



Dear Parents/Carers,

You will remember I wrote to parents and carers about a fundraising initiative that we have launched to raise money to buy sports equipment so that our pupils can take part in more competitions. We are thrilled to have received a significant donation from the Brayatee Kurdish Community which will really help us to buy some of the equipment that we need. Thank you so much.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our year group workshops over the last 2 weeks. We hope that you enjoyed them (See pictures below)

A reminder to please let the office know if you would like to be part of a parent group to redesign the school menu.

Finally, did you see us the ITV news last Tuesday? The reporter, Pablo Taylor, came to speak to pupils and staff about World Mental Health Day. If you missed it, follow the link below to watch.

<https://www.itv.com/news/2023-10-09/mental-health-becomes-top-reason-for-children-contacting-childline>



Have a great weekend.

Mrs. L Mahony, Headteacher

*Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility*

A reminder to all adults who drive to school, please use the Mosque car park and refrain from parking on the stretch of road outside of school as it is a potential safety hazard to our families travelling to school.

If you travel by taxi, please direct the taxi to also drop off passengers safely in the Mosque car park. Thank you for your support with this.

## Year 6 Parents: Secondary School Applications

Applications open on 1 September 2023 for secondary school applications for entry in September 2024. **The closing date is 31 October 2023 at 11:59pm.**

It is really important that you apply on time. If you apply late you are less likely to get offered a place at any of your preferred schools. **Applications received after the 31 October 2023 will be classed as late applications and will not be processed until after the offer of places on 1 March 2024.**

Mrs Downs can support parents with the application form. Please make an appointment via the school office.

[https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school\\_admissions/1778/apply\\_for\\_a\\_secondary\\_school\\_year\\_7\\_place/3#:~:text=Applications%20open%20on%201%20September,any%20of%20your%20preferred%20schools.](https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions/1778/apply_for_a_secondary_school_year_7_place/3#:~:text=Applications%20open%20on%201%20September,any%20of%20your%20preferred%20schools.)

## We are now a Cashless School

Please pay for items including school dinners and trips on our parent app – Arbor.

Speak to the office staff if you need help with this.

Thank you



## Key Dates

- **Wednesdays: 3H Swimming lessons**
- **18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October: Year 6 residential**
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: School closed for Half Term Break**
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November: School closed for INSET Day**
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November: Pupils back in school at 8.30am**
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening**
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November: Parent Coffee morning 8.50am**



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# APPLYING FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to apply for their secondary school place by **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**. It is important you make your application on time – you are less likely to get your preferred school if your application is late.

## HOW TO APPLY

- **Apply online at Birmingham City Council**
- Complete a short form - add up to 6 schools
- Check each school's admissions criteria in case your child needs to:
  - o take an entrance exam
  - o have a particular religious background
  - o live within a certain distance
- You can access free wifi at your local library.

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- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, 5.00-8.00pm.
- You can also arrange tours between 8.40-9.30am, Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

## FIND OUT MORE ON OUR WEBSITE

<https://tinyurl.com/admissions-advice>

