

NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN AND MRS LAWRENCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a very moving start to the week with the State Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II on Monday. As a school we have taken many opportunities to reflect on and celebrate her reign through class based activities and whole school assemblies.

During the last few weeks, the children have completed some work in school to commemorate the life of Queen Elizabeth II and we have decided to display some of this beautiful work alongside our Platinum Jubilee display. This display will be ready for you to view at the end of this half term.

On Tuesday, Mr Devlin and Miss O'Mahony had the pleasure of hosting our first Ambassadors Assembly of the year. Awarding Ambassador badges and Special Recognition awards to children across the school is always a very proud moment for members of the leadership team - well done to all the recipients of these special awards.

On Monday, we wrote to families (R-Y6) regarding Pokemon cards and our 'swaps' table that will be available in our lunch club. We want to provide children with a space where 'swaps' can take place in a way that does not interfere with their learning. Please can all parents and carers remind their children that swaps are only allowed to take place in lunch clubs and these cards are their responsibility whilst they are in school. We will briefly talk to the children about 'swaps' in our assembly on Monday.

Congratulations to Amelia C, Lexi D, Eva L and Jeremiah K in year 6 on becoming our newly nominated captains of our amazing netball team! Thank you to our fabulous netball team and also to Mrs Horgan for running the netball club for our Year 5 and 6 children.

Earlier in the week, we were delighted to advise parents/carers of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 that we will be restarting our BHPS School Choir. Choir will start on Friday 30th September and take place each Friday from 8-8.45am. If your child would like to join our choir, please ensure your permission slip is returned to us as soon as possible.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Sale on Monday. This proved to be very successful - we even ran it informally for a second day!

Finally, thank you to the parents and carers who attended the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School AGM this morning. We are very much looking forward to another brilliant year of working in partnership with the Friends and supporting the amazing events and fundraising they do for us as a school.

Have a wonderful weekend. Our best wishes,

Mrs Freeman
Headteacher and
Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Lawrence
SENCo, Deputy Headteacher
and Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead

STARS OF THE WEEK

Colosseum: Jesse N
Royal Mile: George H
Loch Ness: Dominic D
Sydney Opera House: Jenson D
London Bridge: Charlie W
Parthenon: Chloe B
Mount Everest: Poppy T
Globe Theatre: Dexter D
Mount Fuji: Scarlett K
Orinoco: George A
Wembley: Hannah O

Big Ben: Harold L

Pyramid: Nancy C

Taj Mahal: Maddie G

Giants Causeway: Nellie B

Weekly Whole School Attendance 96.3%

'Congratulations'

Weekly Class Attendance (Thursday to Thursday)

Excellent attendance 'gold' 98-100%

Taj Mahal: 100% Globe Theatre: 99.09% London Bridge: 98.21%

Good attendance 'green'
96-97.9%

Sydney Opera House: 97.86%
Giants Causeway: 97.2%
Parthenon: 96.77%

Mount Everest: 96.67%

Mount Fuji: 96.25%

HOUSE POINTS

1st: HOLMES
2nd: ROWLING

3rd: ATTENBOROUGH
4th: HAWKING

'Congratulations to our winners this week'





YEAR 6

Keep up the great work Year 6!

Year 6 have settled into their new year group beautifully and have been very busy so far! In English, we have read the book 'The Rabbits' by Shaun Tan. We have explored the theme of invasion, developed our inference skills, written diaries and a balanced argument.

In science we have begun our learning about classification. We classified animals based on their similarities and differences and spent time classifying each other into groups. We noticed we all had lots of things in common such as eye

colour, hairstyles and even the type of shoes we were wearing. In music we have started our topic, 'How does music bring us together?'. So far we have practised our singing, developed our knowledge of rhythm through listening and responding tasks and even played the glockenspiel along with the song!

Miss O'Mahony and Miss Wigfield

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BOOK OF THE WEEK

Every Thursday we have a reading assembly where teachers have the opportunity to share their new favourite books with the children.

Last week, Mrs Buchanan introduced the children to an adventure book called 'The Hatmakers' by Tamzin Merchant. The main character, Cordelia comes from a long line of magical milliners, who weave magic into every hat. When Cordelia's father Prospero and his ship, the Jolly Bonnet, are lost at sea during a mission to collect hat ingredients, Cordelia is determined to find him.



YEAR 2

Fantastic learning Year 2!

Year 2 have had a very busy start to the term.

In maths we have been working on place value. We are learning the value of each digit in a 2-digit number and how to read and write 2 digit numbers in numerals and words.

In English we have been reading the story "Lights On Cotton Rock". It is all about a girl who sees a spaceship and meets an alien. We made our own junk modelling space ships and have created our own aliens to write stories about.

In science we have been learning about living things and their habitats. We have been for a walk in the school grounds to see what animals and plants live in our grounds. We practised our scientific skills by observing closely and recording what we could see. We have also created some artwork in memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

Ms Reed, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Windover

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

27th September:

- Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm.

29th September:

- Y6 SATs and Residential Meeting (Y6 parents/carers, 3.20pm face to face or Google Meet at 7pm.

30th September:

Year 6 Netball Tournament, Farringtons School, 1:00-3:30pm (information has been provided on Google Classroom by Mrs Horgan).

4th October:

- Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm.

5th October:

- Discovery homework due in.

7th October:

- Mental Health Day.

11th October:

- Tea and Tots, 1.30-3pm.

13th October:

- Parent Conferences, 3.30pm 7pm (more information will follow in the coming weeks).
- Wear Red to 'Show Racism the Red Card'.

14th October:

- Parent Conferences, 9am 12pm (more information will follow in the coming weeks).
- INSET DAY.

17th October - 28th October:

- Half Term.

LANGUAGE Of the Week

Spanish

Spanish Hello: Hola

Good Morning:

Buenos Dias

Good Afternoon:

Buenas Tardes

Can you speak another language and help us to make languages more real for the children?

Parents/carers, if you can speak another language (you do not need to be fluent) and would be willing to come into school to have your voice recorded, we would love to hear from you. We want to record voices saying 'hello



MAKATON

Sign of the Week

Miss Knott, SENCo Assistant



