



NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we start a new week, we would like to say "Happy Vaisakhi" to our Sikh families. Staff have enjoyed listening to children share their personal experiences and one of our families has even shared what it means for her to be a Sikh, providing the following information for me to share with our Boldmere community.

Sikh teachings helps guide families to a more peaceful, honest and humble existence. In addition, the history of Vaisakhi involves the stepping forward of 5 beloved members of the community who were ready to give their lives for the trust they had in the Guru's, who were fighting against injustice at the time.

Vaisakhi is about the birth of the Khalsa (Sikh Identity), signified by the 5 K's, namely: Kes (hair), Kanga (comb), Kirpaan (sword), Kara (bracelet) and Kasher (shorts)

The following link provides further information, and has formed part of our teaching this week.

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=dF3HOPiyA0g&si=WsQdjPWs-OrlhYib>



What is Sikhi? | Celebrating Vaisakhi | RE for Kids

Learn all about the Sikh religion in this video explainer from Twinkl Kid's TV. Sikhi is based on the teachings of Guru Nanak and there are many wonderful cu...
youtube.com

We hope that everyone who was celebrating Vaisakhi enjoyed themselves, festivities have included making and sharing food, remembering the three pillars of Sikhism which are Kirat Karni (honest living), Vand Chakna (sharing with others) and Naam Japna (remembering God), as well as visiting the Gurdwara and being involved in long walks (Nagar Kirtan) from one Gurdwara to the next.

Diary Dates

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

Reception Trip to Ash End Farm

Can any Reception parents/carers who have not already done so 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 by Wednesday 18th April.

Thank you to families that have already paid however we are currently still £126.22 outstanding.

If you are one of the families that has not paid or made a part payment, please come and see us in the office by 4pm tomorrow, to see if we can support you in any way.

If sufficient contributions are not received, unfortunately the trip will be cancelled.

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 Summer 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. Thank you.

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

Congratulations Board

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

Year 1: Millie, Elsie & Elisha
Year 2: Anna, William & Iyla

Spring Progress Report

A reminder that your child's Spring Progress Report will be sent home at the end of next week. The reports provide information about progress and attainment for the Spring term so please keep a look out in your child's book bag.



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Science Week 2024

Our Science week begins on Monday 22nd April. We have lots of exciting things planned including a whole class Curly Wurly challenge! Our eggs arrive on Monday and we are looking forward to the growth of our chicks over the next two weeks. There is still some time for your child to enter the **Science Selfie Competition** - take a photo of your child doing a scientific investigation or activity, write down a short explanation and then send it in to your child's class teacher. We are really looking forward to seeing all the fabulous entries and there are prizes to be won too!!

Our science week will end with a special "**Ground Force Day**" on **Saturday 27th April from 9:00am to midday**. We will be having a hands-on tidy-up and gardening session in the school grounds during the morning. We are encouraging children to attend with any family members who would like to lend a hand! We will be working in the playgrounds, quiet corner, and bike track and wellbeing garden. Anyone is welcome to attend but please let your child's class teacher or Mrs Kenny know if you can help out. Remember to bring gardening gloves and tools if you have them. Some of our teachers are also coming to help and Mrs Kenny is in charge of buying all snacks!!

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.

Mossy Bank and school grounds.

It is with some sadness that I write this paragraph for the newsletter. We are witnessing disrespectful and destructive behaviour on school grounds (particularly in our wellbeing garden at the front of school) and today, two local residents from Mossy Bank have described damage to their property, carried out by pupils from our school. I am extremely disappointed to hear the lack of respect that some children have for our local environment. Please can I urge parents to take responsibility for their children when playing on Mossy Bank at the end of the day, and also encourage families to use the wellbeing garden appropriately. Pulling on branches, breaking the bamboo plants and treading on flower beds is not respectful behaviour. I have spoken to children this morning regarding the Mossy Bank incidents this week but parents must take responsibility for ensuring both the safety and behaviour of their children at the end of the day. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Autism Acceptance activities are also taking place this week at school. Mrs Jones will be leading an assembly today and we would like to encourage the children to wear a "splash of colour" with their uniform on **Friday**....

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

Value For This Half Term: Honesty

Our value for this half term is honesty. Please see the attached values newsletter for further details and ideas to do at home.





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Busy Bodies

Reception places for Busy Bodies September 2024

Reception places for Busy Bodies will be available from today **Tuesday 16th April** on a first come first served basis.

Registration forms will be available from the Juniors office, Busy Bodies and the school website - [Federation of Boldmere School website](#) under Parents - Busy Bodies.

We shall be holding open days in the coming months for parents and children to look around the setting, please look out for these dates in future Newsletters.

May booking forms

May booking forms will be available to collect and download from **Wednesday 24th April**.

SUMMER
CRICKET
COACHING

WALMLEY C.C.

THURSDAYS
FOR 16 WEEKS

STARTING 18TH APRIL 2024

5:30pm-6:45pm
Reception - Year 4 Groups

6:45pm-8:00pm
Year 4 - Year 9+ Groups

£30
per month
for 3 months

Registration night live!
Thursday 11th April
Walmley Cricket & Sports Club
Eldon Drive, off Penns Lane

BOOK ONLINE

www.walmleysportsclub.co.uk
for further info call 0121 803 5998

WALMLEY C.C.

MINI LEAGUE

THE MIDLANDS PREMIER
GRASS ROUTES CRICKET LEAGUE
CELEBRATES ITS 18TH YEAR

STARTING FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024

Register by 26th April - £25 includes T-Shirt and Cap
Weekly match subs £5

Every Friday night - Licensed bar and hot food available
Walmley Cricket & Sports Club
Eldon Drive, off Penns Lane, Walmley, B76 1LT

www.walmleysportsclub.co.uk
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NHS
Birmingham Community
Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Occupational Therapy NEW and FREE Transitions Through Education Online Webinars for Families

Click on the dates to access booking link via Event Brite

Getting School Ready

[Wednesday 29th May](#)

or

[Wednesday 19th June 2024](#)

both 10.00 -11.00am

For tips and strategies to support children who are moving from an Early Years setting to Primary School

Preparing for Secondary School

[Thursday 30th May](#) 10.00 -11.00am

or

[Thursday 20th June 2024](#) 1:00-2:00pm

For tips and strategies to support young people who are moving from Primary School to Secondary School

Moving on from Secondary School

[Thursday 31st May](#) or

[Thursday 21st June 2024](#)

both 10.00 -11.00am

For tips and strategies to support young people who are moving on from Secondary School

If you have any questions or problems with booking, please e-mail:
bchc.sendtherapy@nhs.net





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BIB Newsletter week beginning 16th April 2024

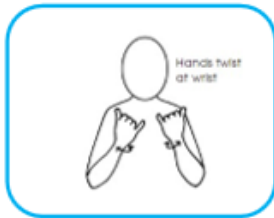
The new Makaton signs for 'Summer 1 are School, To celebrate and Tidy up.

Please practice with your child at home.

Symbol

To Celebrate

Sign



Hands twist at wrist



Symbol

Tidy Up

Sign



Symbol

School

Sign



Small circular movement in front of mouth.



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.

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

Newsletter:

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

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

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
16/04/2024

Savanna Kenny

