



Mrs Perry-Hodge's weekly update: T6 theme 'Looking Back, Looking Forward'

The final, full week of term at BHI this year was a real celebration. The year twos' production of 'The Bee Musical' was fantastic: the singing was sensational and the children shone both individually and collectively. The hive and garden backdrop was very effective with a giant honeycomb, flowers, butterflies and bees created by the children under Mrs Woodhams' ever brilliant direction. Following the musical, which received rave reviews, was the children's graduation. The messages really conveyed what an amazing group of children they are. Then, today, in a very brightly coloured procession (as all children were in their costumes!), they walked to Avonmere, where they performed their songs to the retirement community there - a very appreciative audience. Year two: you have been simply brilliant and we cannot wait to hear about your future successes - which are sure to be many!

This afternoon, all year groups performed songs to our reading champions and lunch-break team to say thank you for all their hard work and, for reading champions, their weekly commitment to helping children across our school become fluent and confident readers. This is a fantastic contribution and makes a real difference. Once again, a huge thank you also to Jim Spencer, a local unsung hero, who gives so much of his time and expertise to support Mr Mend It with a wide variety of jobs around the school.

Finally, I would like to say an ENORMOUS and heartfelt thank you to the amazing team at BHI, whose care and dedication makes this school an incredible place to learn and work; it is an honour to lead it as headteacher. Thank you also to families at home: your support not just of your own children, but of the school and our community, is amazing and also helps make the very special place that it is.

Bromley Bear award for brilliant behaviour at lunchtimes.

<u>EYFS</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Harry F	Evelyn T	Rosie

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



Elodie (Dolphins)

Nora (Leopards)

Esmé (Lions)

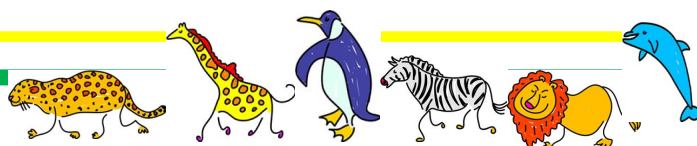
Otis (Penguins)

Isabelle H (Zebra)

Henson (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, 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>
Rowan Work Well Bear	Etta Concentrate Bear	Gabby Concentrate Bear	Yaqoub Challenge Yourself Bear	Ivy Concentrate Bear	Loriana Understand Others Bear
Millie Understand Others Bear	Arlo Understand Others Bear	Elise Keep Going Bear	Albie Work Well Bear	Reuben Concentrate Bear	Eva Concentrate Bear





The cast of our show, performing there, and walking back to school!



DATES FOR DIARIES

Tuesday 21st July	End T6/ school year
Tuesday 1st September 2026/ Wednesday 2nd September 2026	INSETs 1 and 2 (school closed to children)
Thursday 3rd September 2026	Term 1 begins

Staffing update

We have some longstanding members of staff leaving at the end of this academic year, who I know that you will want to join me in wishing every happiness in their next steps.

Mrs Julie Bettesworth, who has supported every child in the school - and countless in years before - during their time in EYFS, is retiring in order to spend more time with her young grandchildren. As a higher level teaching assistant (HLTA), she has also covered teachers during their 'planning, preparation and assessment' time, meaning that the children are taught by someone familiar, as well as skilled, when their teacher is not with them.

Mrs Gemma Christofides, who had previously worked as a teacher, before deciding on a HLTA position at BHI is moving to a new profession within the civil service. All children in EYFS, year one and two, as well as the children currently in the juniors, have benefitted from her expertise, not least in daily phonic lessons but also, like Mrs Bettesworth, as she is an HLTA, she has covered classes throughout the school brilliantly and often at the last minute - so flexibly too!

Mrs Lisa Pearce, who in recent years worked in EYFS, as well as supporting children across the school focussing on speech and language support and ELSA (emotional literacy support) for those most in need, is also retiring. In these roles, her skill, care and compassion has been much valued.

Each of these exceptional professionals has been incredibly dedicated, skilled and nurturing to the children in our care and supportive of the teams in which they work. They are truly loved within our school community and will be missed enormously. Thank you Julie, Gemma and Lisa; I do not have enough superlatives to describe your contributions to our amazing school.

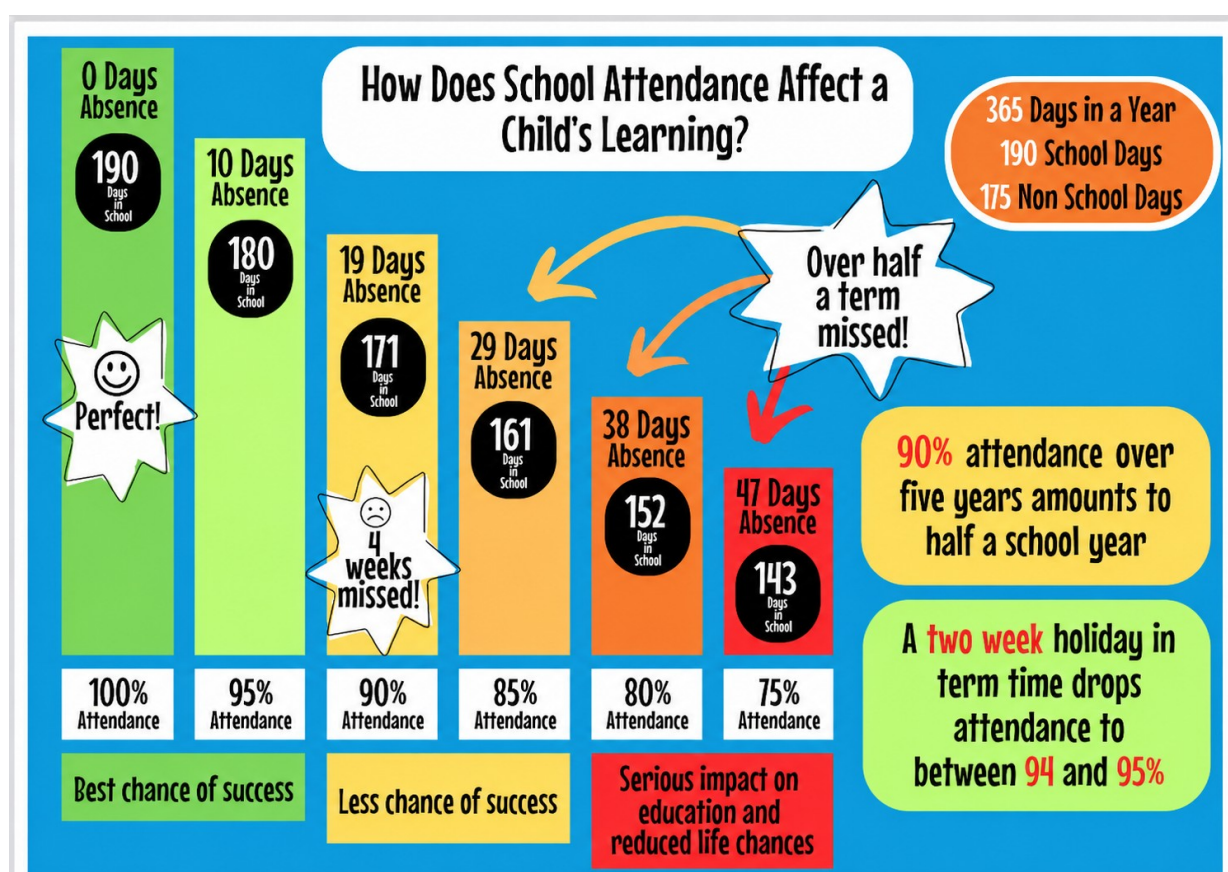
Replacing these adults will be Mrs Claire Grieve, working full time in EYFS. Mrs Grieve has been working in the school for a number of years: at breakfast club; lunchtimes and as a part time teaching assistant, including this year in EYFS and we are delighted to have been able to retain her. Mrs Louise Watton, is joining us as an HLTA in year one. Like Mrs Christofides, she has also previously worked as a teacher for many years, and we were delighted to be able to appoint her. Miss Hextall, who is new to the school, will join Mrs Woodhams (HLTA) in year two. Mrs Laraway will remain in EYFS; Mrs Henderson will return to year one in the mornings, alongside Mrs Withey in the afternoons; Mrs Withey and Mrs Hardy will also be working in year two. Mrs Watton will be working as our new ELSA as well as supporting year one in the mornings.

We also say a big thank you to Mrs Harrison and Mr Jordan, who have worked with us this year in year two. Mrs Harrison has done a great job supporting children in Leopard during the mornings and Mr Jordan in Dolphin, particularly supporting reading. Thank you both for the difference that you have made to the children in our care.

ACING ATTENDANCE AND REDUCING LOST LEARNING TIME: PLEASE CONSIDER FOR 2026-27!

Attendance is a significant national, education priority as rates of attendance still remain below pandemic numbers. Whilst attendance at BHI is generally good, we are noticing increasing numbers of term time holiday requests. For your information, attached is the local authority penalty notice information for families - this applies from five days of term time holiday within a ten week period (so from a week's holiday).

Some absence is unavoidable, including exceptional leave and illness (and we fully appreciate these incidences and are aware of individual children's situations); however, we ask that you avoid term time leave wherever possible as there is an impact on children's education from missed days and weeks in school. As an infant school, much of the learning is foundational and therefore important for future learning - and whilst our curriculum is carefully planned and sequenced, including 'loops of learning' to revisit key points, we cannot always recap learning from absences. The DFE's research shows a strong correlation between attendance in these early years and GCSE outcomes so whilst the children are young, their attendance has both short and long term impacts. Below illustrates how this adds up.



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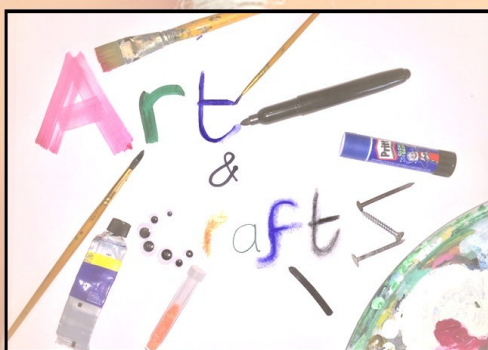
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at Bromley Heath Infants



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Contact Catherine Williams to secure a place at: catherine@catherinewilliams.co.uk

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