

Newsletter 12

Friday 2nd December

Miss Hodge's weekly update



As a team, we have been thinking about our computing curriculum recently (ably led by Mrs Griffiths who has overseen some changes, increasing the challenge and opportunity) and are benefitting from the purchase of a class set of ipads from our Friends of School. In EYFS, following on from self-portraits in pen last term, this week the children have created self-portraits using the ipads. They loved using lots of colour and different features!

In art, our year one children have continued with their fabulous paper sculptures. Their pieces have included rolling, bridging, overlapping and joining paper to create imaginative and effective 3D art. More creativity has been seen with their DT work based on Stickman. The children have designed and made a new bag for Stickman (to help Santa deliver his toys): they thought about the design criteria and applied knowledge of joining techniques learnt in preparation. They have also written some wonderful stories about Stickman.

In the year two classes yesterday, the children loved making and eating their own picnic lunch! They peeled, sliced, mixed, grated and chopped ingredients for pasta salads before enjoying the rewards at lunchtime in the hall. The children considered a balanced meal with carbohydrates, protein and fruit and vegetables, with varied, delicious and - in some cases - inventive results! A big thank you to Mrs Gregory who organised this and who has led on adapting our DT curriculum (as well as supporting this for other schools), including ensuring food technology is taught within every year.

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 -

Emily L (Dolphins)

Nina (Leopards)

Emily M (Lions)

Maisie (Penguins)

Jasper (Zebra)

Darcey (Giraffe)

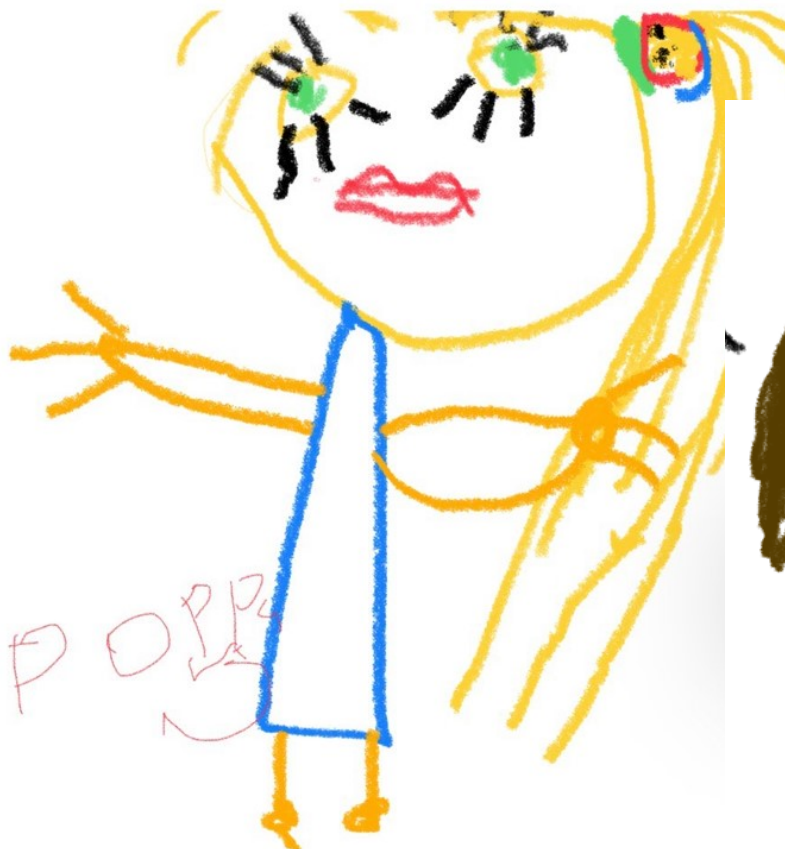


The following children have been recognised as having been working especially hard this week to be 'the best that we can be'. Our Bromley Bears support children in developing personal attributes, with the aim of making successful lifelong learners.

<u>Giraffe class</u>	<u>Zebra class</u>	<u>Penguin class</u>	<u>Lion class</u>	<u>Leopard class</u>	<u>Dolphin class</u>
Ty Challenge Yourself Bear	Azalea Challenge Yourself Bear	Avie Imagine Bear	Millie Imagine Bear	Harrison Challenge Yourself Bear	Arthur Keep Going Bear
Thomas H Challenge Yourself Bear	Tommy Challenge Y ourself Bear	Louie Understand Others Bear	Amber Try New Things Bear	Ollie Concentrate Bear	Enayah Keep Going Bear



Self-portraits in EYFS created on i-pads



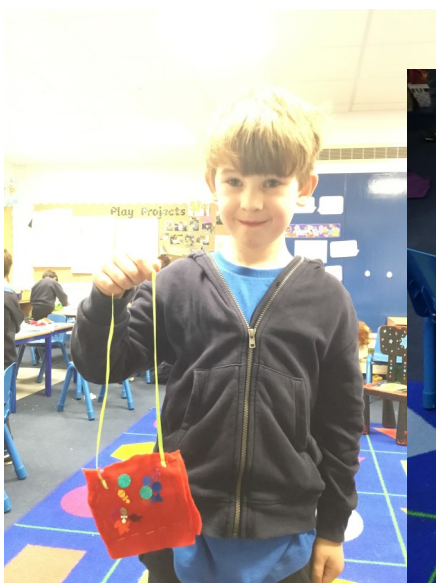
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Samuel



DT in year one and two this week

Making our own lunch in year two!



Bags made for Stick-man in year one!

NOTICES

NO CLUBS IN LAST WEEK EXCEPT ART (AND KOALA)

A reminder that next week is the last week for Signature Sports and Science Club: there is no sport or science club in the last week of term.

There is one last art club on Monday 12th December due to starting in week 2.

Christmas cards

Children can post Christmas cards to each other from Monday on their way to school. Year Two children will sort the cards into classes and deliver them around the school daily. Envelopes need a child's first name, surname and class.



Santa's grotto is returning to the Christmas fayre on 9th December! Slots are filling up fast so please book yours via pta events (link below). Please note, year 1 and year 2 children will have the opportunity to sing at the fayre this year at 4.30pm for approx 10mins (school will be sending more info out about this next week). If you would like your year 1 or year 2 child to be involved in the singing please do not book a grotto slot for them at 4.20, 4.30 or 4.40pm. Thank you. Any questions please just ask. 

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofbromleyheathinfantschool/index.cfm?event=shop#.Y3c4PZunxPy>

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>



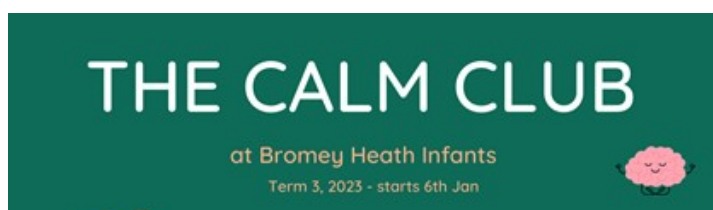
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT TERM



Our art club, run by local artist Catherine Williams, has continued to prove popular. Even the school staff have had a lesson! The club will take place on Mondays (starting on Monday 9th January; final club Monday 6th February) for children in year one and two.

The cost for the club is £5 a session so £25 for the term (this cost includes all materials) as there will be five sessions. 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/>



Before School Yoga Club

Join Hannah from The Calm Club to move, learn yoga poses, breathe, and rest.

We'll use stories, partner work, books toys, mindful craft, group games to explore our bodies and minds in an interactive and fun way!

Each week explore a mindful, inclusive curriculum planned by a trained teacher and experienced yoga guide.

Fridays 8 - 8.45 am
£30 for a 6 week term



New! Book your child onto the (Friday morning) Calm Club, limited to 25 spaces, following this link [Here](#)



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS NEXT TERM



Fun Science After School Programme at Bromley Heath Infants Term 3 '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!

Activities will be different to those done previously, so children are welcome to sign up again.

The cost for the 6 week programme is £42.

FRIDAY - Sessions weekly from **6th January – 10th February**.

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-term3-2023

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

Please note, booking is essential.

Signature
**SPORTS
COACHING**

**Book from Wednesday 7th
December.**

**Tuesday: sports-hall athletics
for Y1/ 2**

**Wednesday: Football for
Y1/2**

**Thursday: ball-games for
EYFS/Y1/Y2**

**Friday: dance for EYFS/ Y1/
Y2**

Information for families who may be able to donate or need this support.

Staple Hill



FOOD BANK

CRISIS FOOD SUPPORT AVAILABLE WITH NO REFERRAL
REQUIRED

Open:

Monday 12:30-4

Tuesday 10-3

Wednesday 10-1



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STAPLE HILL,
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PLEASE DONATE IF YOU CAN

We often need:

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| • Loo roll | • Tinned tuna |
| • Pasta | • Baked beans |
| • Pasta Sauce | • Instant coffee |
| • Tinned sweetcorn | • Tinned soup |

hello@ignite-life.co.uk

COUNTING DOWN to Christmas



Sunday 11th December
7pm Carols by Fairy Lights
your festive favourites
with a modern twist

Sunday 18th December
7pm Carols by Candle-light
Our decades old Downend
family tradition

Discover more

www.christchurchdownend.com

Sun 4 Dec 4pm
At Christ Church Downend

Bring your family to
CHRISTINGLE
A Downend tradition that
marks the countdown to
Christmas



Money raised for The Children's Society

COUNTING DOWN to Christmas

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The waiting is nearly over. The big day is almost here.
As darkness falls, relive the greatest story of all
Crib Service - a Downend family tradition

Christmas Eve 4pm

DATES FOR DIARIES

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/ BHI FOS Christmas Fayre 3:20-6 CHILDREN TO COME IN MUFTI-CLOTHES WITH A TOMBOLO ITEM (FOR EYFS CHILDREN, PLEASE SEND CHILDREN IN WEARING CCLOTHES THEY CAN CHANGE EASILY DUE TO THE PRODUCTION!)
Monday 12th December	KS1 watch Junior production dress rehearsal; Juniors watch KS1 dress rehearsal
Monday 12th December/ Tuesday 13th December	KS1 performance to parents (Monday 18:00; Tuesday 09:30)
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.
Thursday 5th January	Year 2 workshop from 'Green Up Your Act' on materials.
Wednesday 11th January	Y1 trip to British Aerospace: space workshop
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
Wednesday 1st February	Full Governing Board Meeting 3
Friday 10th February	End T3
Monday 20th February	Start T4
w/c 20th February	Science week
w/c 27th February	Book Week (World Book Day—Thursday)
Monday 27th February	UWE students return - Penguin and Leopard class
Wednesday 8th March	Y1 trip to Noah's Arc Zoo (TBC)
Friday 10th March	Year 1 open afternoon
Monday 13th March	EYFS open afternoon
Wednesday 15th March	Full Governing Body meeting 4
Friday 17th March	Year 2 open afternoon
Friday 17th March	Sports Relief
Tuesday 21st/ Wednesday 22nd March	Parents' consultations
Friday 7th April	End T4