



BIGGIN HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL
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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM MRS FREEMAN

Dear Parents and Carers,
Just a short note from me this week as there is so much to fit in. Just a reminder to complete the Big Ambition Survey if you have not already done so: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Congratulations to Miss Wigfield and our JTAs as we have retained our Gold Travel Award! Thank you for your hard work and for being great ambassadors for our school!

Finally a massive well done to our netball team who won their match against Marian Vine - an article will follow next week!
Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs Freeman

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

Computing with Mrs Snelling

Radio Plays at Biggin Hill - Last Thursday, Year 6 took part in recording radio plays for the first time as part of their computing lessons this term. Each group consisted of 4 people - 3 had speaking parts with the 4th acting out sound effects. We used a piece of software called 'TwistedWave'; it's the first time we have used this software and the children really enjoyed learning the parts and recording them before having a go at editing. Every group was successful and really showed how to use their computing skills to produce each play.

Investigating Weather!

This half term Year 4 are looking at the weather and how different weather types can affect us across the world. We are looking at inventing a weather instrument which could save lives if a potential hurricane, flood, tornado or lightning was to strike. We have also made water gauges and wind gauges to show how much water has been falling at Biggin Hill Primary School and which direction the wind is blowing. They really enjoyed making these.

What is using computers to allow them to work in school?

In Year 2 we have been learning about what is a computer and naming all inputs and outputs that the children can see around the school. Last Thursday we went on a technology safari. We used the iPads to take pictures as we walked around the school. The children were amazed at how much they found.

Stars of the Week

Banksy: **Gunnar D**
Thorpe: **Amelia C**
Coyle: **Jasmine E**
Van Gogh: **Poppie M**
Emberley: **Mia H**
Chung: **Molly D**
Shuster: **Alfie I**
Blake: **Beau D**
Goldsworthy: **Frankie M**
Eldridge: **Mia M**
O'Keeffe: **Liam N**
Leibovitz: **Emma W**
Fishel: **Elizabeth C**
Warhol: **Poppy W-M**
Aspire: **Lily C & Daniel-Jnr P**
Congratulations!

*Weekly Whole School
Attendance 94.06%*

Weekly Class Attendance

Excellent attendance 'gold'
98-100%

No classes

Attendance 'green' 96-97.9%

Banksy - 97.3%
Blake - 97.7%

Well Done!

Recognising ADHD in girls

ADHD....what is it and how does it present in girls?

We are very lucky to have secured Una Archer, GMBPS, to join us in school on January 11th at 9am. Una will be talking to us about how to recognise early signs of ADHD in girls, how this presents both at school and a home as well as strategies which could be used to support.

HOUSE POINTS

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

Lateness

We have noticed a sharp rise in the number of children who are arriving late for school. Please can we ask parents and carers to ensure that their children arrive at school before the gates close at 8.40am - this will mean that they are in class before the register closes at 8.45am. Many thanks for your cooperation in advance.

DIARY DATES

Keep a note!

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)

1st December - Man in Red

1st December - Non Uniform Day

4th December - Secret Presents Room

6th December - Christmas Lunch

8th December - Christmas Jumper Day

8th December - Christmas Fair

11th - 14th December - please see separate letter for all year group performance information

15th December - Christmas parties

15th December - last day of term

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3rd January 2024 - First day of Spring Term

Roll of Honour

Footballing Triumph!

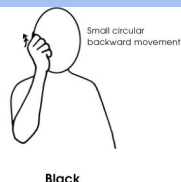
Congratulations to Marnie in Y6 who was given The Kent FA Wildcats Player of the Season Award! This was awarded by Beckie Moore who is the Kent FA Women and Girls Development Officer. Marnie who is only the fourth girl ever to have been given this accolade, was selected for scoring amazing goals in training and playing with a great attitude at her new football team - Biggin Hill Football Club. Well done Marnie!!!



On Saturday 18th November 2023 Arthur H, Joshua C, Frankie S and Jack H took part in a Cub Swimming Gala. They were part of a team of 6 called the 'Speedy Spitfires' who volunteered themselves to take part in the event at Beckenham Spa, competing against all of the other cub groups in the region. All boys pushed themselves out of their comfort zone and did amazingly in their races and held their own against many that were older and more experienced than themselves. Their sportsmanship and understanding of water safety were both commented upon by the organisers! Great job boys!

MAKATON

Sign of the Week



**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!