

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Honesty

### A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Special mention has to go to Year 6 this week as they are embark on their Key Stage 2 Statutory Assessment Tests. At the point of writing this, the children are three tests down and so far all good. I will professionally refrain from sharing my view of putting children through the formality of the tests, in this of all years, (although there is an image I have shared further in this newsletter that I thought particularly appropriate) but of course, we wish the children all the very best as they complete them. To reiterate to the children the two messages that I have shared repeatedly, 'you can only do you your best and remember your test results will NOT be what defines your primary education!'

Elsewhere in school, the curriculum is continuing along at pace as we head into the summer, evidenced beautifully in Year 5 where children have been working hard creating their own dance routines; for those that need 'proof' of how gracefully synchronised our children can be, head to our Twitter page to see for yourselves.

Music has been enjoyed as ever in school this week, exemplified in Year 4 where children were given the opportunity to work together and use a range of musical instruments when creating rhythmical patterns.

To leave no year group without a mention, a highlight for Year 3 this week saw the children enjoying practical science when exploring seed growth under different conditions. Time will tell which promotes the most successful growth but once determined, I will be sure to find which of our green-fingered stars is available to give me tips on getting my own garden summer ready!

Finally from me this week, some additional dates have been added to the diary section of the newsletter as we begin planning for what is always an incredibly busy time of year. Further dates to include summer open evenings and transition will be added in the next week or so, once confirmed and agreed with staff. I look forward to sharing these in due course but ahead of then, have a lovely week everyone.

### Values Ambassadors



**6F Harry**

**6FS Jessica**

**6J Lewis**

**5PJ Aisha**

**5B Lucas**

**5E Alexandros**

**4M Jude**

**4W Sammy**

**4K Sophie**

**3H Jemima**

**3U Elsie**

**3P Flynn**

### Diary Dates

**Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May** Children break up for May half-term & Junior PTA Disco

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May** – School closed for pupils (staff training day)

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June** Children return to school

**Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> June (Y3/4) and Fri 1<sup>st</sup> July (Y5/6)** - Junior school sports' afternoons

**Weds 6<sup>th</sup> July** Whole school transition day (and secondary transfer day)

**Weds 20<sup>th</sup> July** - Children break up for the summer holidays

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> September** - Children begin the new school year

A message for all children but particularly Year 6 this week...



### Busy Bodies families

I will start by saying a huge thank you to all the families who have handed in their May booking form on time. This really helps us to get the ball rolling and ensure that all our children are registered and safe within our care.

There are currently a few families that who are outstanding booking forms, we have already sent forms home as reminders. Kindly return your form as soon as possible should you require care for the remainder of May and the week after half term being week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Your May fees will be debited by Wednesday 11th May and all extra sessions/ extended sessions will be added to ParentPay by this Friday 13th May. Please ensure that you check your child's ParentPay account to ensure that these are up to date.

Should you have any enquires, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager.

### PTA

#### PTA Junior School Disco – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

The PTA are very excited to announce that tickets for the School Disco are now on sale! Tickets are priced at £5 and include entry, drinks, snacks, sweets and an hour of fun, dancing and games led by a professional entertainer.

Session 1: 3:30-4:30pm – Year 3 and Year 4

Session 2: 4:45pm-5:45pm – Year 5 and Year 6

Please visit [www.pta-events/boldmere](http://www.pta-events/boldmere) to purchase your tickets.

#### A Big Thank You

Due to the collective support of everyone who supports the PTA in whatever way they are able, we are pleased to announce that we have raised enough money to be funding a new Bark Kitchen in the Infants Quad area. We are also funding a “Grand Garden Design”, which will improve the playgrounds and other outdoor areas for the Infants, including a new wellbeing garden. Many thanks to Mrs Long for her super planning for this project – we can’t wait to see it come to fruition! Please watch this space for plans for the Junior outdoor areas.

#### PTA Ice Cream Shop

Our team of volunteers managed to get the PTA Ice Cream Shop up and running last Friday. Ice creams and lollies will be available for purchase every Thursday and Friday after school (weather permitting) and on particularly hot & sunny days we hope to open the shop, as long as we have enough volunteers. Please remember to pay with exact change where possible, or we also accept contactless payments.

#### Pre-loved School Uniform Shop – Grab a Bargain!

Our Boldmere PTA pre-loved uniform shop is available online and we now have PE items in stock. Please visit our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere) (click on “shop” at the top of the page, then “uniform & merchandise”) Our fantastic team of volunteers will aim to have your items delivered to your child’s class within 7 days. Please also look out for pop-up uniform sales after school, which will be communicated via the class WhatsApp groups.

#### Save the Date

PTA Summer Fair – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – more details to follow.

### **BIB news**

**Farewell and welcome** -Last week we said farewell to Mrs. Reeves. She had a lovely last day and thank you so very much to the staff and the parents for making it such a memorable moment for her. We will miss her lots.

However, we welcome Ms Falcolner, who will be supporting in ED until the end of this half term. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her and getting to know her in the BIB.

**Swimming update**- ED Children will be going swimming in the second half of the Summer term. We are now able to let you know that this will be from the second week (week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> June).

**Library Trip** -We are also hoping to take the children to the library in Boldmere. Further details will follow.

### **Celebrations**

**Zak James** for joining in with Maths and forming some of his letters.

**Musab**- for a fabulous week in class, with super manners.

**Taylor**- for helping and supporting everyone in his class.

**As the weather get warmer, please can you ensure that your child has a hat and sun cream with them at school.**

### **Tweet of the week!**

← Tweet



Federation of Boldmere Schools  
@BoldmereSchools

This afternoon 5PJ have celebrated reading over 500 books as a class! We have played book charades, written a book review for our favourite book and discussed our book question of the week. Miss PJ is very proud.



15:00 · 05 May 22 · Twitter for iPad

8 Likes

### **Tell us what you think about SEND services in Birmingham to be in with a chance of winning £100 of shopping vouchers**

The SEND Survey is for parents and carers of children and young adults with Special Educational Needs.

As you may know the SEND Local Area Partnership in Birmingham [Birmingham City Council, (Education) Birmingham Children's Trust (Social Care) Health (NHS) and the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum (BPCF)] is working hard to improve SEND services so that we provide the best possible help and support for children with additional needs in the City.

As part of this project we are working with parents and carers, amongst other stakeholders to determine what their priorities are for improvement, seeking the broadest possible understanding of a wide range of views, so that we can improve SEND services.

To help with this work, we are asking parents and carers to fill in a short, anonymous survey (about 5 minutes long) about their experiences with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services for their child or children in 2022. We hope that as many people as possible will take part so that we can get a clear picture of what is going well, and what not so well in the service and use that information to bring about change.

Those people who wish to submit contact details will be in with a chance of winning a family day out at a Birmingham family attraction.

Here is the link to the SEND Survey - which will be open until 5pm on Friday 27th May 2022. The survey details are also linked from the home page of the SEND Local Offer website - [www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/](http://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/)

Please feel free to circulate this widely so that we can hear from as many people as possible. If you have any questions about the survey or need support completing it, please email - [SENDImpComm@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:SENDImpComm@birmingham.gov.uk)

Thank you

With Kind Regards

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