Mrs Perry-Hodge's Weekly Update

Friday 13th November 2026

Newsletter 9 – Term 2: Let's Celebrate!

It has certainly felt very autumnal this week - beginning with year one forest school on Monday morning. Following learning about Guy Fawkes and Diwali, they enjoyed a fantastic forest schools session, including whittling sticks before using them to toast marshmallows on the bonfire. Their Adventure Quest this week was based on 'Little Glow': a story following a candle flame who watches different festivals of light, including Hannukah, Diwali and Christmas.

On Wednesday, we held our special whole school 'Remembrance' assembly, sharing the story of 'Where the Poppies Now Grow', involving two friends who sign up to be soldiers in 1914. Later, the children reflected in a one minute silence on their bravery and of the bravery of real life versions of these characters. In year one, in play projects, the children made poppies; built the cenotaph, and wrote messages or drew pictures for the soldiers. In year two, the children have been learning about remembrance in their history lessons, using photographs to be 'history detectives' and investigate what life may have been like in WW1 and WW2; they also learnt about the first (known) black officer to lead his men into battle during WW1 - Walter Tull. In RE, ahead of their trip next week, they have been learning about the features of a synagogue and in all year groups, yesterday, as part of 'Interfaith' day, the children listened to the story 'The most Magnificent Thing', reflecting - and creating play projects based on - the importance of hope, friendship, gratitude and peace.

EYFS this week started 'Drawing Club', which is a brilliant way of using imagination and creativity to begin their writing composition journey. Each week, this is based on a book, poem or short animation; this week, it was based on the story 'Not now, Benard!' with the children deciding where the monster could have come from; designing a house for Benard, and thinking of ideas for how his parents could get the monster to leave their house. They begin 'Drawing Club' by drawing their ideas; then start to add words, and by the end of the year, they will be writing short phrases and sentences from their own invention. Many of the elements continue through the school, such as 'word bathing' to develop children's vocabulary where the children learn new words to actions. Well done Zebras and Giraffes for being brilliant 'Imagine Bears'!

Bromley Bear award for brilliant behaviour at lunchtimes.

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Ezra	Henson	Reuben M

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 to support them in learning both now and in the future.

Giraffe	Zebra	Penguin	Lion	Leopard	Dolphin
Dylan Keep Going Bear	**Austin** Challenge Yourself Bear	**Nora** Understand Others Bear	**Alfie C** Challenge Yourself Bear	**Eira** Understand Others Bear	**Otis** Work Well Bear
Phoebe Understand Others Bear	**Camden** Improve Bear	**Arlo** Improve Bear	**Erin** Imagine Bear	**Isla F** Imagine Bear	**Max** Improve Bear

Our Three Golden Rules

We are respectful.
We are ready to learn.
We walk proudly.

Our 'Star Learners' are selected each week for exceptional 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 -

Hallie (Dolphins)
Grace P (Leopards)
Arthur (Lions)
Thalia (Penguins)
Sophia (Zebra)
Rudy (Giraffe)

Forest school in year one, including to support with their history learning about Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot











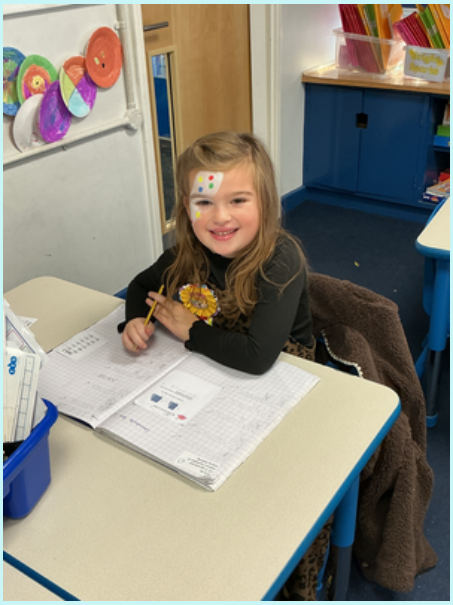


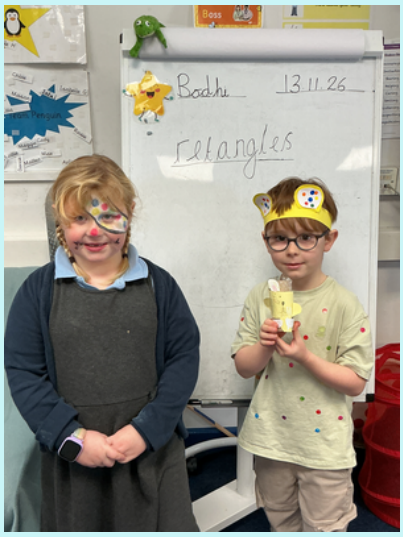
Thank you to all who donated. At 3pm, our joint page with BHJ had raised an impressive £433, which is 103% of our joint target.

We very much enjoyed our whole school attempt at the Strictly team's 'Children In Need' dance following Celebration Assembly today. Definitely some stars of the future! In classes, the children have also enjoyed different art activities and reflected on why it is important that we support those in need.











See link below, or the QR code, if you would like to donate and have not so far done so.
https://www.justgiving.com/page/bromley-heath-junior-school-9?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Dates for diaries

Monday 16th November	EYFS Westonbirt trip
Wednesday 18th November	Y2 Bristol synagogue trip
Thursday 19th November	Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow in year two (science)
Friday 20th November	EYFS maths workshop 2:45
Friday 20th November	Year 1 curriculum workshop 2:30
Thursday 26th November	Christmas Experience (year one)
Friday 27th November	INSET 3: school closed to all children
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Assembly (Christchurch team)
Wednesday 2nd December	Full Governing Board meeting
Thursday 10th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 10th December	Year two visiting Avonmere and performing Christmas songs
Friday 11th December	EYFS production (9:30)
Monday 14th December	Year one Christmas production (2pm)
Tuesday 15th December	Year two Christmas production (2pm)
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas productions for grandparents/ wider families (all year groups/ times TBC)
Thursday 17th December	Christmas parties
Friday 18th December	End T2
w/c 21st and 28th December	School closed - Christmas holidays
Monday 4th January	Start term 3



Signature Sports

At Bromley Heath Infants, we run a variety of After School Clubs.

signaturesportscoaching.co.uk

Tuesday - Multi-Sports (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
Wednesdays - Gymnastics (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
Thursday - Football (Reception, Year 1 & 2)
Friday - Dance (Reception, Year 1&2)

Art and craft sessions



at Bromley Heath Infants

Art Club will run on a Monday after school finishing at 4:15 for 7 weeks starting 2nd November, and ending 14th December. It costs £35and includes all materials. During the sessions your child will use a variety of media and create pictures or crafts based on a variety of themes.

Have fun, get creative and use a wide range of materials to make, draw and paint a range of craft projects.

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

www.catherinewilliams.co.uk

Fun Science

Fun Science After School Club at Bromley Heath Infants - Term 1 26/27

Join us at your school every **Friday** - expect bubbles, eruptions, slime, smells and more! All of our sessions are hands-on and full of exciting experiments. Limited spaces available.

Years 1 to 2

6 weeks for £51
(+£1.50 booking fee)

Fridays,
6th November to 18th December,
Exlcuding 27th Nov INSET Day

3.15pm - 4.15pm,
located within your school

Book here:
https://funsciencebath.ipalbookings.com/
You will need to register to create an account on your first visit, **please click here for instructions on how to use the booking system.**

Please note we cannot accept childcare vouchers for this club.

For more information about Fun Science, including our other services such as birthday parties, please visit www.fun-science.org.uk.

Get in touch if you need any support with booking. bath@fun-science.org.uk or call 07708214840.

Please visit https://fun-science.org.uk/fun-science-terms-and-conditions/ to view our terms and conditions before booking.



Many thanks,
Fun Science



WRAP AROUND CARE



Wrap Around (Koala at BHI)

Koala Club (wrap around care) runs Monday to Friday mornings 7:45-8:45 and Monday to Thursday after-noons 3:15-6:00.
Breakfast Koala Club offers a full range of breakfast options; however Koala Tea Club offers a snack and so children will need a meal when they return home. If there are no available spaces to book on the app, please contact our admin team directly. If you and your child would like to trial a day, Friday break-fast club is our quietest session.

We do not offer a Friday afternoon Koala Club, as we had so little de-mand that it would have impacted the school budget to run it. However, there is an option to access Oldbury Court after school club on Friday afternoons if this is something you need. They would collect the children from site (also open for children in the junior school). Please note that both morning and afternoon are offered as BHJ does not run a Friday morning club; however, you can book your child into Friday morning Koala Club at BHI as usual at BHI.



Attendance at school and term time holidays.

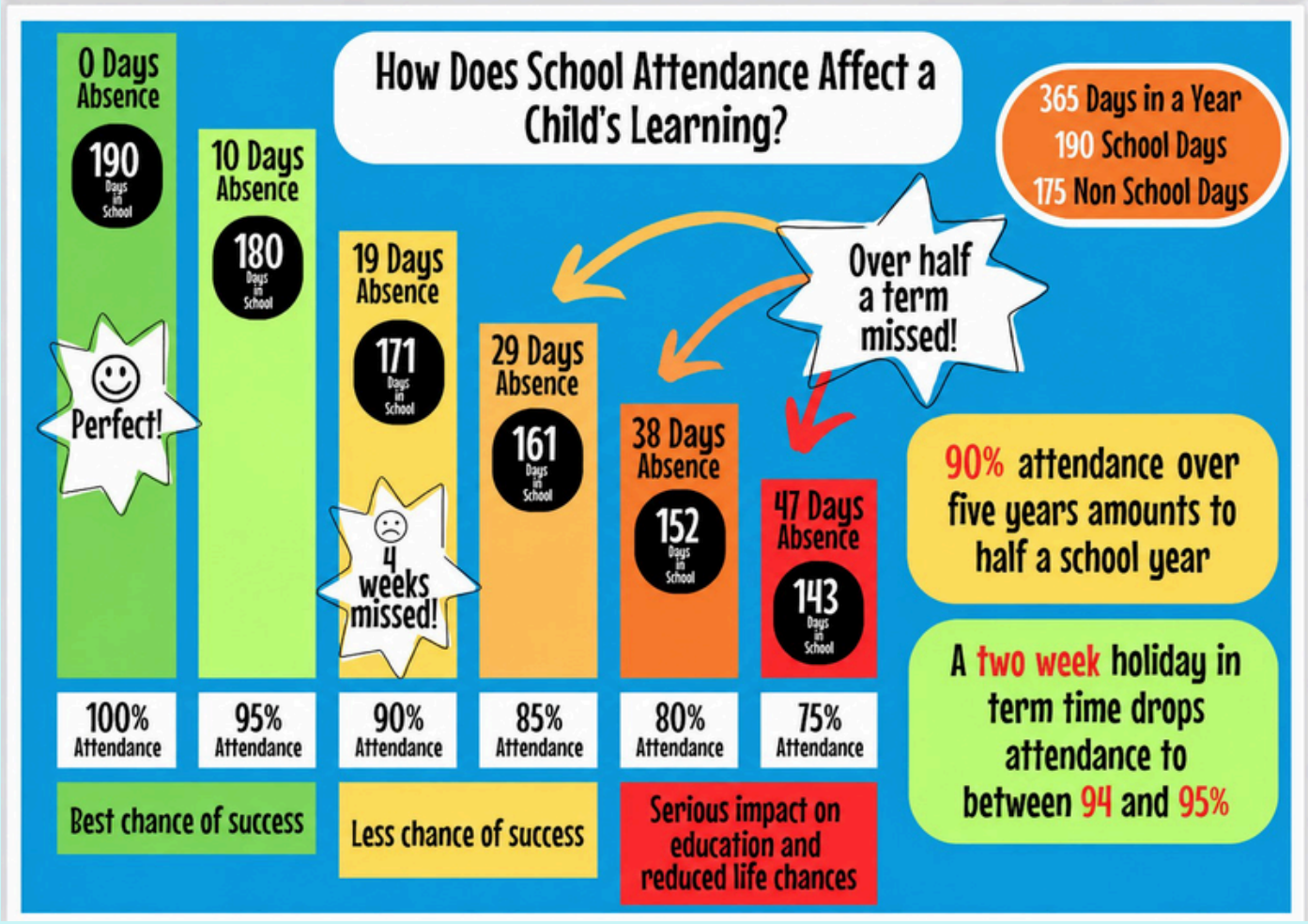
Attendance is a significant priority for BHI and all schools nationally. Whilst attendance at BHI is generally good, we do have relatively high rates of term time holiday (and refer to the LA for penalty notices for any holidays over 4.5 days as per policy and local guidelines - LA information for parents on attendance states that *'Every school day counts towards your child's future.*

In total there are 175 non-school days a year. This gives families the opportunity to spend time together, visit family and to go on days out and holidays.

The law says that parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays during term-time and that headteachers must not grant approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.'

https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=20yPKvKxC1A

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 children's 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.** The below illustrates how this easily adds up.



Reminders



Please check all packaging for any snacks and lunches coming into school carefully for nuts, including pine nuts, and sesame seeds. It is not always obvious and manufacturers also do not have to label changes to recipes so please double check. Nuts or sesame are often found in bread rolls, bread sticks, hummus and pesto.