Mrs Perry-Hodge's Weekly Update

Friday 20th November 2026

Newsletter 10 – Term 2: Let's Celebrate!

What a busy week at BHI! We started the week in EYFS with a fantastic trip to Westonbirt Arboretum (as the children learnt, meaning a 'garden of trees'). They were wowed by the size of the trunks, braches, roots and leaves and collected various items to make woodland art and a muddy soup. After pretending to be squirrels and hiding their acorns for winter, it proved tricky to find them again, so they learnt that new trees will be sprouting soon for our next year's trip. We all had a lovely time - including me!

In year one, as part of their Jigsaw (PSHE) curriculum, the children have been reflecting on, and celebrating, difference within our community and the importance of understanding. Their daily book club has been centred on this theme also, with choices such as 'Hair Love' and 'Kindness Makes Us Strong' promoting further discussion. In the final book week session of the week, the children vote for their favourite book so ask your child which one they voted for today and why.

Year two have had an exceptionally busy week. On Wednesday morning, following beginning their learning about Judaism, they visited Bristol Synagogue to see the features of this place of worship in person. They were very interested in seeing the Torah and the ark, which the curtain was pulled back to reveal. We were very proud that the staff there commented on BHI being the most knowledgeable and well behaved school that they had accommodated: well done Dolphin and Leopard classes! The following day, to support their science learning about animal features and adaptations, they had a very exciting visitor - Jonathan Jungle (and many of his animals). They loved seeing the tarantula, the cricket, the millipede and the python. They found out surprising facts: such as the pink-toed tarantula changes colour in the sun and that the millipede uses excretion to scare away its predators (which they agreed was an effective strategy as apparently it smelled quite bad).

Bromley Bear award for brilliant behaviour at lunchtimes.

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Isaac H	Etta	Myla

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
Amelia Concentrate Bear	**Phoebe** Understand Others Bear	**Bodhi** Challenge Yourself Bear	**Harry** Improve Bear	**Benji** Improve Bear	**Henry M** Work Well Bear
Barnaby Work Well Bear	**Tilly** Concentrate Bear	**Teddy** Keep Going Bear	**Wilf** Imagine Bear	**George** Imagine Bear	**Molly** 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 -

Finley Mc (Dolphins)
Maxi (Leopards)
Millie (Lions)
Isla (Penguins)
Chloe (Zebra)
Bobby (Giraffe)

EYFS trip to Westonbirt - 'garden of trees'





Thank you to all parent helpers for giving up your time to support and to EYFS for organising so well.





An exciting week in year two: a trip to Bristol synagogue to learn about the features of places of worship in RE followed, the next day, by a visit from Jonathan Jungle's Roadshow to support science learning about animal adaptations (Mrs Perkins also joined in!)



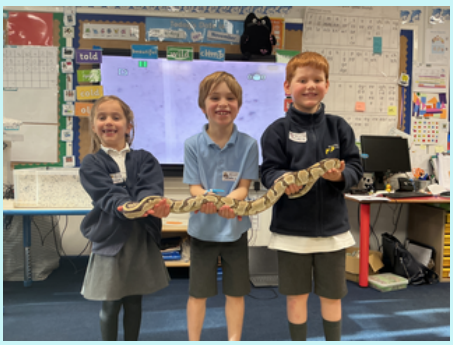






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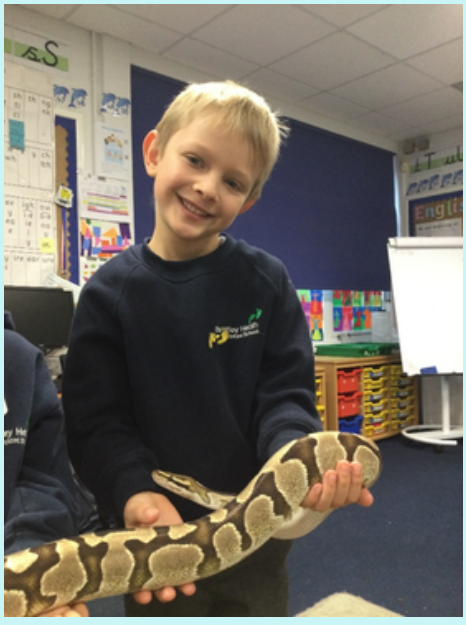
















Dates for diaries

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 POSTPONED TO FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER
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
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fayre - joint with BHJ
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 2 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.

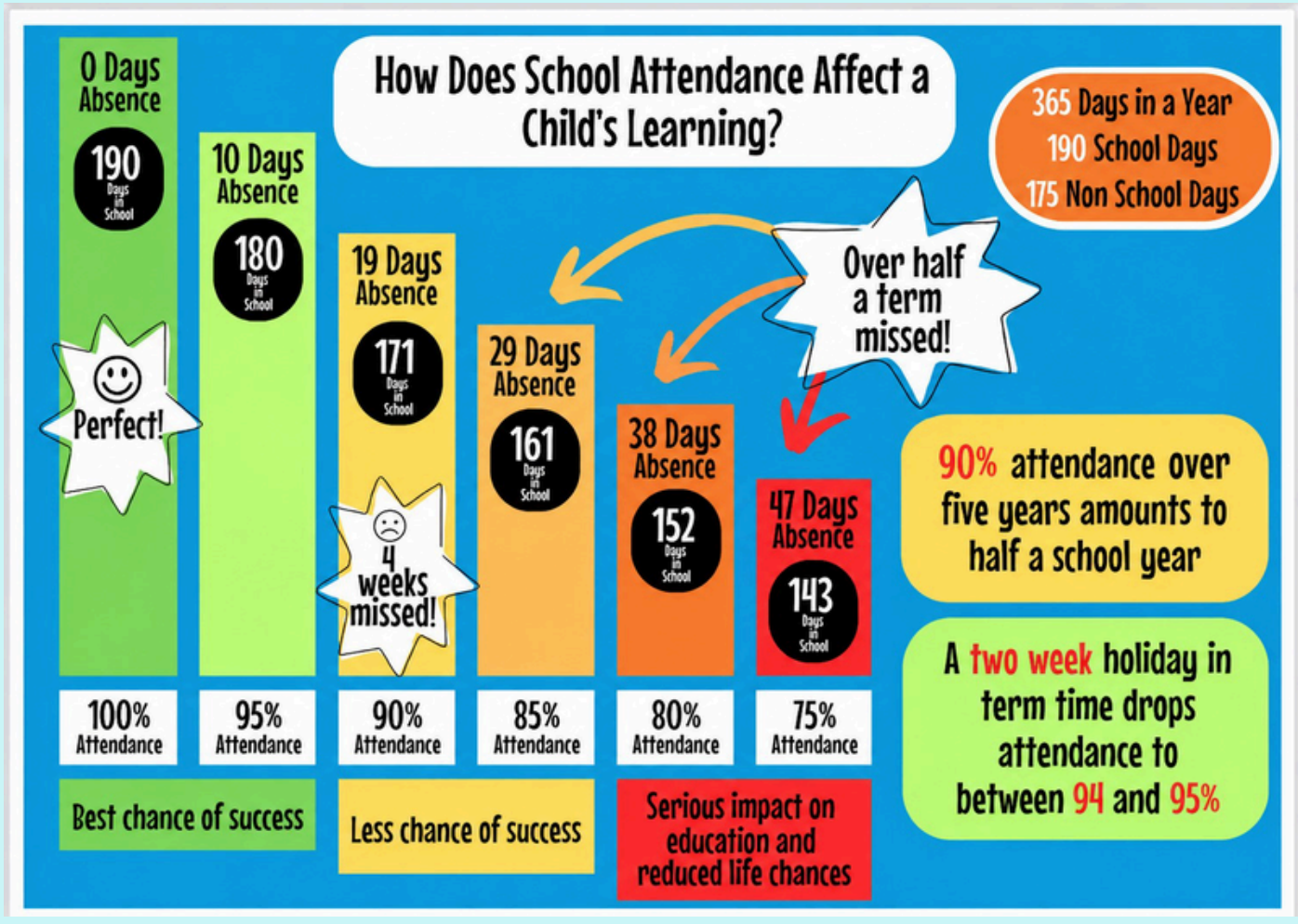
We do not offer a Friday afternoon Koala Club, as we had so little de-mand that it would have impacted the school budget to run it. However, there is an option to access Oldbury Court after school club on Friday afternoons if this is something you need. They would collect the children from site (also 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.



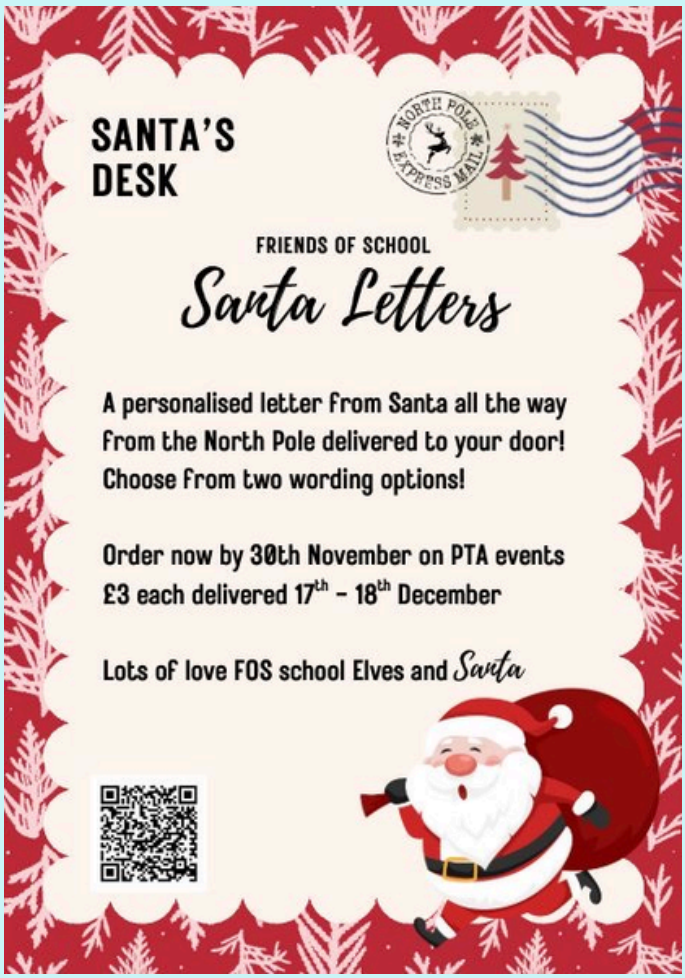
Attendance at school and term time holidays.

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.



Friends of School events: please support!









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.