

Miss Hodge's weekly update



We are already looking forward to having our reception children in full time next week. The first few weeks of transition into school have been very successful: the children have explored their environment; become familiar with school - including lunchtime - routines; are showing independence and confidence, and have got to know the adults in the team (and vice-versa) both in the classrooms and at lunchtimes. Well done Giraffes and Zebras!

This week, in Lion and Penguin, it has been all about 'Bog Baby': they loved reading the book and meeting him but unfortunately, he then went missing! To help, the children wrote 'Missing' posters, pinning them up around the school, and then using maps and clues, searched the grounds for him (luckily 'Bog Baby' has been found by the pond). Their enthusiasm is infectious! Our year one team have also made the decision to teach phonics in three groups, rather than two whole classes, to allow for more individualised support following on from their visits to the Fred room in reception. Alongside the continuation of play projects, it has been a smooth transition to key stage 1.

In year two, we are very impressed with the children's writing this week and their concentration. Following their trip to Bristol, and inspired by the experience, the children have written great pieces to persuade other people to visit. They are also enjoying reading 'The Bear and the Piano' and have started writing descriptions about him to complete fact-files. A great start to the year Leopard and Dolphin!

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 -

Charlotte (Dolphins)

Nancy (Leopards)

Aoife (Lions)

Thalia (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>
Max Imagine Bear	Elliot Work Well Bear	Zac Improve Bear	Leo Work Well Bear
Louie Concentrate Bear	Marley Imagine Bear	Lexi Concentrate Bear	Harry L Work Well Bear



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/ Thursday 20th October	Parent consultations
Friday 21st October	Last day of term 1.
Monday 31st October	First day of term 2.



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Curriculum evenings

If you were not able to make the year one and year two parents' curriculum evenings, the presentations are on our website. Please do take the time to look at these, which outline key learning in these year groups, as well as how their day is structured: they can be found on our website by clicking on children and then your child's class.

The EYFS curriculum evening, for reception children, will be on Monday 3rd October.

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 30th September 2022. Please email 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.

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-tech 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.