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Friday 20th January

Mrs Perry-Hodge's weekly update

Our 'Cracking Ideas' whole school theme continues apace. Year one have loved learning about space, and about people who have travelled there, including the astronaut Mae Jemison. In science, they have been investigating materials, considering what properties would be needed for a space suit and testing them. Following on from the 'Green Up Your Act' workshop in year two, the children have also focused on different materials, using these within collages to recreate 'The Tin Forest', including a collaborative collage and individual pieces of work contrasting the tin and green forest. Lions and Penguins have also been artists and have been working on the colour green, creating different shades before moving onto landscapes next week. EYFS play projects have all been maths based: drawing, making, writing and creating projects connected to 3, 4 and 5. Creativity flourished with symmetrical paintings and with children creating pictures using only triangles.

Ofsted inspectors visited BHI this week: we were very proud of all the children, many of whom spoke directly to inspectors about their work and did so with confidence. We are not able to share outcomes following the inspection until the report is published, which will be within 30 working days, but we will let you know as soon as it is. A huge thank you to our entire team for all of their dedication and hard work; our families for your kind support and for taking time to complete the parent (and pupil) survey, and a final big thank you to Mr Kohn who organised a lunch for the staff: this was very much appreciated!

On a personal note, following two postponements due to lockdowns, my wedding finally took place in October half term this year - you may have noted the different name but it is the same person writing to you as usual!



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 -

Senan (Dolphins)

Ollie (Leopards)

Beatrice (Lions)

Dempsey (Penguins)

Lewis (Zebra)

Ted (Giraffe)



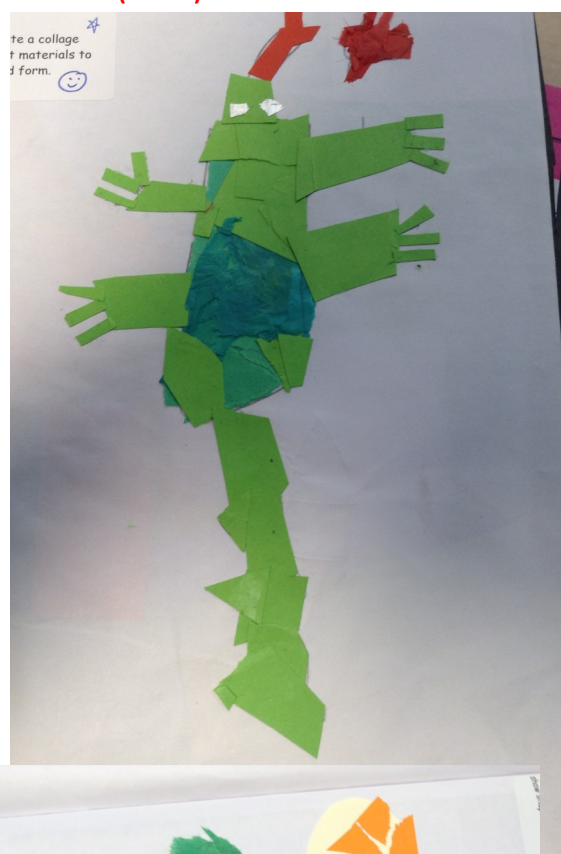
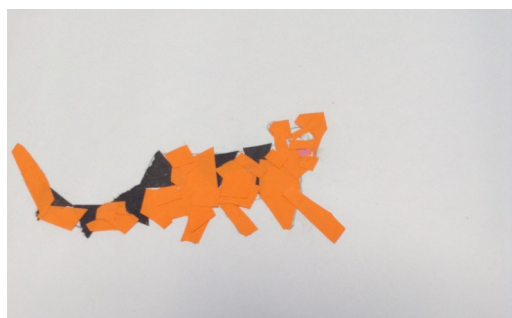
The following children have been recognised as having been working especially hard this week to be **'the best that we can be'**. Our Bromley Bears support children in developing personal attributes and skills, with the aim of making successful lifelong learners.

<u>Giraffe class</u>	<u>Zebra class</u>	<u>Penguin class</u>	<u>Lion class</u>	<u>Leopard class</u>	<u>Dolphin class</u>
Aubrey Challenge Yourself Bear	Freddie T Imagine Bear	Emily D Imagine Bear	Autumn Imagine Bear	Nina Work Well Bear	Darcey S Concentrate Bear
Gwen Work Well Bear	Kyle Challenge Yourself Bear	Theo Concentrate Bear	Noah Work Well Bear	Nancy Work Well Bear	Zakir Improve Bear





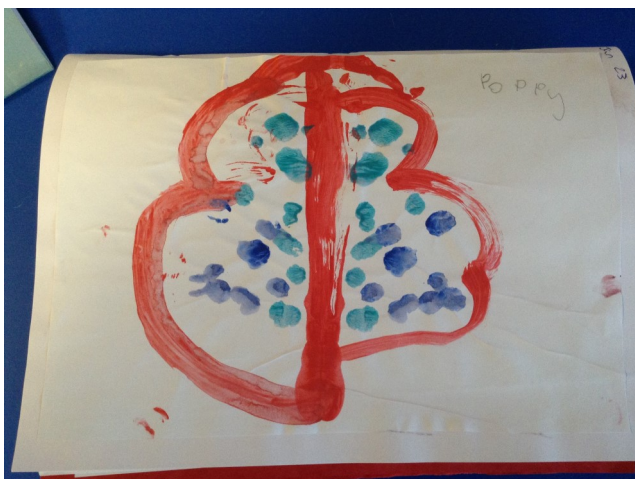
Collaborative collage in Year 2 (above)



Individual work from top left:
Enayah (tiger), Seb (lizard), Lily B
(bird) and Conor (lizard).



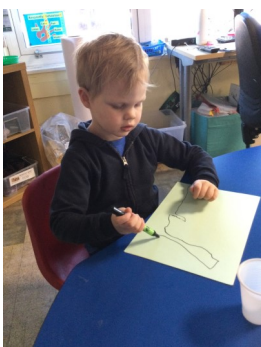
In year one, the children learnt how to use paint to create lighter or darker hues, creating different shades of green.



Zebra class: Poppy's butterfly, thinking about the number 2 and symmetry.



Giraffe class: Jesse's create project, making the number-block 3 and including triangles.



Finding out about and then drawing volcanoes.

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

DATES FOR DIARIES

Tuesday 24th January	EYFS Maths and Writing Workshop 6pm
Date to be confirmed	Y1 curriculum workshop 18:00; Y2 Curriculum workshop 18:30
Wednesday 1st February	Full Governing Board Meeting 3
Friday 3rd February	Time to Shine - children in Year 1 and 2 sharing a piece of writing
Thursday 9th February	FOS Valentine Disco (children only) 5pm to 6.15pm
Friday 10th February	End T3
Monday 20th February	INSET day. School closed to all children.
Tuesday 21st February	Term 4 starts.
Thursday 23rd February	FOS Adult Only Bingo Night 7pm to 9/10pm
w/c 27th February	Book Week (World Book Day—Thursday)
Monday 27th February	UWE students return - Penguin and Leopard class
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day.
Wednesday 8th March	Y1 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
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
Friday 17th March	FOS Pamper Night instead of Mothers' Day wrap-a-gift (7 -10pm)
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>