

Mrs Perry-Hodge's weekly update



In EYFS, this week, the children have been working hard to practise their class assemblies - sharing lots of shark facts; showing off the sign language they have learnt; talking in detail about certain sharks using their Oracy maps to structure their talk, and even dancing to a few under water songs. I am sure parents will have enjoyed the assemblies as much as the children and will be impressed by their amazing shark experts!

In year one, the children have been busy revisiting learning through play projects: recapping their science learning about animals and what animals they saw at the zoo; they also celebrated the first day of spring by looking at changes around them, and recapping the life cycle of a frog first learnt in reception last year. Our 'loops of learning', built into all curriculum areas, are key in children remembering key knowledge. In English, the children have described animals using scientific terms and adjectives (in preparation for writing their own Hattie Peck stories next week). To celebrate 'International Maths Day', they made and created dice, drew snakes and ladders and played the games together.

In year two, ahead of science week next week, the children have been researching pioneering scientists - true inspirations for our theme 'What a Wonderful World': Mae Jemison (Leopard) and Katherine Johnson (Dolphins). More work is to follow next week when they will create fact files about the scientists and share what they have learnt with their partner class. In maths, they have been learning to tell time to the quarter of an hour (a very tricky skill for children to master and one which can be practised through the week, in small moments, at home). Inspired by Georgia O'Keefe's use of colour, year two have been mixing paints to colour match objects and using different painting tools to show texture in their paintings.

Our Three Golden Rules

We are respectful.

We are ready to learn.

We walk proudly.

Our 'Star Learners' are selected each week for **out-standing** 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 -

Otto (Dolphins)

Theo (Leopards)

Solomon (Lions)

Harvey (Penguins)

Kyle (Zebra)

Minnie (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>
Erin Challenge Yourself Bear	Evie Imagine Bear	Emma Concentrate Bear	Ellis Challenge Yourself Bear	Louie Improve Bear	Ada Keep On Going Bear
Aubrey Work Well Bear	Bo Understand Others Bear	Thomas Challenge Bear	Edie K Work Well Bear	Lani Understand Others Bear	Arthur Concentrate Bear



A snapshot of learning in year one this week



A wonderful moment captured in yesterday's Zebra class assembly: the children are using their 'Oracy maps' to talk through their learning with their parents.



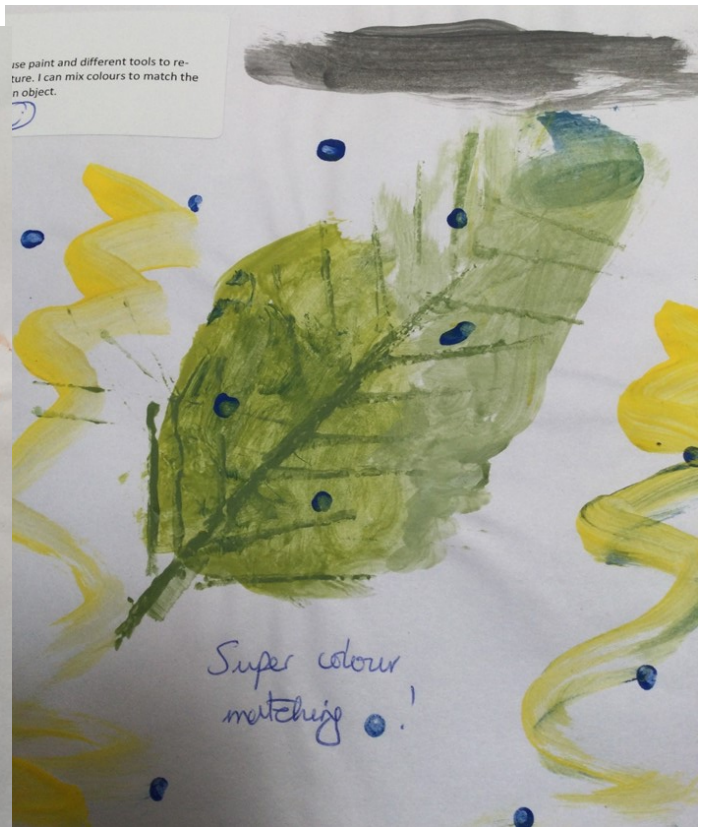
Examples of beautiful year two art this week - inspired by Georgia O'Keefe and the botanical world around us. Classroom display.



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Eddie



Lily B



Lillie L



Otto

NOTICES

A big thank you and good luck to Mrs Beresford

A sad farewell for us but a new and exciting opportunity for Mrs Beresford beckons. Mrs Beresford leaves Bromley Heath Infants at Easter for a new challenge at Pathways Learning Centre where she is taking up a more specialist role, building on and further developing the expertise and skills she has shown at Bromley Heath Infants - from which so many children have benefitted.

Mrs Beresford has worked with us for ten years in her role as teaching assistant: in this time, she has worked in all year groups - EYFS, year one and year two - supporting around 600 children to be 'the best they can be'. She has additionally excelled in working with individual children who are facing emotional challenges through her role as 'Emotional Literacy Support Assistant', making a significant difference to the wellbeing of the children who have accessed this support. She has been a friendly face for children and families at drop-off and brilliant at calming early morning anxieties; building up confidence, and then when children come into school, supporting them effectively with their learning. Her sense of fun and encouragement has meant that all children have loved working with her. Her wider contributions to the school, including gardening, and going above and beyond during lockdowns, have been much appreciated. Jo has also been a highly valued member of our staff team and her kindness, creativity, dedication and expertise will be much missed.

I know that you will join me, and the team at BHI, in thanking Mrs Beresford for all her years of hard work and the impact that she has had on the children at BHI; those now at BHJ, and scattered in various, local secondary schools too. Thank you Jo - you will be missed!

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 (start first week back)



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 (Monday 17th and 24th April, Monday 15th and 22nd May), for children in year one and two.

The cost for the club is £5 a session so £20 for the four sessions (as two Mondays in T5 - Monday 1st and 8th May - are both bank holidays when school will be closed). 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/>



- Tuesday - Athletics (Years 1 & 2)
- Wednesdays - Football (Years 1 & 2)
- Thursday - Ball Games (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)
- Friday - Dance (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

To book, click on <https://www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk/school/bromley-heath-infants-school>



Fun Science After School Programme at Bromley Heath Infants Term 5 '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 **21st April-26th May**.

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-t5-23

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

Please note, booking is essential.

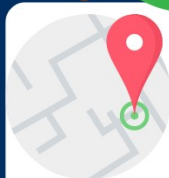
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Job Vacancy - Cleaner

We are currently seeking to appoint two cleaners to join our team and be responsible for maintaining the high standards of cleaning at Bromley Heath Infant School. This is an excellent opportunity where full training will be provided for the right applicant.

The post is for 2 Hours per day (Monday – Friday) plus 15 days equivalent (30 hours) worked during the school holidays.

We are flexible when the hours are worked (mornings 7am-9am or evenings 3.15pm-5.15pm)

This is a permanent post. Pay 14 £10.50 per hour

Main Duties and Responsibilities

- To clean areas allocated within the school to the required standard.
- Report any cleaning difficulties to the Caretaker/School Business Manager.
- To observe health and safety and security requirements.
- Any other duties that may be required.

Person Specification

- Willing to work as part of a team.
- Excellent attention to detail.
- Reliable with good timekeeping and attendance.
- Previous cleaning experience desirable but not essential as full training will be given

Potential applicants are most welcome to telephone to arrange a visit prior to application, or to seek clarification or discuss aspects of the position advertised. The closing date for applications is Friday 28th April 2023 at 12noon.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the safety and welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment and all appointments will be subject to appropriate vetting, including an enhanced DBS disclosure check.

KEY DATES FOR DIARIES T4/ T5

Monday 20th March 2:45-3:10 TBC	End KS1 Statutory Assessment Information for Year 2 Parents/ Carers
Monday 20th March 3:45-5:15	KS1 Sports Festival (Mangotsfield). Please let us know if you would like your child to take part.
Tuesday 21st/ Wednesday 22nd March	Parents' consultations
Wednesday 22nd March 4-5	School nursing team on site to offer advice/ guidance to families who may need advice, support or guidance (see poster on page 2).
Thursday 23rd March	Zebra class assembly - Time to Shine 2:45 (showcasing the term's learning).
Friday 24th March	Giraffe class assembly - Time to Shine 2:45 (showcasing the term's learning).
w/c 27th March	Science Week, starting with an 'Explorer Dome' visit on Monday 27th March; this will finish on Friday 31st March with a whole-school and families habitat project. A letter has gone out with details.
Tuesday 28th March	EYFS litter pick at Queensholm Park
Friday 31st March	End of T4
Monday 17th April	Start of T5 'What's at the Bottom of the Garden?'
Monday 1st May	May Day bank holiday - school closed
Monday 8th May	King's coronation (bank holiday) - school closed
w/c 8th and 15th May	KS1 statutory assessments
w/c 22nd May	Art week, finishing with a whole-school gallery on Friday 26th in the hall after school.
w/c 22nd May	FOS plant sale with honesty box
Friday 26th May	End of T5