

Friday 16th September

## Miss Hodge's weekly update



We have all been learning in different places at BHI this week as part of our whole school opening topic 'Where Am I?' Our children in Zebra and Giraffe loved their first trip to the woods, and impressed their adults with their knowledge about the natural world. They loved games on the field before their first Forest School session.

'Bog Baby' has arrived in year one to much excitement; before reading the book, the children made great predictions about who he is, what he might eat and where he might live. They have also demonstrated their proud walking around our local community during walks to spot geographical features and find local places, including looking at different styles of houses later inspiring their artwork. This trip gave Lion and Penguin a great opportunity for some purposeful writing and learning of their addresses: we hope you enjoyed the results.

Our year twos have continued their learning about Bristol with an early school trip involving a boat trip on the river to spot human and physical geographical features and walking to Cabot Tower to practise sketching skills. The skipper on the boat remarked that the children were the best behaved school he had ever had, which made all staff and children very proud. The children - and adults - were also fortunate to enjoy a snack courtesy of The Pigsty. A big thank you to Mr Kohn for the generous treat helping to make our trip a special day.

## Our Three Golden Rules

*We are respectful.*

*We are ready to learn.*

*We walk proudly.*

**Our 'Star Learners' are selected each week for outstanding behaviour and attitudes,** having demonstrated our three rules at all points and worked hard 'the best that we can be'. A huge well done and thank you to -

**Madison (Dolphins)**

**Adelyn (Leopards)**

**Millie (Lions)**

**Finley (Penguins)**



The following children have been recognised as having been working especially hard this week to be 'the best that we can be'. Our Bromley Bears support children in developing personal attributes, with the aim of making successful lifelong learners.

| <u>Penguin class</u>         | <u>Lion class</u>              | <u>Leopard class</u>               | <u>Dolphin class</u>      |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Thomas G<br>Imagine Bear     | Freddie<br>Try New Things Bear | Darcey T<br>Understand Others Bear | Emily L<br>Work Well Bear |
| Ronya<br>Try New Things Bear | Solomon<br>Concentrate Bear    | Ollie<br>Work Well Bear            | Evan<br>Work Well Bear    |





## School Council Elections

In assembly this week, the children listened to a story about democracy and voting, where jungle animals voted for their leader. Today, our children in year one and two, were given a voting slip and voted for the children they thought would represent their class (Penguin, Lion, Leopard and Dolphin) best in the school council. Well done to the following children who have been elected:

Penguin: Finley W and Evie L

Lion: Sukhraj and Sasha

Leopard: Harrison and Lani

Dolphin: Evan and Charlotte



## Opportunity to join the SMSA team at BHI!



### School's Meals Supervisory Assistant Vacancy.

#### Do you enjoy working with children?

We currently have a vacancy for a lunch break supervisor.

We are looking for someone who is dedicated to helping children have the best lunch time experience they can.

The role involves supporting children in the dining hall, serving drinks and clearing plates; supervising children in the playground, keeping them safe and dealing with any first aid needs.

The successful candidate will enjoy working with children and be able to deal with them in a calm and caring manner. They will also need to be enthusiastic and be prepared to organise and initiate games with the children.

Hours of work: Mon –Fri 11.45am – 1.15pm

Grade H13 (£18,887.00 per annum pro-rata)

Application forms available from the school office, or to download from our website, and the closing date is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. Please email [school@bhinfants.org.uk](mailto:school@bhinfants.org.uk)

If you would like any further information please contact Mrs Perkins via the school office.

<https://www.bromleyheathinfantschool.co.uk/vacancies/>

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.



Yesterday was a sad day at afternoon Koala Club as it was Mrs Norton's last day with us. She is moving to a full time job in a nearby school. We are delighted that Mrs Cox will be joining us in a few weeks and in the meantime, school staff known to the children will cover.

Thank you Mrs Norton: you will be missed.

Sporting opportunity from Bristol Sport following the spectacular success of the Lionesses for families at BHI.



### Holidays in term time

Please note that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time as per our policy, based on DFE and local guidance. Last year, our attendance figures were lower than previous years because of Covid-related illness absence; repeated outbreaks of chicken pox, and families going on holidays postponed due to Covid restrictions. Please do consider whether there are alternative options if booking a holiday in term time. A two week holiday will reduce your child's attendance over the year by over 5%, and below our target for each child; this results in significant loss of learning opportunities.



### Smart/ V-teach watches



We are aware that the children are very proud of their V-tech smart watches. However, please do not send children into school wearing smart watches as, among other features, they give children the ability to take photographs and videos. This has the potential to cause difficulties, including safeguarding issues.

## DATES FOR DIARIES

|                                                  |                                                                                                                      |
|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 12th September                            | Year 1 walk around the local area in small groups                                                                    |
| w/c 12th September                               | After school clubs - Signature Sports, Art and Science start for 6 weeks.                                            |
| Thursday 15th September                          | Year 2 trip to Bristol                                                                                               |
| Monday 19th September                            | Bank holiday for the Queen's funeral. School closed.                                                                 |
| w/c 19th September                               | EYFS morning and lunch                                                                                               |
| Wednesday 21st September                         | Curriculum evening for year 1 (18:00) and year 2 parents (18:30)                                                     |
| w/c 26th September                               | EYFS in full time                                                                                                    |
| Wednesday 28th September                         | Full Governors Meeting                                                                                               |
| Friday 30th September                            | Wessex Water visiting—water workshops                                                                                |
| Monday 3rd October                               | Reception reading and writing workshop (18:00)                                                                       |
| Friday 7th October                               | Year 2 open afternoon (14:45) - opportunity to look at your child's learning ahead of parent consultations           |
| Thursday 13th October                            | Karen Lord, children's author (and aunt of Miss Lee), visiting our school                                            |
| Thursday 13th October                            | EYFS and year 1 open afternoons (14:45) - opportunity to look at your child's learning ahead of parent consultations |
| Wednesday 19th October/<br>Thursday 20th October | Parent consultations                                                                                                 |
| <b>Friday 21st October</b>                       | <b>Last day of term 1.</b>                                                                                           |
| <b>Monday 31st October</b>                       | <b>First day of term 2.</b>                                                                                          |



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