Mrs Perry-Hodge's Weekly Update

Friday 6th November 2026

Newsletter 8 – Term 2: Let's Celebrate!

A chilly, sunny and lovely first week back in term two. This week, we have been focusing on our 'Work Well Bear', which reminds us to practise, practise and practise again - and that there are no short cuts to success. We encourage the children to try hard and to be proud of their efforts and achievements. Our 'Work Well Bear' is especially important in the development of early reading, which requires a lot of repeated practice.

This week was 'Book Week' at BHI. As well as the teaching of reading; discussing books in book club, and sharing stories with our classes, we love encouraging children to read for pleasure and value the enrichment this brings them. We have special places to support reading for pleasure - all with a linked woodland theme: the library, our book corners, and our amazing reading shed in EYFS. They all offer a calm spot; a designated space, and personal choice in reading. It has been lovely to welcome families into our library, throughout the week, to share books with the children - and EYFS parents, I am sure you will agree that it is amazing to see our very youngest children already able to 'pick, read, put away'. A real highlight this week was the 'Book Olympics', (thank you to all who have sponsored) in which children participated in a daily reading- linked challenge, helping to raise money for our 'Read, Write, Inc' guided reading scheme. I have loved hearing about their project ideas - ask your children about their challenges! Book week then finished with a special visitor: today, Bristol author, Will Hamilton-Davies visited all classes and shared his new book 'The Mole and the Mound' - the children loved hearing it; meeting a published author, and asking him questions about his books and his creative process. Thank you to Mrs Begley for organising another brilliant book week. We all loved it.

Bromley Bear award for brilliant behaviour at lunchtimes.

EYFS	Year 1	Year 2
Phoebe C	Darcie B	Amelia

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 - this week, they are celebrated for being 'Work Well Bears'.

Giraffe	Zebra	Penguin	Lion	Leopard	Dolphin
Xander	Xenchai	Max	Henry C	Ewan	Rory
Rowan D	Olive	Etta	Darcie B	Albie	Jackson

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 -

Oscar (Dolphins)
Darcie N (Leopards)
Amelie W (Lions)
Darcie K (Penguins)
Gigi (Zebra)
Izzy (Giraffe)



There are multiple research studies which link reading for pleasure to higher academic achievement; better mental wellbeing; higher levels of imagination and empathy, and even - in the longer term -, to higher social and economic success. I am sure you can find your own research articles but links to the below may be of interest.

https://literacytrust.org.uk/reading-for-pleasure/families/

https://cls.ucl.ac.uk/reading-for-pleasure-puts-children-ahead-in-the-classroom-study-finds/

Book Olympic activities and author, Will Hamilton-Davies, visit









Book Character Olympics Crowdfunder







School Council

A HUGE thank you to our Y2 School Council members who managed the Poppy Appeal sale so efficiently. We will hold a special remembrance assembly on Wednesday. Year 2 are also learning about the impact of WW1 and WW2 on previous generations in their history learning.



This week, School Council met with Mrs Harris to discuss **'Children in Need', which is on Friday 13th November**. School Council discussed and decided that children could some to school wearing spots, Pudsey items, or dressed as an animal to mark the day and to raise some money for the charity. Of course, it is also absolutely fine to just come in usual uniform for those children who do not like dressing up. Classes are going to learn the Strictly dance for Children In Need - a new section is added each day and we will then perform it all together in assembly on Friday! This is the link if you would also like to try it at home - https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/strictly/



Please follow this link, joint with BHJ to donate - or use the QR code:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/bromley-heath-junior-school-9?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL

Dates for diaries

Monday 9th November	Individual photos
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance assembly
Friday 13th November	Year Two curriculum workshop to parents
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 2nd 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.

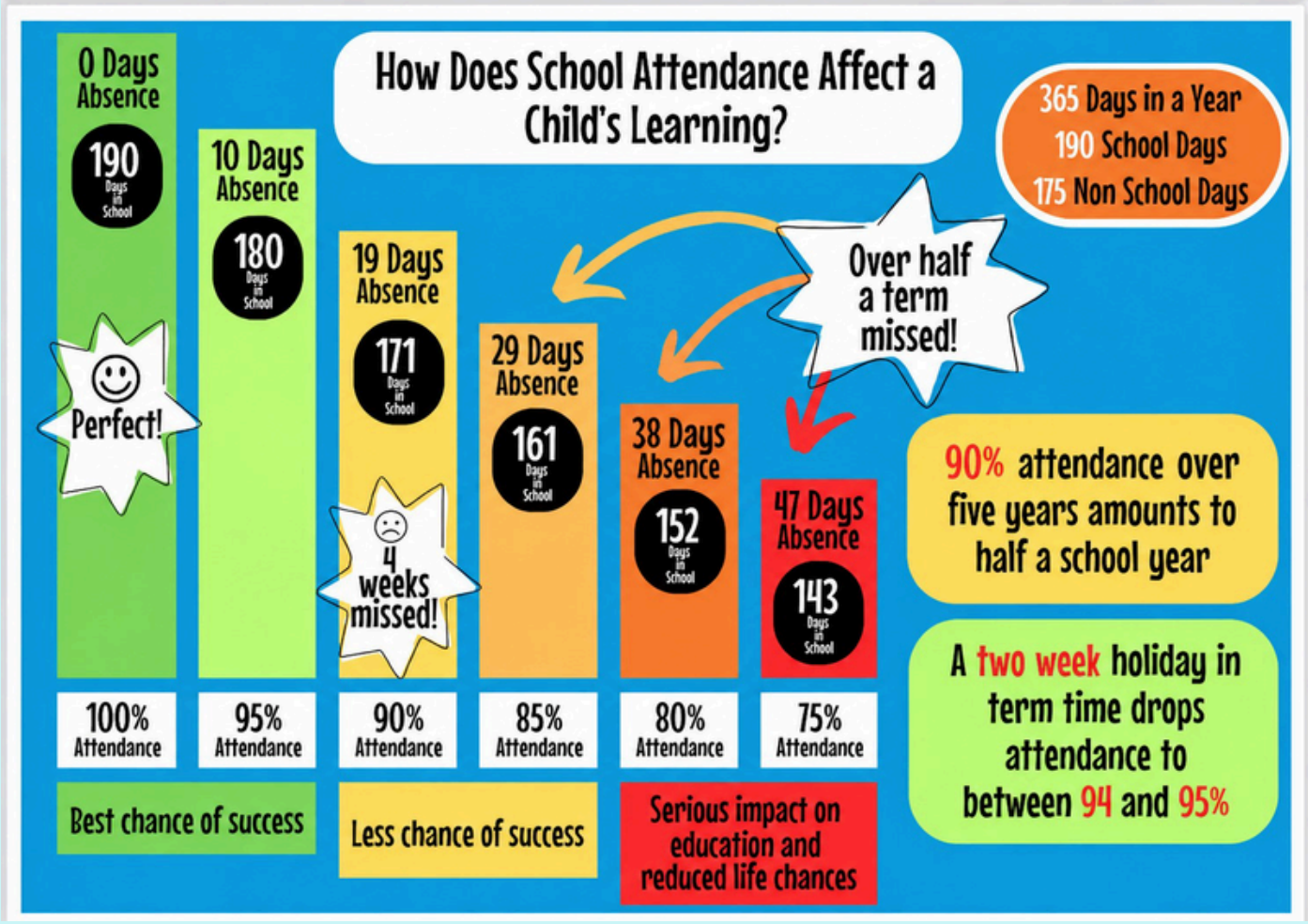
Attendance is a significant priority for BHI and all schools nationally. Whilst attendance at BHI is generally good, we do have relatively high rates of term time holiday (and refer to the LA for penalty notices for any holidays over 4.5 days as per policy and local guidelines - LA information for parents 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.

Individual school photos!

<u>School Photographs – Monday 9th November 2026</u>

Colorfoto will be in school on Monday 9th November to take individual photographs of all the children. They will also facilitate sibling photos of those who attend the Infant School throughout the morning.

If you wish to have a family photograph that includes children from the Infant, Junior, and/or Pre-School, this will need to take place before the start of the school day. We ask that families arrive at 8:15 a.m. at either the Infant or Junior School (whichever queue is shorter) to have their family photo taken. Parents are requested to stay with their children while the photographs are being taken, before dropping them off for the start of the school day as normal.

Please note that photographs will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis, so please be prepared to wait. The photographer will work as efficiently as possible; however, there is a chance that not all families will be photographed together before the start of the school day and may therefore be turned away.

PLEASE SEND CHILDREN IN WEARING SCHOOL UNIFORM AND NOT P.E KIT