

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

A very busy week in store this week, not least because we have a large number of our Year 4 children off to Whitemoor Lakes in Staffordshire for a three-day residential visit. I look forward to sharing with you the 'memories' children will have forged during their visit but ahead of then, do visit the school's Twitter feed where regular updates will undoubtedly be shared. This week also marks Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 8th February and also, the entire week is Children's Mental Health Week; both of these deservedly warrant sufficient focus in school and further detail about each is provided later in this newsletter. In terms of the week just gone, I thought I was going to have to invoice our Year 3 parents for school repairs, on account of their children 'raising the roof' of our school hall during their incredible singing showcase performance! *"My eyes are wet but my heart is full,"* was beautifully appropriate feedback I received from one parent, with all attending in agreement that such events are an integral part of the wider-curriculum we offer at Boldmere, for the experiences they give the children and the immense pride they instil in us as observers! A huge well done to all involved! Pride was also shown this week towards some of our girls who participated in their first school competitive sport for some time; the Sutton School's netball tournament; last Friday afternoon. As is ever the case in such events, it is the taking part that really counts...although that taking part is sweeter still when the girls return as WINNERS! Fantastic achievement girls and thanks to Miss J and Miss P-J for making this possible! And finally, I make no apology for pride being a recurring theme in the newsletter this week and that continues as I steer you towards a new section of our newsletter below; Boldmere is making friends in high places...

Tweet of the Week!



Federation of Boldmere Schools
@BoldmereSchools

Year Five have loved their Book Talk lessons this week! We have explored performance poetry and practised the wonderful 'Clever Trevor' by one of our favourite poets @BZephaniah 🌟📖



12:20 - 03 Feb 22 - Twitter for iPad



Professor Benjamin Zephaniah ✓
@BZephaniah · 9h

Replying to @BoldmereSchools
Oh, wow, bless my soul,
The Federation of Boldmere just score a goal,
Come on people take a look,
These cool cats just love my book.

Now for the latest results:

Federation of Boldmere School	1
Ignorance and boredom	0

Values Ambassadors



3P – Ben

3H – Avyukt

3U – Daniel

4M – Zakariya

4W – Burhaan

4K – Joseph

5B – Jack

5E – Peace

5PJ – Lucas

6F – Elaine

6J – Charlie

6FS - Jorge

**WELL DONE
EVERYONE!**

Children's Mental Health Week:

What is happening in school? This year's theme is Growing Together and throughout this week we will be encouraging children to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.

We started the week with a lovely assembly run by the mental health charity Place2Be. This year they teamed up with Bafta kids to organise a virtual assembly hosted by celebrity guests. During our assembly we talked about who we have around us to support us and about goal setting for emotional growth.

Next week children will be doing an activity where class teachers will share with the class something that they love to do for their own wellbeing such as: bowls, rugby, performing arts and music!

Our staff will also be having a wellbeing staff meeting tonight which we hope will involve time together to connect and eat cake...!

Dress to Express fundraiser

Our fundraiser is tomorrow (Wednesday 9th) and we are encouraging all pupils to use clothing and colour to express themselves during this day.

This will be a non-uniform day and for those who wish to, we would ask for a small donation. Any money we do raise will go to two places:

Place2Be: This is a children's mental health charity with over 25 years' experience working with pupil, families and staff in UK schools providing mental health support through one-to-one and group counselling.

Play leaders on children's wards in Heartlands Hospital: On the children's wards there are a group of incredible people who are there to support young children under the age of 16 who are in hospital. They provide support for anxiety and wellbeing whilst the children are there and offer games, toys and crafts. They rely on charitable donations and we would like to buy some crafts to take to the wards.

Want to do something at home with your children?

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Here is a link to some lovely activities and top tips for supporting wellbeing and mental health at home.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 9th – 11th February

Year 4 residential trip

Friday 18th February

Break for half-term

Monday 28th February

Children return to school

Friday 8th April

Break for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April

Children return to school

Thursday 26th May

Children break up for half-term

Monday 6th June

Children return to school

Wednesday 20th July

Children break for summer holidays.

Wednesday 7th

September

School re-opens to all children

Friday 21st October

Children break for half-term break

Monday 31st October

Children return to school

Friday 16th December

Children break for Christmas holidays

Busy Bodies News

January extra sessions- We have now debited all extra sessions/ late collections for January. Please ensure that you check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that your balance is clear and up to date. Thank you

Whitemoor Lakes residential visit- If your child has been booked into Busy Bodies for this Wednesday to Friday afternoon session, but will now be attending Whitemoor Lakes, please inform the Busy Bodies Manager. This will inform us whether we need to reimburse your fees onto ParentPay.

Late collections- A reminder that our club closes at 6pm, lateness after this time will automatically incur additional fees, please refer to our charging policy. We have noticed that a few families have been collecting their children later than stated on your booking forms. This is a polite reminder that children must be collected on time, as you will incur additional fees for late collections. This has an impact on our staffing levels and sometimes results in our staff staying later than expected to accommodate the level of children remaining at the club.

Safer Internet Day 2022

Tuesday 8 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

“All Fun and Games?” is a key theme of this year’s safer internet day with a real focus on the challenges and risks presented with on-line games and activities. The link below takes you to a comprehensive report that was published by the safer-internet centre that parents and carers might find very useful covering this them.

<https://d1xsi6mgo67kia.cloudfront.net/uploads/2022/02/All-Fun-and-Games-Safer-Internet-Day-2022-report.pdf>

Over the course of the next couple of days, the children will also in school explore some activities associated with this, including being given the opportunity to participate in an on-line quiz designed to challenge their thinking around on-line conduct.

Further advice and support concerning Internet Safety can be found on the recommended sites below, including our own school website’s section on e-safety that we will continue to grow in the coming weeks.

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/e-safety-for-parents>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022/advice-for-parents-and-carers>



Boldmere Junior School Girls – victorious in the Sutton Netball tournament last week.

Sickness & Diarrhoea

Please remember that if your child has suffered from any sickness (vomiting) and/or diarrhoea they will need to stay away from school for 48 hours after their symptoms have gone. This is NHS advice which applies to all schools.

Coronavirus symptoms

It is still Government advice that anyone with any of the main three Covid-19 symptoms requires a PCR test to be booked, even if Lateral Flow Tests are negative:

- A temperature of 37.8 degrees or above
- A new, continuous cough
- Loss or change of taste and/or smell

If the Lateral Flow Test is positive you do not need a PCR test to confirm the result.

Boldmere Inclusion Base (BIB) news

Another busy week in the BIB! This week’s celebrations in the BIB go to:

Jayden in Giraffes

Theo in LK

Kara and Hayden in ED

You will all receive your BIB certificates to take home. WELL DONE!!

Notices

March 3rd is World Book Day. In the BIB we will be celebrating this by reading the books ‘Mixed’ by Arree Chung and ‘The Colour Monster’ by Anna Llenas. We would like children to come dressed in their favourite colour, if they feel comfortable to.

Drop-in reminder

Teachers in the BIB are available after school on Mondays for any parents that need to speak to them in more detail and in confidence should the need arise.

PTA news and updates

Coin Wars so far...

Our Two'sDay Coin Wars competition began on 2/2/22. The class with the most points by 22/2/22 will win donuts for the whole class – winners will be announced in the Newsletter on Tuesday 1st March. Here are the points so far after the first week:

6FS – 8,937 points

4M – 8,134 points

4K – 8,054 points

3P – 7,915 points

BIB – 7,329 points

3H – 5,685 points

5E – 5,661 points

5B – 5,575 points

6J – 5,177 points

3U – 5,004 points

6F – 5,001 points

5PJ – 4,292 points

4W – 4,205 points

Please continue searching for any spare change you have lying around and add it to your class coin jar for the chance to win a round of donuts.

Save the Date

We are very excited to announce that the PTA Summer Ball will be held on Friday 10th June. More details will follow soon.

Online Shopping

Please consider using www.smile.amazon.co.uk (add "Boldmere Schools PTA")

or www.easyfundraising.org.uk/boldmereschoolspta Both are free and easy to sign up to. Once you've signed up the PTA will receive a small but essential percentage of every purchase made that will benefit our school and all our children.

February PTA Meeting

This month's PTA meeting will take place on Zoom on Thursday 17th February at 8:15pm. Please email boldmere.pta@gmail.com if you would like to join – even if just to listen to what we do. Details will be sent out nearer the date.