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Friday 5th January 2024



As ever, we have started the new term (and year) with enthusiasm and energy at BHI. Wednesday was an especially exciting day in Giraffe and Zebra class as it was Fred's fifth birthday (Fred is the frog who helps the children to learn phonics). The children drew birthday cakes with five candles; made collages or models of Fred, and loved icing biscuits ahead of the party. This week, they also started expanding their play and independent learning through 'Play Projects', which they will then continue into year one and year two. These involve the children drawing; making and creating; building or messaging to develop their learning with progressive skills. These projects are also a great way of children pursuing their own interests and developing talents. Later as they move into year one, these will develop to include planning and support the retention of learning.

In year one, there was something of a surprise: it seems an alien may have visited over the holidays and so the children have written questions and letters for NASA and started learning about the solar system. Their play projects have been based around what aliens might look like and how they might behave; seasonal changes, and 3D shapes through robots. In year two, the children have been reading and inspired by their key text 'The Tin Forest' and this week, they have been immersed in its rich vocabulary. The children have also been scientists, investigating materials wearing their new science lab coats and began their art unit on collage by creating colourful creatures, bringing the verdant forest in the story to life.

Children in EYFS had a fantastic opportunity to share with families their developing phonics skills this week. Once again the session was really well attended: this is brilliant as with support at home, reinforcing the teaching in school, our children make rapid progress. As a school, we have invested additional adults and time this year into ensuring that all children are being heard read; however, this cannot replace opportunities at home and we thank all families for their continued shared efforts with regular reading, ensuring essential fluency and confidence.



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 been 'the best that we can be'. A huge well done and thank you to -

George (Dolphins)

Ellis (Leopards)

Solomon

(Penguins)

Jake (Lions)

Jess C (Zebras)

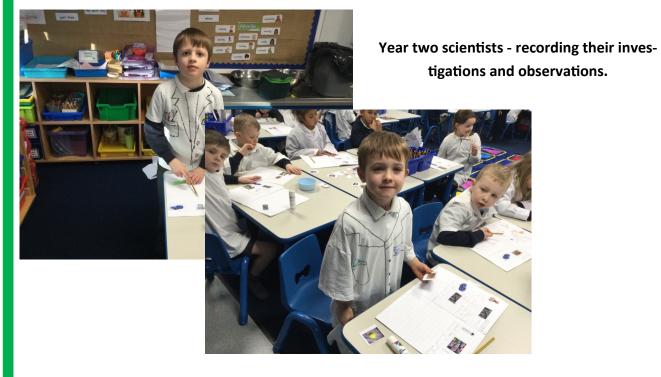
TJ (Giraffes)



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.

Giraffe class	Zebra class	Lion class	Penguin class	Leopard class	Dolphin class
Arthur Concentrate Bear	Arla Challenge	Harry P Work Well Bear	Kyle Keep Going Bear	Lewis Understand Others Bear	Maia Work Well Bear
Jacob Work Well Bear	Harry B Imagine Bear	Thomas H Try New Things Bear	Emmie Work Well Bear	Lylie Work Well Bear	Ruby Understand Others Bear





Have aliens travelled to BHI during the Christmas holidays? Possibly.

Space ships, aliens and robots in year one









Fred's fifth birthday party and celebrations



Wrap Around Care



Koala club booking is available for booking for all year groups - please use the Arbor app to book. This runs from 7:45 for breakfast and until 5:45 for tea club Mondays to Thursdays.

After school clubs for term three are available now to book



Sports clubs are run by Signature Sports who also work in the school with all classes and at lunchtime. This term, Signature Sports clubs are for children in year one and two. Clubs start in the second week back and will run for five weeks.

Tuesday: Rec, Year 1 & 2 = Ball games

Wednesday: Rec, Year 1 & 2 = Multi-Sports

Thursday: Rec, Year 1 & 2 = Gymnastics

Friday: Rec, Year 1 & 2 = Dance

All clubs will start week commencing Monday 8th January & finish on week commencing Monday 5th February.

All bookings can be made via our website www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk



Our art club, run by local artist Catherine Williams, takes place on Mondays (starting on Monday 8th January with the last session on Monday 5th February) for children in year one and two and will run for five weeks.

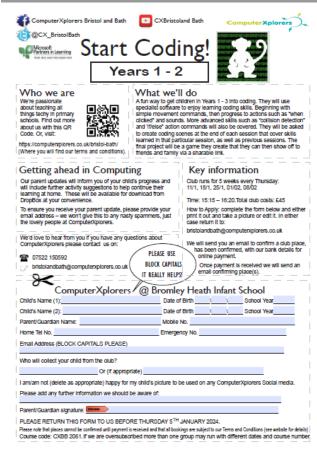
The cost for the club is £5 a session so £25 for the term for five sessions (this cost includes all materials). There will be a maximum of 15 children for this club, and they will take part in a different project

each week that they will complete and take home; these change each term.

To book, please contact Catherine Williams using the following email <u>cathe-rinewilliamsprintmaker@gmail.com</u> address or by calling 07966 328525 for details. Her website is http://www.catherinewilliams.co.uk/the-artist/

More clubs





South Glos Parents and Carers - support for families



South Glos Parent Carers (SGPC) is the local parent carer forum working to represent and support parent carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in South Gloucestershire.



Our 360° Outreach Project supports schools and families working together to build a picture of the "whole child" and better understand the child's needs, at home and at school.



Free workshops for parents



Helping you support your child's needs



Your child does not need a diagnosis for you to attend

Book now with this code:
SNOWDROP





Mon, 29 Jan 1:15pm



A 360° Approach to Demand Avoidance with Claire Phillips

A 360° Approach Neurodiversity Identity and Wellbeing with Dean Beadle



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visit our website sgpc.org.uk

DATES FOR DIARIES				
Wednesday 3rd January 14:45	EYFS phonics workshop			
Wednesday 10th January	Y1 trip - Aerospace			
Tuesday 16th January 18:00	EYFS curriculum (writing) information session to families			
Thursday 18th January	Y1 and Y2 curriculum information session to families			
18:00 Y1				
18:30 Y2				
Wednesday 31st January	Full governing board meeting			
Friday 9th February	FOS Valentine disco			
Friday 9th February	End T3			
Monday 19th February	Start T4			
w/c 19th February	Science week - details to follow later; Explorer Dome Monday and Tuesday; Friday afternoon - project with families.			
Wednesday 21st February	FOS Rags to Riches joint with BHJ (collecting old clothes)			
Monday 26th/ 27th February	EYFS vision screening with school nurse			
Tuesday 27th February	Y2 school trip TBC			
w/c 4th March	Book week			
Tuesday 5th March	Y1 trip - Noah's Arc Zoo Farm			
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day			
Friday 8th March	Girls Football Day - details to follow			
Friday 15th March 14:45	Y1/ Y2 Open afternoon (sharing learning)			
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Wednesday 20th March	Full governing board meeting			
Tuesday 26th/ Wednesday	Parent consultations			
27th March				
Thursday 28th March	End T4			
Monday 15th April	Start T5			
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