

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

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

Dear parents and carers,

Last week there was a theme of remembrance in school, this week that changes quickly to anti-bullying and then ends with Children In Need on Friday. With regard to the latter, a reminder that children are encouraged to come to school in non-uniform, the theme for which is 'SPOTacular', for a £1 donation. There will also be a few other fundraising activities that will take place on Friday including a 'baked or bought' cake sale and also some classroom based games. All funds raised will be donated to the Children In Need appeal. As is the case with Children In Need, anti-bullying week is a permanent fixture in the school calendar and to give some detail and context to how this is marked at Boldmere, please see the specific anti-bullying newsletter attached to this. The theme for anti-bullying this year is Reach Out. Mentioned in that newsletter are actions we have taken/are taking (associated with anti-bullying) from the recent parental survey. The collated survey results in full have been included as an attachment to this newsletter but certainly I am pleased to report that 95% of parents agreed that their child was happy at Boldmere and the same number agreed that their child felt safe at school.

Additionally, the majority of parents felt that their child has not been bullied at Boldmere, but a small number (9%) felt that their child had been bullied and that this was not dealt with by the school quickly or effectively. This is an area we really want to improve upon and it is hoped that the focus on anti-bullying this week, along with revisions made to the school's behaviour policy, will have the desired effect. Whilst it is not practicable to capture and share all of the parental feedback stemming from the parent survey, it is my intention in the next few days to share some of the key areas/themes identified by parents as strengths and just as importantly, suggestions of things can be improved further. This will be communicated via Parent Mail.

Continuing on the theme of parental engagement, but from a slightly different angle now, as I say a huge well done and thank you to all involved in the Year 4 parent/grandparent/carer maths workshop last week. We had over 70 visitors in school attending the workshop that set out to give a flavour of how maths is taught in school and to provide the opportunity to take part in the sort of mathematical activities the children in Year 4 take part in. It is the intention that over the course of the year, similar opportunities, although not necessarily with a maths focus, will be given to all year groups so keep a close eye out for the next instalment. On the theme of school visitors, I would just like to share with you a new venture that we are introducing in school, one which we hope and expect will truly inspire children. We are really keen to tap into the undoubted skills and talents of parents and community members, inviting visitors in to speak with and present to children about their own areas of interest and expertise, with the intention of inspiring the next generation. This initiative has been labelled by staff as 'spotlight', with the spotlight being placed on those who inspire us. We had our first visitors last Friday; further detail later in this newsletter and we will shortly be visited by two service women, one from the fire service and one from the police dog handling unit, both of whom we are sure will expertly share with children that nothing should stop in the way of chasing your dreams. Anyone reading this who feels this is something they would like to be involved in, we would love to hear from you either via the school office or a member of staff at the school gate. Finally from me this week, a nod to the Governing Body newsletter that was shared with all parents at both schools on Friday last week. If you haven't yet had the chance to read the newsletter, I urge you to do so as the hand of financial hardship only appears to be strengthening its grip on us all at the moment.

## Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November



**On Friday, we will be enjoying a SPOTacular day of fun activities! Here are some of them:**

**Non-uniform spotty day!** Pay £1 (online if possible) to come to school in anything spotty - get creative! If you can't make it spotty then come in Pudsey yellow or multicolours!

**SPOTacular Bake Sale!** Get creative in the kitchen and bring in your beautiful bakes with a spotty theme! Please label your containers to be returned, with your name and class and include a list of ingredients. Alternatively, you can donate ready-made bakes in the packaging, so we can check for allergens. **NO NUTS PLEASE!** Cakes will sell for 20p - 50p

**Pudsey Bear Pong!** We will be having in-class tournaments. Children can pay 50p for one go (3 balls) or £1 for 3 goes, to try and score the most points. The children at the top of the class leader board will win a prize!

So remember to bring your change to buy some yummy bakes and join in the fun!

**If you wish to make an online donation to Children In Need please use the following school link:**

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=8629>

### **EDUCATIONAL VISITS REMINDER**

Please ensure payments are made via Parent Pay by the required deadlines to enable activities can go ahead.

Year 3 The Animal Man visit on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 National Space Centre visit on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential visit from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### **World Cup launch – Week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

To mark the beginning of the world cup, on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November we will be giving children the opportunity to attend school in the colours of the team they will be supporting throughout the competition.

Additionally, there will be further activities including house sports' competitions to promote the importance of children being active. This will mean that there will be additional days in which the children attend school in sporting clothes next week, further detail of which will be communicated separately via Parent Mail.

### **Year 3 Maths Workshop**

Year 3's Maths workshop will be **Thursday 1st December 9:15 to 10:45**. We warmly invite two adults per child to come and share in their child's learning!

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

Music contracts were sent home before half term to relevant pupils, these must be signed and returned urgently. Autumn term fees should be paid via Parent Pay by **18<sup>th</sup> November**.

### **NUT ALLERGIES**

**Some pupils have come to school recently with snacks/ packed lunches containing nuts or nut products including Nutella and Ferrero Rocher. Due to our pupils and members of staff with nut allergies we do not allow any nuts or nut foods/products.**

### **Flu Vaccinations**

NHS nurses will be coming into school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December to administer nasal flu vaccinations to all year groups. Please note that all families need to return a consent form for each child to give a **YES or NO response** to receiving the nasal vaccination. **Please return forms to school by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November as forms will be collected by the NHS next Monday.**

## Celebration Assembly w/c 14/11/22


Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors for this week:

3U	Ismene
3P	Conan
3M	Coco
4RW	Daniel
4Q	Millie
4H	Flynn

5W	Megan
5CS	Mabel
5B	Lydia
6F	Laney
6J	Jack
6PJ	Isla



### Tweet of the week

 Federation of Boldmere Schools  
@BoldmereSchools

5CS have enjoyed their 'Reach Out' lesson on anti bullying this afternoon and are making posters to remind everyone how we can reach out if we need help ourselves and reach out to those who may need help.  
#ReachOut ❤️ #OddSockDay



### Attendance

Last week's attendance for the school was 97.7%.  
Our target each week is 97%

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree was 3P.

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
Week 5	3M, 6J and 6F
Week 6	3M and 6J
Week 7	3M
Week 8	3P

## BUSY BODIES

~~Showcase your talent~~ - Our wonderful Busy Bodies children have been sharing with us the amazing access they have to various clubs, activities and other opportunities they access outside school, such as Razzmatazz, singing, dancing, gymnastics, karate and kickboxing clubs to mention but a few.

I am delighted to inform you that we have planned a talent show night at Busies for week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November. Some of our children would like to bring in their costumes, equipment or other clothing to help with their performance. For this, we will require our parents help and support.

If your child has requested to bring in their equipment such as guitars, violins etc. We will kindly write a note to send home in the coming weeks, so that parents/carers can assist to ensure that these items are safe brought to Busies and can be stored safely for the performance day and then returned home.

Wish our super star some luck and help them to practice, practice at home. We will also be doing practice whilst at Busies over the next two weeks ready for their final performance. Luckily, we have Teigan who recently joined our team; she is absolute brilliant and can help to guide those children who will be doing their dance and gymnastic routines.

~~Safety notice~~ - Please can we politely remind parents/carers regarding sending items with nuts into school. We have a nuts free zone policy as many of our children and staff have an allergy to these items. Kindly ensure that you do not include any food items in your children's lunch boxes that may put others at risk. Thank you in advance.

## TT Rockstars Update!

It has been wonderful to see so many children (and teachers!) earning their Rockstar, Rock Legend and Rock Hero statuses in Celebration Assembly. Remember, you need to play in Studio 10 times to achieve your status. Badges are coming soon so get rocking!

Congratulations to this week's Class Rockers of the week: 3M. They had the highest average time spent playing online.

Well done to Alexandros in Year 6 for being our fastest Rocker of the week with an impressive speed of 0.66 seconds per question- wow!

Parents/Carers you can find more information about TT Rockstars in the leaflet attached to the newsletter. I have also tweeted a video.

Next Battle: Year 3 v Year 5!

Miss Jackson

## Diary Dates – school term dates 2022-2023

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

Photographer taking individual pupil photos – school uniform must be worn

### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

Year 3 Animal Man visit

### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

Children's Christmas Dinner

Flu Vaccinations

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children

PTA Elfridges

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 4 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 4 Christmas Production - Evening performance 6:00-7:00pm

### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Year 4 Christmas Production - Afternoon performance 2:00-3:00pm

Year 5 National Space Centre visit

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Parties (One year group per day)

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Children break up for the Christmas holidays

Afternoon church service at St Michael's

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### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

INSET day – school closed to children

### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January**

Children return to school

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Year 4 Whitemoor Lakes Residential

### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Children break-up for February half-term

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

Children return to school

### **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

Children break-up for Easter

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Children return to school

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

May Day Bank Holiday – School closed

### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday – School closed

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

Children break-up for half-term

### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

Children return to school

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Children break-up for summer holidays

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July**

INSET days – school closed to children

## 'Spotlight' on...Kevin Brown, and colleagues from the Community Games



On Friday last week, some of our children got to meet Dennis Kennedy and Steph Donovan, of the community games, who I am sure many of you will be familiar with due to the ever increasing popularity of the summer community games. Dennis and Steph shared with us that the games will be holding their first winter games event this year, details of which are included on the flier below. Joining Dennis and Steph was former UK and Commonwealth athlete Kevin Brown, one of the games' ambassadors who shared some of his medals with the children and inspired them with his incredible story of commitment and determination to overcome adversity. Kevin shared with the children that in his adulthood, he was diagnosed with Dyslexia, something that had hindered him throughout his school years but that his passion for athletics overcame. Kevin made it clear to the children that it is ok to be different and anything is possible! In his daily work, Kevin shared how he now uses assistive technology to help him by way of a small device called an Orcam Reader that helps him read text and documents. We are incredibly grateful to all three visitors for a truly inspiring morning, and also to Orcam themselves who have been so kind as to gift the school a reader identical to that used by Kevin for some of the children in the school to use.

**£5** pp  
Pre-School Children Free

**Monday 19th  
December  
2022**

**OVER  
20  
SPORTS  
TO TRY**

**MORNING  
SESSION  
10am –  
12noon**

**AFTERNOON  
SESSION  
1pm –  
3pm**

**COMMUNITY  
GAMES**  
Fun and Inspiring

**WINTER  
GAMES**

BMET COLLEGE, Lichfield Road,  
The Royal Town of Sutton Coldfield,  
Birmingham, B74 2NW

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## **Boldmere Inclusion Base (BIB) News**

### **Celebrations**

LK-**Theo** for Settling back into school after being poorly.

KM/ED- **Enya** for working incredibly hard in Maths.

### **Notices**

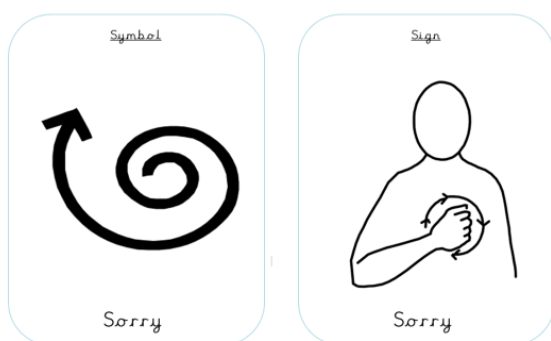
**Train to Birmingham for ED/KM-** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> a reminder that the children are taking a train to Grand Central and back in preparation for a future event. Details to follow.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November '**Children in Need, 'Spotacular'** Day. Children can come into school in their own clothes and wear something spotty.

**BIB Coffee Afternoon –CANCELLED.** Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have to cancel this event.

**Junior BIB children** LK and ED/KM, will now be automatically sent information about any up and coming Junior school trips or visits. The children are invited to attend any events that their mainstream peers are included in. Any questions please do come and speak to your child's class teacher or me.

**New Makaton Sign** – The next Makaton sign is Sorry. Please practice at home with your children.



This week is also '**National Nursery Rhyme**' week. Please follow on Twitter where you will see some Nursery Rhymes you might know using Makaton.

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