



Miss Hodge's weekly update

Our whole-school theme this term is 'Let's Celebrate'. Our Monday's assembly was based on the book 'Binny's Diwali', after which the children in year one learnt about Diwali and made clay diyas. Lion and Penguin also had a wonderful start to the term with a 'wow' day, including forest school activities in the woods and a fire on the field - the children then sat around the camp-fire singing songs and watching the flames, before toasting marshmallows to make s'mores. They all had a wonderful morning and this has inspired their writing about fire, fireworks night and Guy Fawkes.

In year two, the children have started their history topic on the theme of remembrance: they have been working as historians using images of the past to investigate what life was like for children and soldiers in both World War I and II. They started this unit by reading 'The Little Red Hen and the Great War' and writing letters, imagining they were soldiers in the war.

In EYFS, the children have also been thinking about Diwali celebrations and have been creating rangoli patterns. Following the success of their phonics sessions with parents last term, and the very positive feedback received, Mrs Warren and Miss Blackburn have decided to repeat this on Tuesday 22nd November to introduce the new sounds. The curriculum presentation planned for maths will then be moved to January.

Please note days when children need to be in clothes suitable for outdoors in the Friday emails this week as all classes will be spending time in our/ BHJ grounds as part of Awe and Wonder week.

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 to be 'the best that we can be'. A huge well done and thank you to -

Herbie (Dolphins)

Lani (Leopards)

Noah (Lions)

Nathan (Penguins)

Poppy (Zebra)

Gwen (Giraffe)



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>Giraffe class</u>	<u>Zebra class</u>	<u>Penguin class</u>	<u>Lion class</u>	<u>Leopard class</u>	<u>Dolphin class</u>
Amy Try New Things Bear	Lewis Try New Things Bear	Evie L Imagine Bear	Oliver Q Concentrate Bear	Amelie Concentrate Bear	Emily-Mae Work Well Bear
Ozzie Try New Things Bear	Faye Try New Things Bear	Ezra Challenge Yourself Bear	Yaksh Work Well Bear	Connor Concentrate Bear	Lillie L Challenge Yourself Bear



Holidays in term time

Please note that we are unable to authorise holidays in term time as per our policy (joint with BHJ), 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.

<https://www.bromleyheathinfantschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Attendance-and-Punctuality-Policy-January-2022-BHI-and-BHJ.pdf>

Ms Fletcher

Ms Fletcher is our much valued and experienced SENDco (and also teaches in Giraffe class one day a week). From January, she will additionally be working at our linked junior school in the role of SENDco until Mrs Maynard's return from maternity leave. We are all delighted that the children in our community will have consistency of support.

Sweets on Birthdays

If you have not, please complete the survey sent home by BHI and BHJ jointly regarding children giving out sweets/ treats on their birthdays to their class at the end of the day.

After-School Clubs this term

Monday - Art with local artist, Catherine Williams.

Tuesday - Signature Sports (dodgeball) for years 1 and 2

Wednesday - Signature Sports (football) for years 1 and 2

Thursday - Signature Sports (multi-sports) reception and year 1

Friday - Signature Sports (dance) for years 1 and 2

Science with Fun Science Club

Please see <https://www.bromleyheathinfantschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Newsletter-Friday-21st-October-2022.pdf> **for how to book any remaining spaces.**

Remembrance fund-raising

On *Wednesday and Thursday* next week, children will be taking Poppy Appeal items to classes in the afternoons. If you wish for your child to donate to the appeal by purchasing an item, alongside the suggested donation of £1 for the original poppies, there are also the below options. The British Legion will collect all fund-raising the following week.

Please note that we cannot order more should any of the options sell out.

Poppy Appeal

WARNING
Not suitable
under 3 years
Choking hazard



Zip Pull

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Reflector

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Silicon Wristband

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1



Snap Band

SUGGESTED DONATION: £1.50

DATES FOR DIARIES

w/c 7th and 14th November	Reading students in EYFS for two weeks
w/c 7th November	Awe and Wonder week: please ensure that children are sent to school wearing clothes suitable for outside on days specified in the Friday email.
Monday 7th November	EYFS school trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
Thursday 10th/ 11th	Student teachers starting in Penguin and Leopard (alongside class teachers and for this placement supporting in class). They will be with us on Thursday and Fridays until the end of term.
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: children to wear spotty or Pudsey related clothes/ ears (if they wish) with a donation if able. Details to follow next week from school council about class events Nasal-flu vaccinations for children
Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd and Friday 25th November	FOS 'Elfridges'. We will confirm which year group is on which day in the new term.
Tuesday 22nd November	EYFS phonics workshop in the hall at 2.45pm (new sounds)
Wednesday 23rd November	Production of 'Beauty and the Beast' for the whole school by M and M Productions
Wednesday 7th December	Christmas songs performed for grandparents (9:30-10:30)
Wednesday 7th December	Full Governing Board Meeting 2
Friday 9th December	EYFS performance to parents (9:30-10:30)
Friday 9th December	Joint BHI/ BHJ FOS Christmas Fayre 3:20-6
Monday 13th December/ Tuesday 13th December	KS1 performance to parents. Times TBC
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December	Christmas parties
Friday 16th December	Last day of T2.
Tuesday 3rd January	INSET day. School closed to all children.
Wednesday 4th January	Term 3 starts.
Wednesday 11th January TBC	Y1 trip to We The Curious
Tuesday 17th January	EYFS workshop for parents 18:00 (previously Wednesday 9th November)
Wednesday 18th January	Year 1 curriculum parent workshop 18:00 Year 2 curriculum parent workshop 18:30



*Thank you for some truly
fabulous donations so
far!*

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

