

Good Afternoon: prynhawn Da



**MAKATON**  
*Sign of the Week*

**Miss Knott,  
SENCo Assistant**

## 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!