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Friday 21st April

Mrs Perry-Hodge's weekly update

This week, we started our new term's theme in school 'What's at the bottom of the garden?' and already - despite the sometimes less than sunny conditions - we have all been enjoying being outside and observing changes.

In EYFS, the children have listened to 'The Little Gardener' and have since become one themselves! In play projects, they have made collages of flowers; 3D models of gardens, flowerpots and wheelbarrows; drawn from observation and painted various flowers and trees; written letters to 'The Little Gardener' and surveyed their friends to find out the most popular flower, practising their tallying skills. They have also been thinking about what flowers need to grow.

In year one, our Lions and Penguins read 'From Seed to Sunflower' and completed life cycles of sunflowers in English. In their science lessons, they have learnt about the structure of plants and have put their wellies on for two nature walks, identifying and observing evergreen and deciduous trees, and wild and garden flowers.

In year two, the children have started reading 'Lila and the Secrets of Rain' and been inspired to use descriptive and emotive language; they have also written instructions about how to make the sky cry. In science, they have observed parts of plants, identifying them in our grounds before setting up an experiment to discover what conditions seeds grow best in.

A lovely, busy start to term five!



Our Three Golden Rules

We are respectful.

We are ready to learn.

We walk proudly.

Our 'Science 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 -

Ed (Dolphins)

Conor (Leopards)

Lennie (Lions)

Emilia (Penguins)

Ida (Zebra)

Sophie (Giraffe)



The following children have been recognised as having been working especially hard this week to be **'the best that we can be'**. *This week we have focused on science effort, enthusiasm and skills.*

<u>Giraffe class</u>	<u>Zebra class</u>	<u>Penguin class</u>	<u>Lion class</u>	<u>Leopard class</u>	<u>Dolphin class</u>
Gwen Understand Others Bear	Lewis Challenge Yourself Bear	Myla Understand Others Bear	Aoife Work Well Bear	Nancy Keep Going Bear	Poppy Work Well Bear
Ty Challenge Yourself Bear	Eddie Improve Bear	Eli Work Well Bear	Solomon Challenge Yourself Bear	Ollie Concentrate Bear	Enayah Challenge Yourself Bear



Play projects in EYFS, nature walks in Y1 and starting sewing in Y2 for DT



NOTICES

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>



School Health Nurses Free webinars for parents and carers

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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.

KEY DATES FOR DIARIES T4/ T5

Friday 31st March	End of T4
Monday 17th April	Start of T5 'What's at the Bottom of the Garden?'
Wednesday 26th April 2:50	Y1 Phonics Screening—information sessions for parents
Thursday 27th April	Teacher strike action: school closed to children in EYFS and Y1
Friday 28th April	Crown making play project—please send your child in with materials to make their crown (other than glue/ tape)
Monday 1st May	May Day bank holiday - school closed
Tuesday 2nd May	Teacher strike action: school closed to children in EYFS and Y1
Friday 5th May	Coronation party—children come to school dressed in red, white and blue and enjoy a party in the afternoon (also wearing crowns made the week before).
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 pm	Art Gallery (hall). Times to be confirmed for parents.
Friday 26th May	End of T5