



NEWSLETTER

- APRIL 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone following our Easter break! Children have all settled back into their routines well this week and there have been lots of happy faces greeting us at the doors.

It is amazing to see how the children seem to have all grown during the holiday. A big thank you to parents/carers who may have had to purchase new uniform over the last two weeks, a growth spurt invariably leads to shopping trips, but children are all looking very smart at school. Pride in our school starts by setting high expectations in all areas, including uniform, behaviour and teaching and learning and we thank you for your continued support.

A huge thank you also needs to be said for the Easter Bonnets that were created for our parade on March 22nd- what a great turnout we had! Mrs Kenny had an "eggcellent" time judging all entries but decided to award certificates to all for participating in the event. We hope that you enjoyed the parade!

We wish all our families and staff celebrating Eid this week, Eid Mubarak! To mark this important date in the Islamic calendar, we give permission for (and encourage) any children or staff celebrating Eid to attend school on Friday this week (Friday 12th April) wearing traditional clothing that they would wear to celebrate this occasion. It would also be fantastic if the children were able to talk to their classes sharing details of how they celebrated the occasion with their families.

We know that some families will be planning and looking forward to some exciting activities with your family and friends over the course of this week. We do, however, need to remind you about attendance guidance that we must adhere to after consultation with the Local Authority. Eid is a three day event in total but SACRE and the British Muslim Council advise that the actual day of religious observance is one day and thus, Birmingham LA will authorise one day for absence. Therefore, all pupils celebrating Eid will be granted one day authorised leave. If pupils are away for longer to celebrate Eid, then this will be unauthorised leave and will be coded accordingly on our records.

To start Eid celebrations this week, we have our Bhangra workshops today and Thursday. Parental payment for the event is £3.00 paid via Parentpay. The classes that have attended today have had amazing fun learning all about traditional Dances and joining in with storytelling through dance. On Friday, we also have the pleasure of Hassain's mummy (Reception parent) leading Eid assemblies for us, so we are looking forward ending the week in a celebratory mood!

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

Diary Dates

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: Lewis, Saffie & Arlo

Year 2: Huey, Finley & Joseph

Nursery September 2024 Intake

Offer letters were sent out before Easter via email.

Reply slips and proof of address need to be returned to school by **Friday 12th April 2024**.

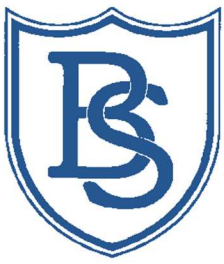
Reception September 2024 Offer Date

A reminder that offers of Reception places for September 2024 will be made by the Local authority on **Tuesday 16th April 2024**.

Nursery Parents and Carers

The Parent Declaration forms for the Early Education Entitlement funding that you completed in September 2023 need to be rechecked and signed for the Spring Term. Please can we ask all parents and carers to come to the school office by **Tuesday 23rd April at the latest**. It will only take a few minutes to complete.





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Reading Explorers

Congratulations to everyone who has achieved their Bronze Award in our 'Reading Explorers!' If you are still working on your Bronze Award, you can hand it in to your class teacher when you have completed it. Many children are now working towards their Silver Award - these certificates will be given out at the end of this half term. Happy reading!

School Emails

After half term we will have 2 separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Reception Trip to Ash End Farm

Can all Reception parents/carers complete the consent form for the Reception trip to Ash End Farm along with the meal preference form and return them to school please. Payment must also be made via ParentPay. Thank you to families that have already paid. We have currently received half of the payments. If sufficient contributions are not received, unfortunately the trip will be cancelled.

Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email (enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk) before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school or if they are going to be late for any reason. If we have not heard from you then a call will be made to you as part of our responsibility to safeguard children. Thank you.

Library Visits

Each year 2 class has the opportunity to visit Boldmere Library this $\frac{1}{2}$ term. This continues on from the librarian visit which took place earlier in the year. Further details will be coming soon.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have to leave early due to a medical appointment we do need to see some evidence in the school office. We will need to keep a copy of this to support your child's medical attendance mark on the registers.

Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid. If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals.

Red Nose Day- Comic Relief

Thank you for your support and donations on Friday for Red Nose Day. We managed to raise £269.50. Well done everyone!

Dogs

Polite reminder that dogs/puppies are not allowed on the school site, whether they are walking or being carried. The ONLY exception are guide dogs.

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches please contact them via customercare@dolce.co.uk





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Nurturing ADHD Kids

This online 6 week course is free for Birmingham parents and carers of children and young people with ADHD or suspected ADHD

LED BY ADULTS WITH ADHD

Does your child have ADHD or suspected ADHD?

Are you trying to support them but find that everyone gives you different advice?

In this 6 week course, you will

- learn about ADHD
- Understand the effect on our mental health
- Understand the reasons behind behaviours
- Gain confidence in advocating for our children
- Learn new strategies
- Help our kids be confident, resilient and be their best selves

Phone: 0731 116 7485

Email: contactus@brewseducation.org

Birmingham Resilience Education and Wellbeing Services CIC CIC Business Registration: 13240865

What parents have said about this course

This course is literally game-changing for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone living with a child (or adult) with ADHD. So much misunderstanding, frustration and worry could be prevented if everyone had access to this amazing resource.

Essential course for any parent of a child with ADHD. It changed the way I see my son and my ability to respond to his needs effectively.

Very informative, friendly, no pressure, enjoyable sessions

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NEW GROUPS STARTING SOON!

Free online 6 week course for parents and carers

We run our courses every half term. You can choose to join one that is held in the evening or one held in the morning.

To find out the dates and times of our next course and to register, scan this code

or visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nurturing-adhd-kids-courses-2610449>

Supported by

If it says SOLD OUT, email us directly Contactus@brewseducation.org and we can send you the Zoom link

SEND Library

Grow Family Services

Membership £20 per year per family No borrowing costs

A Specialist Library from Grow Family Services

The Library is a lending service for families in the Sutton Coldfield area with children and young people who have any kind of Special Educational Needs or Disabilities, whether they have a diagnosis or not

For more information contact: grow.enquiries@outlook.com

Age 14+ Life Skills

Grow Family Services

This course is free!

Fridays 4.30pm - 6pm:

- 12th April
- 19th April
- 26th April
- 3rd May
- 10th May
- 17th May

The course covers:

- Exercise for Well-being
- Money Skills
- Cooking Skills
- Independent Travel
- Drug and Alcohol Awareness
- Skills to manage me!

For more information and to book please contact: grow.enquiries@outlook.com

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What is the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service?

This service will help and support you with your mental health and wellbeing.

We offer appointments with our specialist team of mental health care professionals, called the Neighbourhood Mental Health Team via your GP practice.

This new service makes it quicker and easier for people to get the right support by bringing together a range of services available in the NHS and in your community.

How can the service help me?

We help people by providing support, advice, and treatment.

We can help you with your mental and physical health, as well as helping you resolve issues affecting your wellbeing such as money, work, housing, relationships, trauma, abuse, or addiction.



I need help right now.

If you need emergency support with your mental health, there is always someone to talk to.

You can call the **Birmingham and Solihull Urgent Mental Health Helpline** (managed by Birmingham Mind) 24 hours 7 days a week for advice and support on

0121 262 3555 or 0800 915 9292

You can speak to **Samaritans** right now, or any time day or night by calling **116 123**

Or send an email to jo@samaritans.org for a response within 24 hours.

If you are an immediate danger to yourself or others call **999** or go to your nearest A&E.



Ask your GP surgery for more information, or visit www.bsmhft.nhs.uk

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Birmingham and Solihull Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service



If you're experiencing problems with your mental health, mood, or wellbeing this service is here to support you.



Birmingham and Solihull Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service

Who can access the service?

We welcome anyone aged 18 or over who is experiencing new or ongoing mental health symptoms, as well as people who have an existing mental health diagnosis such as Bipolar, Personality Disorder, Schizophrenia etc.

Who are the Neighbourhood Mental Health Team?

We are a group of mental health care professionals based at local GP practices across Birmingham and Solihull.

The service is provided in partnership with Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust and Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust and is part of the Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System (ICS).



Birmingham and Solihull Integrated Care System
Caring about healthier lives

What will happen in my appointment?

Appointments take place at your GP practice or over the phone or video call with a mental health care professional. Occasionally our team may also visit you in your home depending on your circumstances.

In your first appointment we'll ask you to talk about how you're feeling, the symptoms you are experiencing and what is happening in your life.

We will listen to you and your experiences and will recommend options to help you to manage your situation and take the next steps to getting further treatment and support.

This may include things like:

- getting a therapy or counselling appointment
- being prescribed medication
- helping you connect with services available in your local community to get support with any issues affecting your wellbeing such as housing, money, or relationships.

The Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service does not replace an appointment with your doctor, so you'll still be able to see your GP or Psychiatrist if you need to.



How do I make an appointment?

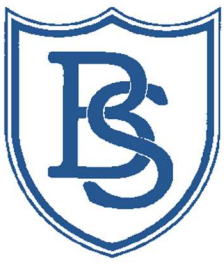
To book an appointment contact your GP surgery and ask about the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Service.

Please note: this service is not appropriate for everyone. The receptionist may recommend you speak with a care navigator first to find out if it's right for you.



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**Voices for change:
Autism Self Advocacy programme
Empower Yourself!**

POhWER, an independent advocacy service, is excited to offer a six-week program designed to empower individuals on the autism spectrum to take control of their own lives and speak up for themselves.

The program includes:

- weekly workshops on understanding your rights, assertive communication, and self-advocacy strategies
- group discussions and activities that provide a safe space for sharing experiences and learning from one another



Don't miss out on this opportunity to gain the skills and confidence you need to effectively advocate for yourself.

Find out more at: www.pohwer.net/self-advocacy-birmingham
or Contact POhWER at:
Email: selfadvocacybirmingham@pohwer.net
Tel: 0300 456 2370



**Gear Up for...
SEND**

Children, families and community providers

FREE online sessions to equip families and community providers on SEND Law & Practice. Bring queries and questions - take away contacts and answers.

FOUR online learning sessions in April and May 2024

Tuesday 9th April 10.00 to 12 noon
Education Health Care (EHC) Needs Assessments and Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) - The Legal Tests


Tuesday 16th April 10.00 to 12 noon
Annual Reviews - The Annual Review Meeting and the Local Authority Role in reviewing EHCPs

Tuesday 14th May 10.00 to 12 noon
SENDIST Appeals & Tribunals - forms, procedures, evidence and outcomes

Tuesday 21st May 10.00 to 12 noon
Home to School Transport - for Children and Young People with learning difficulties and/or disabilities

book at development@childrensquarter.org or at childrensquarter.org/gearupforSEND


All Saints Centre, 2 Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, West Midlands, England, B14 7RA company no. 06562298




online learning led by Birmingham Education Advisory Service



supported by Birmingham Parent Carer Forum



in collaboration with Children's Quarter



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Safety Statement

Boldmere Infant & Nursery school is a zero tolerance zone, our staff have the right to be treated with dignity and respect

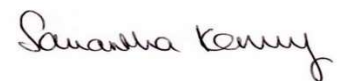
Inappropriate language, threats or acts of aggression towards staff or pupils will not be tolerated on our premises (it is enough for a member of staff or a pupil to feel threatened):

Anyone behaving in such a way will be asked to leave, may receive a ban from the premises and their behaviour may be reported to the police

DfE Guidance for controlling access to school premises is detailed below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/controlling-access-to-school-premises/controlling-access-to-school-premises>

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
9/04/2024



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