

# Boldmere Junior School

## Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Resilience

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

Dear parents and carers,

What a week or so it's been and the heat these last few days has certainly tested what resolve we have left. If I am honest, it feels like we have limped towards the finish line of this academic year and I sincerely hope this isn't an omen heading into the Commonwealth games this summer! Despite the limp, we still got there and huge credit to the children, and the staff, for keeping on going and ensuring that school retains that positivity that I am certain would be lacking in other establishments; well done all! Departures is very much the theme of this week's opening. Regretfully, conditions have affected some plans for our Year 6 leavers this week but still a good time has been had that in the past week or so has seen them enjoy rock climbing, lego workshops, bouncy castles, a cinema morning, a 'not-so-silent' disco of sorts, puppet workshops, leavers' book presentation; all served with pizza and ice cream! A truly wonderful, and just deserved, end to an incredible group of young people. We'll talk more about them at their leavers' service tomorrow evening but ahead of then, I would just like to share the wise words of Winnie the Pooh, c/o A.A Milne: *"If ever there comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart, I'll stay there for ever."* Year 6, I am sure Boldmere will be kept in your forever and we wish you every success on the way! Good luck every one of you and keep making us proud!

It's not only Year 6 though that we are saying goodbye to this week. Sadly, Mr Wade will today finish his spell with us at Boldmere, having decided to pursue a career in teaching himself, inspired by his time with us. We wish Otis all the very best and I am certain the children will miss him dearly. Two departures from Busies this week too...Chloe will be leaving us to attend university and Helen will be retiring (again). Good luck to them both; they too will be sorely missed. One more departure for now, albeit (I hope) only a temporary one, as Mrs Kilday begins her maternity absence. As ever, we wish Mrs Kilday all the very best, and frankly she deserves it after coping with the heat of this week. Before moving on to the subject of September, a few notable events to update you with that took place last week. Our Year 3 children had a 'whale' of a time at the Sea-Life centre in Birmingham last week. This trip is always a hit with children, particularly the tunnel part, and it's always more fun to be writing about an animal back in school that a few days before you were face to face with! A separate visit, but equally as good a time, was had at Cadbury World by our Year 5 children (accompanied by myself I am privileged to say)! During their visit, children learned about, sampled and brought home chocolate. What's not to enjoy? As is to be expected but nonetheless deserves a mention, the children conducted themselves impeccably during their visits and we are very proud that it was the Boldmere uniform they were wearing! Final mention this week goes to some of our talented musicians who had the opportunity of a lifetime this Sunday evening; performing incredibly with other young musicians at the Symphony Hall in the city centre. Stunning would be an understatement and the sense of pride from those amongst us in the audience was tangible. Massive thank you to the parents that attended in support, and especially to Miss Walker and Mrs Hynes who gave up their Sunday to enable the children this opportunity!

Finally then, on to September and a reminder that the school term starts for all children on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. Staff will be in school from the 5<sup>th</sup> September therefore we ask that parents look out for parent mails from this point onwards. Have a great summer everyone!

## Current Year 5 - Secondary Transfer Preferences

Letters have been sent home with your child this week outlining the Birmingham City Council Secondary Transfer process – please note the online site is available from 1<sup>st</sup> September until 31<sup>st</sup> October for you to make your choices.

### School Sports

This year has been another highly successful year at Boldmere in terms of school sports and the extra-curricular opportunities we offer to all children at Boldmere. I am delighted to say that this academic year, **99.15% children** (97.1% boys, 95.6% girls) at Boldmere Junior School have attended at least one additional extra-curricular club. On top of this, we have had **33.06%** of children represent the school in at least one sports team, across all of KS2. Broken down, this is **24.7%** of Year 3 children, **25.8% of Year 4 children**, **35.2% of Year 5 children and 48.3% of Year 6 children**. These teams include: cross-country, football (boys and girls), netball, swimming, multi-skills, cricket, tennis, rounders (boys and girls), tri-golf and athletics. Finally, this year, **65.2% of Y6 children** have run a club, giving them leadership, management and officiating opportunities. I am pleased to say that we are going to continue to give children as many extra-curricular opportunities as possible next year to help them develop and grow as individuals.

If your child has represented any sports teams this year, can you please check for any school sports kits at home. We are still missing some football kits, athletics vests and blue Nike t-shirts.

### BIB News

Well, what lovely weather to finish off the term. I do hope that it continues for us into the Summer break. The last 6 months for me have flown by and want to thank you all for your support. I look forward to what is to come in the new academic year.

The children have worked so hard. It has been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of them.

The staff and children have enjoyed taking part in so many different events and occasions with both the Infants and the Junior schools. From listening to Toscana Strings play, taking part in Autism Acceptance Month, Jubilee celebrations, watch Professor Brainstorm, ED going swimming, the theatre trip and community trip to the library it really has been a fun packed year.

Over the Summer have a fabulous time. Make memories and enjoy being able to get out and about again. There is no set homework for the children. However, please do take advantage of the reading books online and the library's Summer reading challenge. If you visit any interesting places or take any photographs that the children would like to share with us in September, we would love to see them.

### Celebrations

I would like to celebrate all of the BIB children and staff this week for their continued hard work and hope that they all have a well-deserved break.

Happy Holidays!

## Tweet of the week!



**Kids UK** @KidsUKTrust · 5h  
We would like to say a huge Thank You to our partnership schools, @BoldmereSchools @CoppiceB75 @littlesub75 @mgcps\_b75 & @TheShrubberySch for linking with us this year. We have had a brilliant year of workshops, assemblies & mentoring sessions & we look forward to September #PSP



## Music Lessons

If your child is not continuing to have their paid music lessons in September please note that a half term's notice is required.

## Roald Dahl Day (13/9/22)

On Tuesday 13th September, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl day. As part of the celebrations, we ask that children dress in Roald Dahl inspired character, if they wish to do so. During our writing lessons, we will be studying a variety of Roald Dahl novels and creating some of our own writing based on his work.

## DIARY DATES - Remainder of 2022

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

Children break up for the summer holidays

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

Children begin the new school year

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

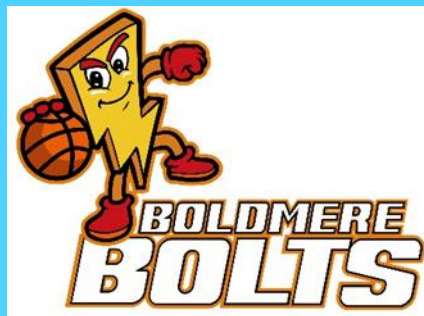
Children break-up for October half-term

### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Children return to school

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



## **Attendance**

Last week's attendance for the school was 94.6%. Our target each week is 97%.

The class with the best attendance and gaining their attendance leaf for our tree was again Y6FS.

Out termly winners, who enjoyed a tea-party today were 5PJ.

Week	Class
12 <sup>th</sup> July	6FS
5 <sup>th</sup> July	4W
28 <sup>th</sup> June	4W
21 <sup>st</sup> June	3H
14 <sup>th</sup> June	6J
7 <sup>th</sup> June	5PJ
25 <sup>th</sup> May	5PJ
17 <sup>th</sup> May	4M and 5E
12 <sup>th</sup> May	6J
4 <sup>th</sup> May	6F



## **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=rebuild-the-library&utm\\_campaign=20220623\\_schools#win-1000-for-your-schools-library---form](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?utm_source=nbt&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rebuild-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: [www.bringitonbrum.co.uk](http://www.bringitonbrum.co.uk). 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.

## **Busy Bodies**

Busy Bodies families,

### **Thank you board**

A note to say a huge thank you to all the lovely families who came to our Open Evenings last week, it was wonderful showing you and your little ones around our club. We hope that you enjoyed seeing what your little ones do whilst accessing our provision. We look forward to welcoming all our new starters in September.

Please note that your September fees are not due in until the last day of August being Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>. All new Reception children will be given their ParentPay login when we return to school and we will then be able to assign them to the Busy Bodies payment items.

### **University research project**

Thank you to Jenna Catton (University student) who has been conducting her Masters research project at Busy Bodies- this research was to help Jenna have a better understanding of whether there is a gap in the market between the transition from picture books to chapter books and the influences this has on children reading books in their own time.

Jenna will return in September to give us a snap shot of the conclusion to her research, as a thank you for the children engaging in her research Jenna has been able to provide signed books from her Tutor and Author **Michael Rosen** for the children to take home.

Well done to the children who took part in this survey: Year 2's- Georgia, Saffron, Denver

Year 3's- Sophie, Hettie and all the other children who initially took part in the research project.

### **Year 6 leavers**

A sad farewell to all our year 6 leavers, you have all been a credit to our school and club and we wish you all the very best with all your future ventures. All the staff and children at Busy Bodies will miss you all very much.

### **Polite reminders**

A reminder that due to the very hot weather, we will also be limiting the time our children spend outside but will provide a more chilled atmosphere with movies, games and lighter activities for the children to engage with along with along with ice creams/ lollies.

Children will return to school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September and we look forward to welcoming you all back. Have a fantastic summer break to all our families, and thank you for all your constant support throughout the year. Your kind thoughts and wishes to our staff are greatly appreciated by all our staff members!

Happy Summer holidays everyone.

## **PTA News**

### **Summer Fair Rainbow Auction**

Thank you to everyone who placed bids on the beautiful Rainbow Auctions which were made up from your generous donations. Winners have been contacted with details on how to collect their hampers. Congratulations to all the winners!

### **PTA Ice Cream Shop**

We have now sold out of all ice cream stock and are pleased to announce that this term we raised a fantastic £1,200 from ice cream sales. A big thank you to everyone who has supported us in buying ice creams and slushies – and a HUGE thank you to the incredible ice cream team for the many hours they have volunteered buying the ice cream stock, setting up, selling ice creams and cashing up.

### **School Uniform Donations**

We are pleased to announce that our Boldmere Pre-Loved Uniform Shop raised over £500 for the PTA, as well as recycling over 300 items of clothing. Thank you so much to everyone who donated their items and used the shop to purchase items. Also a huge THANK YOU goes to the PTA Uniform Team who have spent many hours sorting uniform, liaising with customers, picking orders and setting up pop-up shops. If you are having a clear out over the Summer Holidays, please consider holding on to used uniform until we can receive donations again in September. Please note, the online shop will be closed until September, thank you.

### **End of Year Thanks**

This week we say Goodbye to parents who are leaving us as their children move on to secondary school. We want to take this opportunity to thank them for their contributions and time over their years with us. An extra special thank you is reserved for those who have helped make the PTA the huge success it is today. This year we're losing PTA members who have been heavily involved in running the PTA for several years. Without volunteers like these, giving up hundreds of hours of their own spare time, the PTA would not exist and would not raise the funds we do for the school. THANK YOU!

### **Big Boldmere Summer Fundraiser**

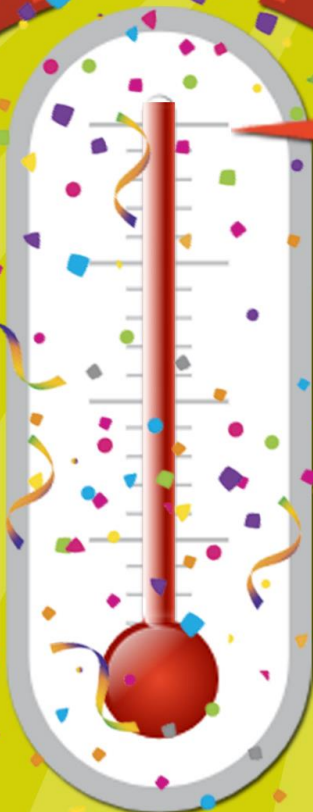
We are so delighted to announce that the proceeds from the Rainbow Hampers and Ice cream sales this week have taken our BBSF above the £10k target! This is such an incredible achievement to raise this amount of money in such a short space of time! Huge congratulations to everyone who has contributed in whatever way! We can't wait to see the new play equipment in September!

#BoldmerePTA

# Big Summer Fundraiser

#BBSF

GOAL!



**THANK YOU!!**

**£10,000**

**SCHOOL ASKED THE PTA TO  
DONATE £10,000  
TOWARDS REPLACEMENT  
JUNIOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT  
YOU MADE IT HAPPEN IN ONE TERM**

**THANK YOU FOR EVERY ICE CREAM, RAFFLE TICKET,  
AUCTION, DRINK, SNACK, TREAT, ACTIVITY,  
BOUNCE AND DANCE PURCHASED, IT ALL HELPED  
THE PTA RAISE THE MONEY SCHOOL NEEDED!!**