



**BIGGIN HILL**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
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# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS



Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the staff at Biggin Hill Primary School, I would like to welcome everyone back and extend a very warm welcome to our new families.

Firstly, thank you for your donations on our 'Wear Something Yellow Day' last term. We are delighted to advise that a donation of £295.97 has been sent to YoungMinds! This is a substantial donation towards improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people across Britain. With the current landscape, the wellbeing of our children couldn't be more important.

This term usually sees many events that all our children look forward to. With the current situation and guidelines, we are not going to be able to celebrate these events in quite the same way, however, we will ensure that the children have some internal and virtual school events to look forward to at this time of year. I will update families about this in due course.

Teaching staff are delighted with how well the children have returned to school - again this is really a reflection of how amazing and resilient our young people are and how much they continue to rise to the challenges asked of them - they are such a credit to our school.

We are enormously grateful for your continued support and will do our very best to ensure the children have a wonderful term.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mr Ellis**

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Jill Barklem: **Elissia C**  
 Beatrix Potter: **Willow L**  
 Emily Gravett: **Kyan I-R**  
 Eric Carle: **Mia M & Cameron M**  
 Abi Longstaff: **Regan M**  
 Michael Rosen: **Liam N & Amber T-S**  
 Helen Cooper: **Tyler H**  
 Jeremy Strong: **Henry H & Abigail Y**  
 Berlie Doherty: **Bailey S & Tyler J**  
 Adam Frost: **Kye L & Riley T**  
 Michael Bond: **Harry W**  
 Katharine Woodfine: **Ellie F & Harrison S**  
 Abi Elphinstone: **Jacob P-G & Annabella B**  
 Andrew Donkin: **Ruby L & Nicholas B**  
 Sinead O'Hart: **Freya W & Daniel F**

**Attendance 95.7%**

**Team Point Winners of the Week:**

*Sir David Attenborough*

## CHRISTMAS CARDS



This term we are taking part in the Christmas Card project. In previous years, parents have been asked to help their child create a card at home. This year, we are creating the cards at school and the completed artwork will be sent home by the end of the week for you to make a purchase with your child's design. There are a variety of products you can choose from, such as Christmas cards, mugs, wrapping paper and gift tags. If you would like to buy any of these products please fill in the form and return it to school via your child's class teacher.

Payment can now be made online via Parentpay - using payment item "Christmas Card Project". This is our preferred method of payment, but if you have already sent payment by cheque or cash in, that is fine.

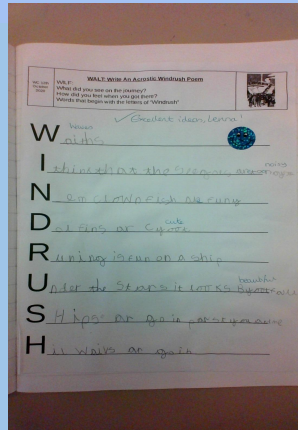
**If you have used Parentpay, would you please record on the order form next to the TOTAL box that payment has been made via Parentpay. Orders must be received in school by Monday 9th November.** If you require assistance with your Parentpay login, please contact [c.wythers@bigginhillps.com](mailto:c.wythers@bigginhillps.com)

This project enables the school to continue to raise funds at this difficult time. Many thanks for your continued support.  
**Mrs Gilham, Art and Design Lead, on behalf of the Friends of Biggin Hill Primary School.**

## YEAR 2 NEWSROUND

In Year 2 we have been reading the book "The Bear Under The Stairs". It is all about a little boy who thinks a bear lives in his house. We have been planning our own stories following the same structure and have started to write them. We have also been listening out for words in the story with the "air" sound and looking at how this sound can be written in different ways.

In history we have been learning about the Empire Windrush. We have found Jamaica on a map, and discovered why lots of people came to London from Jamaica on the Empire Windrush. We imagined what it would be like to travel on the Empire Windrush and wrote poems about it.



In DT we designed, made and evaluated dinosaur habitats. We used what we had learned in science about what animals need in their habitats to help us draw up our criteria.

**Miss Reed and  
Miss Castledine**

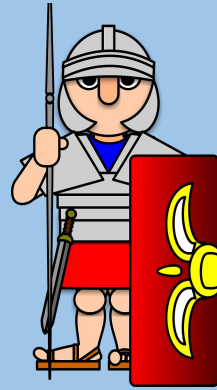


*Our beautiful new Sunflower display to promote Positive Mental Health!*



## YEAR 4 WHAT'S COMING UP

Year 4 have returned to school after half term very excited about their learning. This term we are learning about the Romans and their legacy. We have already learnt about the difference between invaders and settlers and were fascinated to learn that the Romans were both!



We are looking forward to learning about Roman life in Britain; homes, clothing, leisure activities, the army and the Roman number system. It's Roman Day on 20th November so look out for gladiators, senators, Roman ladies and slaves on that day.

**Mrs Buchanan and  
Miss Farrell**

## A MESSAGE FROM MR ELLIS

You may have noticed a change to the normal crossing patrol yesterday morning.

Under the new lockdown restrictions Martin is required to shield for the next 4 weeks. We are waiting for communication from the School Crossing Patrol team regarding cover. In the meantime, a member of the school leadership team will be covering Martin's duties to ensure children are safe when crossing the road before and after school.

I know the children will miss Martin, and he will miss them, during this time but he will be back as soon as he is allowed to do so!



## SWITCH OFF YOUR ENGINE TO REDUCE EMISSIONS



**HELP US TO REDUCE EMISSIONS**



Please can we ask all parents / carers to switch off your engines while waiting in cars at school pick up and drop off.



## PUPIL VOICE



**This week, our Pupil Voice was held with some of our Nursery children.**

### **What do you enjoy most about Nursery?**

"I like writing a card."

"I like toys."

"Playing with toys."

"I like playing with Barbie."

### **Do you have friends at Nursery?**

"I do."

"I got a friend at Nursery."

"Yes."

### **What do you like to do the most at Nursery?**

"I like glitter."

"I like the shiny things (sequins)".

"Puppet show."

### **Do you like going to Forest School?**

"Yes."

"Yes."

### **What do you like?**

"Splashing in big puddles!"

"Biscuit and hot chocolate."

### **What would you like to do at Nursery that you don't already do?**

"I dont know."

### **Do you have a lovely time at Nursery?**

"I... such a good time."

"Yes."

"Fun."

### **Do you know who is there to help you in Nursery?**

"Teacher Clair."

"Teacher Hannah."

"Mrs Greenslade."

"Teacher Mary."

"Teacher Amy."

"Teacher Libby."

### **Do you know all the teachers?**

All children nodded.

### **Do you know what you need to do if you need any help with anything? Who do you ask?**

"A teacher."

"A teacher."

"If you need help with your shoes, just ask a teacher."

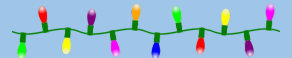
## NEW LIFE CHURCH, CHRISTMAS LIGHTS LIVE EVENT



Every year the community of Biggin Hill gets together to turn on the Christmas lights. This year because we won't be able to do this in the same way, the New Life Church has proposed an alternative. On 21st November, they will be streaming a live event with members of the Biggin Hill Community taking part. They have asked for us to record children reading the poem 'Twas the Night Before Christmas'. We will pre-record the poem at school and it will become part of the event on the 21st. (Children do not need to learn the poem.) The recording will take place at school but will be shared into the public domain onto Facebook and other sites such as the Biggin Hill residents association. If you want your child to be involved, **please email me your child's name and class by the end of the school day today (Friday 6th November).**

For parents / carers that have already confirmed they would like their child to be involved, please bring a Christmas jumper in on Wednesday 11th November if you would like to. Many thanks,

**Mrs Windover, Classroom Teacher**  
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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS SARGEANT

With the approach of the new 'lockdown' upon us, it is important to remember that it is especially stressful for younger children to understand why everything has to stop again when there has already been a level of return to normality.

Our role over the next few weeks is to support them emotionally and mentally. Try to stay in routine, provide a positive approach to their day and offer them opportunities to experience the world around them.

**Mrs Sargeant**  
Family Support Worker  
and Inclusion Assistant



## EXPLODE YOUR COLOURS

*Thank you for joining in with 'Explode Your Colours'*

