



**BIGGIN HILL**  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

As this half term draws to a close, I must thank my entire staff team for pulling together during the last 7 weeks to ensure that the children have had a settled, happy and productive first half term. I would also like to extend my thanks to you all for your continued support. Unless there is a change in guidance, the next half term will run in exactly the same way.

I am delighted to announce that Miss Burgham has had a beautiful baby boy called Finley (Finn). We can't wait to meet him and have passed on everybody's congratulations messages and good wishes.

This week has been Black History Week and children across the school have enjoyed learning about black history, heritage and culture. My thanks must go to Miss Elliott, History Coordinator, for organising teaching activities for our school.

Finally, I must commend all of our children from Nursery to Year 6 for showing such strength and resilience, and for being so adaptable to new routines in school. We are immensely proud of how hard the children have worked this half-term, the effort they have shown in their work and how well they have adapted - they are truly such a credit to you all.

I wish you all a very safe and restful half term, and look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 2nd November.

**Mr Ellis**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR INCLUSION TEAM

Last week we focussed on raising awareness for #HelloYellow and promoting positive mental health. The sea of yellow on Friday was great! Thank you for your donations to Young Minds charity - it is so appreciated and will go towards making a difference to young people across Britain.

As we end the week with Parent Consultations please remember to raise any concerns you may have with your child's class teacher, or email me directly on [senco@bigginhillps.com](mailto:senco@bigginhillps.com)

Have a wonderful half term break!



**Mrs Lawrence**

## Elphinstone Class Jungle Drop competition

We were delighted to receive an email from Abi Elphinstone to advise that our class had won a writing competition.

Abi commented on the children's brilliant imaginations and ideas and especially loved The Witch's Window from Rosie. We were delighted to receive a signed copy of *Jungle Drop* for our class. The author has kindly sent each child in my class a Jungle Drop bookmark.



**Miss Elliott**

## BLACK HISTORY WEEK

For Black History Month, each year group has been exploring a different theme. As a school, we have been learning about: the successes and achievements of black people (in science and sport); immigration and cultures; and discrimination and perseverance (in sport and politics). The children have delved deep into their history learning and now have a more rounded understanding. Brilliant pieces of cross-curricular writing have been produced, as well as some amazing art. I wonder - could you ask your children to discuss with you a key piece of learning from this week?

**Miss Elliott**

Team Point Winners of the Week: *Attenborough & Holmes*

Attendance 97.6%

## NURSERY STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem

'Whole Class'

You are all Amazing

## YEAR 5 SPACE TOPIC



To introduce our space topic, year 5 completed a full day of astronaut training. We had to complete lots of different activities to build up astronaut skills. Some of these included obstacle course running to help us have healthy hearts; squats, push-ups, sit-ups and planks to build up our muscles; and using tweezers to complete fiddly tasks like an astronaut might need to fix a spacecraft!



Miss Elliott and Miss Wigfield

## PUPIL VOICE YEAR 5



Our Pupil Voice was held with Year 5 this week.

**What has it been like to come back to school?**

"It's been nice seeing all your friends."

"It's been different."

"It's been nice."

"It's kind of different."

**Were you worried about anything?**

"No."

**How do you think you are doing?**

"I'm doing fine!"

"Good."

"I'm doing good."

**Are the tasks set for you too hard, too easy or about right?**

"About right."

"Sometimes we have difficult tasks but we figure out things together."

"Sometimes it's hard and sometimes easy."

**Can you give examples of how you use any part of the school environment to help you with your learning?**

"The class boards."

"There is a Maths board and it really helps."

"In literacy, we have these fronted adverbial sheets."

"We have times tables as well and spelling sheets."

**What are you working on to improve at the moment?**

"Getting the Endeavor Badge."

"To be inclusive to other people, so I can get my Inclusivity Badge."

"Trying to get my Maths Challenge finished!"

"Spellings!"

**Tell me something you have mastered?**

"I have mastered football!"

"I have mastered PE."

"Art."

"Maths and writing."

## YEAR 1 PHOTO POSE - THE MOBOT

In year 1 this week we have been learning about Mo Farah for Black History Month. We learnt that he runs 10,000 metres and has 10 gold medals and 2 silver medals so far! We also learnt about his famous photo pose which he calls the Mobot and we made our own Mobots up for our name! Here is a picture of us doing the Mobot!



Mrs Churchward

LOOK OUT FOR:

Children's stories on our YouTube Channel

This week stories will be provided by Mrs Helps and Mrs Sargeant.

