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Friday 13th January

Miss Hodge's weekly update

Our 'Cracking Ideas' whole school theme is off to a cracking start! On Monday, our year two enjoyed a fantastic workshop in school from 'Green Up Your Act'. The children investigated different materials and considered what they could be used for with lots of brilliant ideas for how we could upcycle materials for different purposes. As part of this, they also made impressively professional notebooks by repurposing materials, including old maps for the covers. We definitely have some future engineers, innovators and engineers in year two! On Wednesday, our year ones visited Bristol Aerospace where they found out about the incredible feats of Concorde and observed design features, including the streamlined shape and pointed nose to create greater aerodynamics; they also made their own rockets before testing their flights using some of these features. The museum was inspiring and they were interested to see images of designs, relating them to their play project designs, and of course enjoyed trying on the pilot hats and outfits! It was a great trip to inspire and support their science learning. The children always produce fantastic writing following a trip and aerospace was no exception: the year one team are delighted with the recounts that the children have written. There has also been ingenuity in evidence in EYFS with the start of their play projects: this is a way of making play purposeful and developing imagination, planning, designing and creative skills, which we then take into year one supporting transition. The children have already come up with some brilliant ideas.



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 they can be'. A huge well done and thank you to -

Ada (Dolphins)

Gareth (Leopards)

Edie K (Lions)

Thomas G (Penguins)

Megan (Zebra)

Beau D (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 and skills, 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>
Minnie Improve Bear	Alice Challenge Yourself Bear	Nicholas Keep Going Bear	Sukhraj Work Well Bear	James Improve Bear	Oscar Work Well Bear
Sophie Challenge Yourself Bear	Grace Try New Things Bear	Oscar Concentrate Bear	Lewis Concentrate Bear	Sophia Understand Others Bear	Emily L Challenge Yourself Bear



Green Up Your Act with Year Two



Bristol Aerospace with Year One



Some families may find the below information about (free) webinars from the school nursing service helpful - either for their children at BHI or siblings.



Practical and informative online sessions from your expert team of local School Health Nurses.

Our webinars last between 30 and 45 minutes, with the opportunity to ask questions throughout. They're suitable for parents and carers of children and young people of all ages.



Topics include:

- Keeping your child happy and healthy
- Healthy eating and physical activity
- Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Eating disorder awareness
- Dental health
- Sleep

Find out more and book your free space:
cchp.nhs.uk/schoolnursewebinars



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS THIS 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/>



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.

Available to book using this link www.signatureportscoaching.co.uk

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

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DATES FOR DIARIES

Tuesday 3rd January	INSET day. School closed to all children.
Wednesday 4th January	Term 3 starts.
Monday 9th 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	INSET day. School closed to all children.
Tuesday 21st February	Term 4 starts.
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
w/c 27th March	Science Week, starting with an 'Explorer Dome' visit
Friday 31st March	End T4

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>