

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

A message from Mrs Welch, Acting Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

Our school has been full of life this last week and I have really enjoyed seeing all the wonderful learning taking place. We have had poetry performances, whole class music lessons in Year 4 and the sound of young voices practicing in the hall – yesterday lunchtime we enjoyed a bit of ‘Don’t Worry Be Happy’ drifting down the corridors!

On Thursday 6th October, it was National Poetry Day. Children learnt about poetry, recited their year group poem to their peers and later this month will be taking part in an interactive Livestream workshop that will use Drama & Poetry to help students to celebrate Black History Month. The poem ‘Leisure’, chosen by Year 5 and written by William Henry Davies, starts with the lines ‘What is this life if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.’ And was, perhaps, a reminder to us to take time and notice the world around us.

The theme for National Poetry day was ‘The Environment’ and in our celebration assembly this week we were able to give out School Council and Eco Warrior badges. It was lovely to hear about the ways these pupils are already thinking about how they can support the school and the environment. During celebration assembly we were also able to celebrate with children who are working hard in many aspects of the curriculum such as: with their reading records; in sporting events and clubs inside and out of school and those who were awarded values ambassadors. Thank you to all the children who sent in letters of application for the reading champions – Miss Walker will be announcing this later this week and due to the amount and quality of responses we will be looking at further opportunities for reading leaders in school.

Mr Sadler and a team of staff are currently with some of our Year 6 pupils on their residential enjoying the great outdoors. There was certainly a buzz of excitement on Monday morning and a lot of packed suitcases. For our Year 6 pupils who remain in school, this will be a week filled with activities such as: a French morning, environmental art, cooking, forest schools and much more. So adventures all round!

A couple of updates:

Term dates: All term dates are on the website and this includes the INSET days (teacher training days) for this year. They are also at the bottom of this newsletter.

Safeguarding email: A reminder that we have a separate email for any safeguarding queries or concerns you may have which come directly to our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL’s)

safedsl@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Parking: A few parents and carers have raised concerns about how some people are parking their cars at drop off and pick up. Please be mindful and considerate of our pupils and neighbouring community.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Funding

Thank you to those families that have applied online following our recent email. If you have not yet applied for Free School Meals this academic year, or if you are unsure if you would be eligible, please complete the application form via the link: <https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

Please remember that Pupil Premium funding may be used towards educational visits and clubs during the year if you are eligible.

Reasons for Absences

If you need to report your child as being absent from school please call the School Office on 0121 464 3656 and select Option 1 to leave a voicemail, alternatively you can email the School Office at enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk messages should be received by 9.00am. As the school need to record reasons for absence for safeguarding purposes the **reasons you provide should be specific**, for example, a high temperature or cough, a headache, vomiting and/or diarrhoea, or as a result of an accident. **Please do not just state that your child is ill or unwell as this may need to be followed up with you.**

Year 6 - Secondary Transfer Preferences

Please remember that the Birmingham City Council School Admissions online site is available until 31st October for you to make your Secondary Transfer choices via the website https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20119/school_admissions

If you live outside of Birmingham City Council please check with your Local Authority.

Forgotten Items

Please ensure that your child has all the items that they may need when they arrive for school including PE/ swimming kits, lunches/snacks, water bottles and musical instruments to minimise disruption to children and staff during the school day.

School Meals

School dinners must be booked via School Grid in advance, you can book several weeks ahead for convenience.

If you forget to book a meal and do not provide a packed lunch your child will only have a very limited option of a jacket potato or wrap depending on availability. The school is not able to place lunch orders on your behalf, even in emergencies, after 9.30am.

BIB Newsletter

Celebrations

LK- Aleen, for being brave when she hurt her knee.

KM- Taylor, for trying incredibly hard with his Maths work.

Polite requests

More of our children are bringing packed lunches from home and it is lovely to see them enjoying their meals together with their friends. Please ensure lunch boxes contain healthy choices and no sweets.

Save the dates

November 25th 1.30. Further information on our Internet Safety Coffee afternoon will follow after half term.

December 8th 1.45 BIB Christmas Crafty Afternoon. Further details to follow but please save this afternoon as we would like you to come and join in Christmas crafts in the BIB.

BIB Family photos

We would like to have a small display of our children's families in each classroom. Could you send in a photograph of your child with their family for us to use. Thank you to Giraffe class who have already sent some in. Please note that photos will be used in class displays so may fade or be pinned, so if precious please provide a copy or spare.

Tweet of the week

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Federation of Boldmere Schools
@BoldmereSchools

Happy National Poetry Day! Year 5 have started their day by reciting Leisure by W H Davies. We have been thinking deeply this poem all week through our Book Talk lessons.

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.



9:55 AM · Oct 6, 2022 · Twitter for iPad

Attendance

Last week's attendance for the school was 95.82%. Our target each week is 97%.

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree were 6F with 99%.

This terms standings for attendance are as follows:

Week	Class
Week 1	3U and 3P
Week 2	3M and 5W
Week 3	3M, 4QK and 5W
Week 4	6F

Governor Elections

Following the recent ballot we are delighted to appoint Natalie Justice-Dearn as our new parent governor. We have also been able to appoint Tonita Whittier as an associate governor too. Thank you everyone for your votes and I'm sure you'll join us in congratulating both on their new appointments.

One Page Profile/SEND Target Review Meetings - Main Junior School only

If your child has a One Page Profile/Individual Target Plan, we are offering additional meetings on either Tuesday 1st, Wednesday 2nd or Thursday 3rd November. Your child should have brought a letter home with them tonight (unless they are on the Y6 residential!) with all of the details on. If you would like an additional meeting, please indicate this on the reply slip or, alternatively, e-mail me on senteam@boldmere.bham.sch.uk if this is easier. Please indicate if you would prefer a meeting via School Cloud or face-to-face.

If we do not hear from you by **Tuesday 18th October**, we will assume that you do not require an additional meeting and your child's paperwork will be sent home to you. If you request an additional meeting, you will be notified of the time and date of the meeting by Friday 21st October. If you have any questions or concerns, please e-mail me at the address above.

Many thanks
Mrs Jones, SENDCO

Celebration assembly 10th October 2022



Busy Bodies

A huge thank you to all our families for handing in your October forms on time, should your fees remain outstanding we will be sending out reminders by the end of this week.

Diwali- Next week at Busy Bodies we will be celebrating Diwali throughout the week (Diwali will take place on Monday 24th October).

Our children will participate in various activities and taster sessions, on Wednesday 19th October the children will be making Chapptis with our staff members and on Thursday 20th our children will be choosing their own Henna designs.

For any parents/carers who do not wish for their child/ren to participate in the above activities or know of any children with allergies toward Henna use, please inform the Busy Bodies manager via email at khyatt@boldmere.bham.sch.uk , so that we can ensure that all children need are met on these dates.

Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023

Friday 21st October

Children break-up for October half-term

Monday 31st October

Children return to school

Friday 16th December

Children break up for the Christmas holidays.

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Tuesday 3rd January

INSET day – school closed to children

Wednesday 4th January

Children return to school.

Friday 17th February

Children break-up for February half-term.

Monday 27th February

Children return to school

Friday 31st March

Children break-up for Easter

Monday 17th April

Children return to school.

Friday 26th May

Children break-up for half-term

Monday 5th June

Children return to school

Friday 21st July

Children break-up for summer holidays

Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th July

INSET days – school closed to children

BOLDMERE PTA NEWS

The PTA held our AGM last week, many thanks to everyone who attended. The Minutes of the AGM will be shared soon, in summary we were delighted to share with new and familiar faces how we donated over £23k to the school last year. We elected the three Officers who act as the Trustees of the Charity.

- Chairperson - Simon Clifford
- Treasurer - Alex Housden
- Secretary - Kate Pierart

Simon and Alex welcome Kate to the team of trustees and together we look forward to working with all volunteers who make the PTA the success that it is.

The PTA is an independent charity, our focus is to raise funds that enrich our children's learning and school experience. As a parent, carer, or teacher of children at our school, you are a member of the PTA and can volunteer to further the PTA's fundraising in whatever way you can. We have several exciting events planned for the year ahead and plenty of opportunity to be involved.

PTA Winter Coat Exchange

Tomorrow (Wednesday 12th) is the last day for bringing in good-quality outgrown winter coats. PTA reps will be accepting your kind donations at morning drop-off and afternoon collection, at the middle gates between the two schools. Please join us in the same location on Friday 14th October from 3pm for our coat sale. Thank You.

PTA Fireworks Tickets – on sale now

The 2022 PTA Fireworks Show will take place on Friday 4th November – doors open at 5:30pm and the firework display will begin at 7pm. There will be plenty of hot food, drinks, sweets, popcorn and flashing goods available for purchase on the night. Tickets are £5 for ages 4 and over and children under 4 are free of charge. Please visit our website for more information and to secure your tickets www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere

PTA Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

We still have lots of good condition pre-loved and some new uniform items available for purchase. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere then click on Shop, Uniform & Merchandise. If you have more items to donate, please either send us an email or contact us via your PTA class rep, Thank you.

Diary Dates

- Thursday 20th October - PTA Committee Meeting (location TBC)
- Friday 4th November - 2022 Fireworks Show (tickets now available)
- Friday 2nd December – 2022 Christmas Fair (after school)

If you have any queries, particularly about how you can get involved in the PTA, please email us boldmere.pta@gmail.com

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