



Miss Hodge's weekly update

Thank you to all families who donated to our Harvest Festival. We think that it was the biggest collection we have had and it filled the stage. The children were very impressed with the Salvation Army brass band playing as they came into assembly who were in turn impressed with the children singing their harvest song. The children listened to a story called 'Be Kind': all about how small acts of kindness join with other small acts of kindness to make a big difference - just like our Harvest Festival.

This week, EYFS joined with 20,000 other children in 870 schools for a story as part of World Space Week. They were very interested in the badger who wanted to go to the moon and because there was a deaf interpreter, they also learnt some sign language.

Year one have started their science topic about seasons, learning about the climate and identifying what happens in each season; they will be revisiting this learning at points over the school year by observing the same oak tree for changes.

In year two, the children have been focusing on creative writing, innovating the story of 'The Bear and the Piano'. I was impressed both with their creativity and improving handwriting and know that Dolphins and Leopards are looking forward to sharing these stories with you this afternoon.

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 -

Zakir (Dolphins)

Daniel (Leopards)

Lylie (Lions)

Emily (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>
Myla Concentrate Bear	Finley K Work Well Bear	Mya Concentrate Bear	Herbie Concentrate Bear
Dempsey Challenge Yourself Bear	Ollie P Challenge Yourself Bear	Harrison Improve Bear	Charlie Ha Concentrate Bear



Bromley Heath Infant School Friends of School

A **HUGE** thank you to our Friends of School for organising the cheese and wine evening for our new EYFS parents and for the delicious gingerbreads for each EYFS child.

Our FOS have also funded a further 15 ipads in the last week meaning that we now have a class set of 30. They will be used to deliver a new computing scheme of work that we are beginning this year. Thank you all for your time and efforts; this will make a big difference to our provision.



New Koala Club number when collecting. Our new Koala Club assistant starts on Monday.
Welcome to Mrs Cox.

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Please read the letter attached with this news-letter: it explains how you access a new online reading resource that the school has invested in to increase links with reading in school and at home.

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.

Clubs after half term (starting Tuesday 1st November until Monday 12th December)



Tuesday - Dodgeball (Years 1 & 2)

Wednesdays - Football (Years 1 & 2)

Thursday - Multi Sports (Reception & Year 1)

Friday - Dance (Year 1 & 2)

Book using the below link for clubs from our sports coaches from Signature Sports.

<https://www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk/category/bromley-heath-infants-school>



Our art club, run by local artist Catherine Williams, has proved a great success. Even the school staff have had a lesson! In T2, the club will take place on Mondays for 6 weeks (starting on Monday 7th November and finishing on Monday 12th December) for children in year one and two.

The cost for the club is £5 a session so £30 for the term (this cost includes all materials). There will be a maximum of 15 children for this club, and they will take part in a different project each week that they will complete and take home.

To book, please contact Catherine Williams using the following email catherinewilliamsprintmaker@gmail.com address or by calling 07966 328525 for details. Her website is <http://www.catherinewilliams.co.uk/the-artist/>



Fun Science After School Programme at Bromley Heath Infants Term 2 '22/'23

After half term, Fun Science will be coming to run our after school club for an hour a week after school on a Friday. The programme is open to children in years 1 & 2.

There will be a mix of bubbling potions, mini explosions, science crafts and gross science! All of our sessions are hands-on and full of lots of fun experiments!

The cost for the 6 week programme is £42.

FRIDAY - Sessions weekly from 4th November – 9th December.

The sessions will run for an hour after school (3:15-4:15) and will be located in a room on site at the school.

For more information about Fun Science, including our other services such as birthday parties, please visit www.fun-science.org.uk. You can email any queries to bath@fun-science.org.uk or call 07708214840.

If you would like your child/children to attend the science after school club, please book them on using the following link –

www.fun-science.org.uk/bh-term2-2022

Email bath@fun-science.org.uk or call 07708 214840 if you have any problems with the booking system.

Please note, booking is essential.

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Author and illustrator visit

A letter was emailed on Tuesday, detailing a visit from author Karen Lord and illustrator Shanée Buxton. We are looking forward to them both working with classes and sharing stories. Below is a little about them, including information about how to order their books.

Karen writes the stories and Shanée illustrates them. We love reading stories to children and know how important picture books are in fostering a love of reading, enhancing a child's imagination and developing their vocabulary and language skills. Our books also support their social and emotional well-being and act as a great starting point for discussion.

We met over 30 years ago whilst teaching at an Infant School in Surrey. Karen specialises in Early Years and Special Educational Needs and Shanée is a deaf specialist Teacher of the Deaf with knowledge and experience in a wide range of ages and special needs.

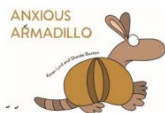
We have been lucky to have taught together and when teaching we always enjoyed letting our creative ideas run wild. This has led to us imagining, writing and illustrating stories with an emphasis on social and emotional well-being. The reason for this focus is that we realised the lack of story books around these themes.

Children often need support in recognising, naming, expressing and regulating their emotions. Keeping this in mind, we work closely together, discussing themes and ideas and the magic of our stories are created.

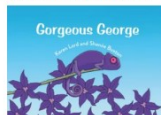
Eight delightful children's picture books, all with a moral that can be used to support the emotional and social development of children.

These books act as a great starting point for discussion.

£6.99 each



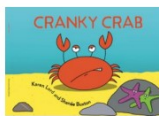
Armadillo has been asked to find termites for tea. Along the way he encounters creatures that scare him, needing reassurance and encouragement to persevere. Being able to regulate our emotions is hard, especially when trying to be brave.



Gorgeous George just wants to be himself, but he feels obliged to follow his friends. He bravely attempts to address his feelings and the other chameleons finally come up with a plan. Can George now be who he wants to be?



'I'm Better Than You!' is a story about a monkey and a giraffe who argue and boast about what they can do. It takes a little mouse to show them a better way of using their individual talents.



Cranky Crab is very bad tempered and as a result is inconsiderate and unkind to the other creatures that also live on the beach. When something unexpected happens to Cranky, does it make her think about how she treats others? Can she change her ways?



Theodore James Harrison Brown is a little boy with a very long name and a lot of hair. Theodore's mum tries different ways to tame his wild hair but whatever she does it bounces right back. How can Theodore's hair be accepted?



'Hey Dragonfly!' Is a story about a dragonfly who loves living in the marshlands but the daily arrival of a group of mean mosquitoes is really causing her a problem. Will their bullying ways drive dragonfly away from the home she loves?



'The Christmas Box of Delights' – A group of decorations are sitting in the loft waiting to be taken down for Christmas. No one has come! How can they have been forgotten when they are so important!



Sydney is a snail who wishes she could have a superpower like her friends. She does not think she is as good as them and then she meets the little woodlouse. Find out how Sydney becomes Super Sydney

If you would like to pre-order a book or books, please visit our website at creativechameleonbooks.co.uk

At payment stage, select free collection and we will deliver the books to the school on Thursday October 13th.



We need your help!

We are very passionate about play at BHIS and have been sorting and organising our classroom and outdoor learning environments. We have a few things missing that would enhance the children's play and wondered if you would be able to help? You may have old things at home that we would be very grateful to have and use at school.

Mud kitchen, sand and water play items	General items	Natural items
• Saucepans • Frying pans • Bowls • Ladles • Hand whisks • Bucket and spades • Measuring jugs • Sieves • Funnels • Rolling pins • Measuring spoons • Pipettes	• Beanbags to sit on • Dressing up clothes (this can include hats and accessories) • Toy babies, clothes and accessories • Screwdrivers • Tape measures • Animals and people figures • Cake/cookies cutters and tools for play dough • Plastic tea sets	• Large stones/pebbles • Interesting shells • Pine cones

There will be a box for donations outside the front of the school during school hours.

We will have lots of fun playing (and learning independently)!

Thank you in advance,

All of the team at Bromley Heath Infant School



DATES FOR DIARIES

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.
w/c 7th November/ w/c 14th November	Reading students in EYFS
w/c 7th November	Awe and Wonder week
Wednesday 9th November	EYFS workshop for parents 18:00
Monday 14th November	Individual photos
Tuesday 15th November	Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow (Y2)
Wednesday 16th November	Y1 Curriculum workshop for parents 18:00 Y2 Curriculum workshop for parents 18:30
Friday 18th November	Children in Need Nasal-flu vaccinations for children
Wednesday 23rd November	Production of 'Beauty and the Beast' for the whole school by M and M Productions
Wednesday 7th December	Full Governing Board Meeting 2
Friday 9th December	EYFS performance to parents
Monday 13th December/ Tuesday 13th December	KS1 performance to parents
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December	Christmas parties
Friday 16th December	Last day of T2.