



MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

Olive has loved her time in school this week - so many children in EYFS and KS1 have spent their lunch times throwing the ball for her and getting her to practise her tricks. Thank you to all of the children for being so wonderful with Olive - she loves her school days! Lots of the children have been asking what she does when she is not at school with me. She stays at home with my Mother-in-Law - Nanny Margaret on these days and goes for a long walk with her dog walker - Sandra. Sandra also walks cocker spaniels and so has been trying to teach Olive working dog tricks - she is getting better at jumping up onto logs and sniffing out her treats!



I wrote to you this week asking for some positive feedback about members of staff. If you would like to leave some positive feedback then please follow the link. Please remember that the most important bit is the comment!

- Select a member staff (ONE per form)
- Scroll down and leave a positive comment (leaving your name is optional)
- Click submit
- If you want to leave comments about more than one member of staff you need to complete a new form.

This is entirely optional but I know that your comments will be very much appreciated by the staff here!

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Next week is very busy as we have parent consultations on Thursday and Friday (appointments can be booked via Arbor - the window for booking appointments will close next Wednesday). Please make sure that you arrange to meet your child's class teacher. Friday is also an INSET day and so school is closed to children. However, children are welcome to attend parent consultations, if you would like them to. Also... don't forget that it is *Wild Hair Day* next Thursday!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Message from Mr Devlin regarding Google Classroom:

To access your child's Google Classroom, please login to their school account using RMuUnify by following the link: <https://bigginhillps.rmunify.com/> After you have logged in you can access the Google apps from the 'Launch Pad'. Your child's class teacher can let you know their username and reset the password, if you need them to. The Google apps will work best using a Chrome browser. If you have multiple Google accounts on your device, you may need to switch between your profiles before you can access these.

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Lainey M**
Thorpe: **Darcy M**
Coyle: **Thomas C**
Van Gogh: **Ava C**
Emberley: **Mollie B**
Chung: **George I**
Shuster: **Lyla H**
Blake: **Daisy C**
Goldsworthy: **Charlie W**
Eldridge: **Stevie T-S**
O'Keeffe: **Keira M**
Leibovitz: **Sammy S**
Fishel: **Olivia C**
Warhol: **Daisy F**

Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 96%*

Weekly Class Attendance

*Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%*

Chung - 98.7%
Blake - 98.1%

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Banksy - 97.4%
Thorpe - 96.6%
Coyle - 96.1%
Leibovitz - 97.4%
Fishel - 97.1%

Well Done!

HOUSE POINTS

1st Holmes
2nd Attenborough
3rd Hawking
4th Rowling

Inicio Merger

Last week we received formal approval from the Regional Schools Commissioner's Office regarding the proposed merger of CDAT and Inicio Trusts, as per our joint letter sent to parents in June. This approval means that we can now move on to the next stage of this proposed merger in earnest.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

Please remember to book your Consultation appointment

12th October - Parent Consultations (3.30-6.50pm)

13th October - Parent Consultations (8.50-10.50am)

30th October - First day back to school after half term

3rd November - Individual and Sibling photos - KS1 hall

3rd November - Halloween Disco - time TBC (**date changed**)

7th November YR 24/25 Open Day - 1.30pm

8th November YR 24/25 Open Day - 9.30am

15th November - 6F assembly (9-9.30am KS2 hall)

17th November - Children in Need

22nd November - 5O assembly (9-9.30 KS2 hall)

27th November - Ambassador Assembly - invitation only (9-9.30am YR-3 KS1 hall, Y4-6 KS2 Hall)

29th November - 6W assembly (9-9.30am KS2 hall)

Eco and School Council Updates!

Bag 2 School Collection

Our School Eco-Club is really excited to be working in partnership with BAG2SCHOOL to recycle good quality second hand clothing. On Wednesday 15th November we ask that any men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories are brought into school by 9am (we will accept bags before this date, please just leave with reception) in a plastic bag - these will also be recycled! Once weighed the school will receive money for everything we have collected. The money will be used to make our school more eco-friendly and to highlight the importance of eco-friendly practices in our local area.

Thank you for your support.

Wild Hair Day - Thursday 12th October

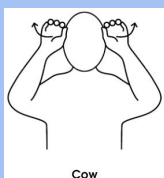
A reminder that next Thursday will be the 1st *Wild Hair Day* here at BHPS - raising vital funds for Foal Farm. Children who wish to take part are invited to come to school on the last day of half term with wild hair - glitter, dye, multi-coloured bands and bows are some of the ideas that children can use to bring their hair to life. The wilder the better and we are looking forward to seeing lots of great hair designs!

Mrs Snelling

Eco Club and School Council Lead

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



Cow

**Miss Knott,
SENCo Assistant**

LANGUAGE

Of the Month

SPANISH

Hello: Hola

Goodbye: Adiós

Thank you: gracias

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!

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

Every School Day Counts!

Thank you for all your hard work in getting your children into school on time with our new early start time!

We have had a fantastic start to the year in terms of attendance - achieving over 96% whole school attendance nearly every day and already filling the jar once! We are looking at buying some new large games for the playground as a reward.

Please see our 10 important attendance reminders below...

Benefits of Good Attendance

- ★ Children with good attendance generally reach their full potential
- ★ Pupils with good attendance generally enjoy school more
- ★ Having a good education will help to give your child the best possible start in life
- ★ Good school attendance helps to develop other responsible patterns of behaviour

Every School Day Counts



Every Minute Counts

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	=	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	=	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	=	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	=	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	=	19 days lost!



ATTENDANCE REMINDERS FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Every School Day Counts!

- Please take any holidays during the school holidays - holidays in term time will be fined (£60 per adult per child).
- Please let us know before 9am if your child is not going to be at school. It saves us having to call you!
- You can report illness on the day by calling or emailing the school office, or by reporting on Studybugs - get the app or register now - <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>
- If your child is regularly off due to illness, we will arrange to meet with you to see how we can help.
- Absence due to illness may be unauthorised if we suspect your child is well enough to come to school.
- If your child comes into school after 9:30am the registers are closed and it counts as 1 session of unauthorised absence.
- If your child has a medical appointment, please give school a copy of the appointment so we can authorise the absence.
- If you know there is an unusual or unexpected reason for your child's absence, please talk to us ahead of time (if possible). We may agree to authorise the absence.
- 90% is great in tests, but 90% (or below) for attendance is poor attendance.
- If you or your child have any worries about what's happening or has happened in school, please bring your child into school and talk to us about it. Do not give your child a day off.