Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Resilience

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

In this the final but one newsletter of the year, our thoughts lie with the Year 6 children who enter their final few days at the school. Reminding us of their incredible talents, the children recently performed a fantastic performance of the Lion King that was thoroughly enjoyed by their parents and family members, in addition to the rest of the school too! Rightfully, the children earned a standing ovation after their evening performance that I am sure will be remembered by them for years to come! Last week these same children enjoyed a 'taste' of what's to come when visiting their new schools and I have had positive feedback from this. Whilst they were doing so, the rest of the school too enjoyed a taste of what's to come when visiting their new classes as part of our own school transition day, this year had a 'global' focus thanks to Mrs Hannan's creative Geographical flair! There was truly a positive vibe in school, with learning taking on so many different guises ranging from map work to art work to cooking fajitas! It was also fantastic to welcome the 'new additions' to the Boldmere Junior community, namely the Year 2 children that will join us in September, and also the new members of staff who were able to enjoy the day with us, those being Miss Morgan, Mrs Quirk and Mrs Shakespeare; welcome all of you! On the topic of looking ahead to September, I would just like to give a heads up regarding school uniform for September. Whilst there is no change to policy, I will be requesting that staff are stricter in the application of the school uniform expectations, with the expectation that children taking increased pride in their appearance will reflect them taking more pride in their work. I will also be encouraging the wearing of a school tie; (these are available to purchase from the school office for £4, or from Clive Marks in Boldmere). Children will still attend school in their PE kits on the certain days that they have PE but again, I will be requesting that staff ensure this is correct PE kit: plain white T-shirt, navy shorts or games skirt and when the weather is cooler, a plain tracksuit. For the majority of children, PE kits will be worn twice a week and school uniform the remainder of the time, the exception to which is when any class has swimming and consequently they will come to school in uniform before changing for swimming at the baths.

School summer fayre – I am sure all will agree that the summer fayre last Friday was a huge success, not just in terms of the money raised by the school but moreover, the positive atmosphere and sense of community that was almost tangible on the evening. Many thanks to all that attended, to the teaching staff for supporting the event but most of all, to the PTA themselves; our fantastic volunteers, and also their devoted children, who continue to give their time so freely in support of such events! You are incredible and we salute you!

Final point from me this week and I have deliberately left it until last: I was hoping to avoid mentioning Covid in the final throws of this academic year but, unfortunately, it has reared its head again having a negative impact on the remaining events of the year. If truth be told, this week so far we are operational by the skin of our teeth, thanks largely to the determined efforts of a battle-worn yet incredibly adaptable staff. In order to see that we remain operational for these last few days, and ensure the children receive the end of the year that they deserve, I was left with little alternative than to amend those original plans. I hope therefore that parents understand that the decision to alter both parents' open evening, and the welcome to Year 3 meeting, was taken with the best interests of the children, parents and staff in mind.



LOST CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS

Please ensure all clothes/ coats are labelled to ensure we can return any lost items quickly.

Celebration Assembly 07/07/22



BIB News

Another fabulous week last week, with much to celebrate in the BIB! Amazing weather too, so I hope you are enjoying it.

Thank you to all of you who attended the coffee afternoon. It was a successful afternoon and I look forward to many more. Please don't forget to let me know any ideas for future topics you would like to discuss at these events.

The **Library visits** were a great success. All the children enjoyed their visits. It is something that we hope we can continue to do next year.

Celebrations Evening is on **Tuesday 12th after school, 3.15-5.45.** A reminder that this is a drop in style evening, for you to look at your child's books. Could you make sure that your child has an **empty carrier bag** in their book bags from Wednesday 13th, as they will be bringing home work from this year between then and the end of term. It is going to get **incredibly warm** this week, so please do make sure your child has a **hat, plenty to drink with them and you have applied sun cream** to them before school. We can 'top up' cream but would prefer that children come to school with some already on.

Sports day for **ED** will be on **Friday 15th July**. Parent should arrive at school at 12.45. There will be a number of races and a presentation at the end of the afternoon. You will be able to take the children from ED home as sports day finishes.

Sports day for **LK and Giraffe** class is **Wednesday 20th July. Giraffe class parents** should arrive at **1.15** and you can take your children home as sports day finishes.

LK parents should arrive at **2.00 on Wednesday 20th July** and you will be able to take your children as the event finishes.

Congratulations

Harper Rose in Giraffes for working hard to read her key words.

Habiba in LK for being a super role model to others.

Jake in ED for showing the value of kindness to all of his friends.





Federation of Boldmere Schools @BoldmereSchools

5B have been very busy making water cycles in Science today. We can't wait to witness evaporation, condensation and precipitation with our own eyes!



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Music Lesson Fees Could any parents who have not already paid for the <u>full academic year</u> for music lessons please do so via ParentPay by Wednesday 13th July.

Please ensure that your child has a sun hat and sun cream for them to apply themselves during the hot weather

DIARY DATES - Remainder of 2022 Tuesday 12th July Parents' celebration open evening POSTPONED Wednesday 13th July Open evening for new year 3 parents - POSTPONED Wednesday 20th July Children break up for the summer holidays Wednesday 7th September Children begin the new school year 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.



The Boldmere Bolts are a new basketball team for children in Key Stage 2. Led by qualified primary school teachers with coaching qualifications, DBS checks and safeguarding training.

11am- 12pm@Sutton Girls sports hall £6 per session

JOIN THE CLUBS WHATS APP GROUP TO SHOW YOUR INTEREST Or Contact Michael on 07989784448



<u>Attendance</u>

Last week's attendance for the school was 96.3%. Our target each week is 97%.

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree was again 4W. This terms standings for attendance are as follows:

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WIN £1,000 to help your school rebuild their library – plus a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

Schools everywhere are doing their best to help children catch up with the months of learning lost during the pandemic, and yet reading for pleasure – which has been shown time and time again to be the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – is falling off the agenda. A study by our friends Read for Good – a charity which raises money for books for schools and children in hospital by getting children reading for fun – found that 81% of schools didn't have a separate budget for reading for pleasure, while almost three quarters of schools reported decimated library stocks due to unreturned books during lockdown or library resources being diverted elsewhere.

It's time to get serious about reading for pleasure, and start rebuilding our schools' libraries. We're giving five schools £1,000 of National Book Tokens each, plus membership to the School Library Association, to help them rebuild their range of books and encourage reading for pleasure now and for generations to come.

Nominate your school using the form below, and if yours is one of the five winning entries, you'll also win a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

Winners will be drawn at random after Friday 29th July and announced in September 2022.

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rebu ild-the-library&utm_campaign=20220623_schools#win-1000-for-your-schools-library---form





Bring it on Brum! is running FREE activity clubs in Birmingham for those aged 4-16 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Activity clubs will run from Monday 25 July to Friday 2 September with sessions lasting around 4 hours. Each child is eligible to attend up to 16 sessions during the summer school holidays.

Activities include sports and games, arts and crafts, cookery, dance and music. Programmes will vary depending on the type and location of each local club, but every day there will be a delicious nutritious meal served up for **free**!

If you're in need of a little inspiration for an amazing summer, check out your nearest Bring it on Brum! location and register today using your unique HAF code or give your code to the club of your choice if they are taking bookings directly. TO GET YOUR HAF CODE PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE SCHOOL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

You will be able to book activities from **1 July 2022** at: <u>www.bringitonbrum.co.uk</u>. The website will be updated regularly as new providers are confirmed so if you can't find a suitable holiday club straight away, check back regularly.

Can't get out this summer?

Our website has loads of great ideas to keep kids of all ages entertained. We've got heaps of downloadable games and activities and links to videos that you and your family can enjoy at any time and in any weather.

We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity so your child(ren) can have a summer of fun with their friends - and be fit and ready to return to school in September.

PTA News

Summer Fair Rainbow Auction

Thanks to the wonderful colour donations we received, we have 7 beautiful rainbow-coloured hampers available for our online "Summer Fair Rainbow Auction". Bidding is live from now until 7pm on Sunday 17th July. Please visit <u>www.pta-events/boldmere</u> to view and bid on the rainbow hampers. Winners will be announced on Monday 18th July and hampers will be available to collect from school thereafter. All proceeds go towards the new Juniors Play Equipment. Happy Bidding!



Boldmere PTA Summer Fair – THANK YOU!

It was so lovely to see the school community coming together last Friday. Thank you to all who came to our Summer Fair and in doing so contributed to raising a whopping £4,000 that will benefit all children at Boldmere Infant and Junior School.

- Thank you to all the parents and carers who volunteered, giving up your time to prepare during the day or run the stalls. Without you, the fair and other events that the PTA organise and run would simply not happen.
- Thank you to all the school staff who volunteered their time to run stalls after a full day in school. Thanks also to the Caretaker Mr Rollason for his efforts!
- Thank you to the PTA Reps who have shared messages on WhatsApp groups and social media to get the donations and volunteers we needed to run the event.
- The last Thank You goes to the PTA Volunteers who organised this Summer Fair. They were at school all day until past 7pm (sorry Mr Rollason) tidying up, sorting out PTA equipment and counting the money raised under the supervision of our diligent treasurer. In addition, they also spent weeks planning the event, collecting donations, buying sweets, ice creams, food, drinks and everything else we all enjoyed.

Ultimately it is the Children we do this for and we are so close to reaching our ambitious £10k target for the Junior School Play Equipment!

School Uniform Donations

If you are looking to donate outgrown school uniform / school shoes and PE kit before the summer holidays, PTA representatives will be available to receive clean uniform donations on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week at their usual place by the main gates. If you are planning a clear out during the holidays, we shall also be accepting uniform donations once school reopens in September. Thank you.

Big Boldmere Summer Fundraiser

#BoldmerePTA

Due to the huge success of the Summer Fair, we are pleased to update that we have now raised £9,800 of our £10k target! As long as the weather remains decent and the ice creams keep selling, we hope to reach the target by the end of term! Watch this space next week...

#BBSF SCHOOL HAVE ASKED THE PTA TO DONATE £10,000 TOWARDS REPLACEMENT JUNIOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT £9800

£4000 was raised at the Summer Fair!! Thank you everyone who attended and contributed. We're almost there!

ALL PTA ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THIS SUMMER TERM WILL COUNT TOWARDS THIS GOAL