

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Appreciation

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

At the time of writing this, I think we have all just about recovered from what was an incredibly fun-packed week that began with children enjoying science week and ended with some of them getting to 'pie-face' their teacher! With regard to science week, children enjoyed numerous activities ranging from exploring air-compression with plastic bottle 'rockets', to building structures out of cocktail sticks and fruit gums capable of withstanding the weight of several books and even some classes exploring the density of fruits, with and without their skin! If this is not 'real' science, I do not know what is!

The end of the week saw the school support comic relief, with a fantastic day of forfeits, cake-eating, and in some classes impersonating their teacher (thankfully however without being added to the pay-roll – not sure the budget would stretch to their demands!) all of course in support of a very worthy cause. It is impossible for me to capture in a few words the excitement and hilarity that marked comic-relief in school so instead I implore you to take a look at the school's twitter feed where you will see nothing short of an incredibly happy school! A massive thank you to the efforts of parents, children and staff, particularly Mr Churchill and Mrs Hines who along with the school council helped organise the events. Through the collective of efforts of all, we have raised an incredible £1,224.53 of which a large portion will benefit the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine.

School Governor visits: On Wednesday this week, many of our school Governors will be in school to join the school's leadership team in exploring the quality of teaching and learning in the school. These visits are hugely important as they enable Governors the opportunity to support, but also challenge school leaders in the extent to which we meet our core responsibilities, caring for and educating children. At the same time, the visit will enable children to put a friendly and familiar face to our school Governors. As part of the visit this week, Governors will get the opportunity to hear some of our children read so this might be something your child shares with you at the end of the school day.

Finally from me this week...**parent representatives...we need you!** Further to the parent survey shared early in the Spring term, the school is seeking to establish a parent working party that will meet ½ termly and contribute to school improvement. Specifically, the working party will work with myself and Mr Hill to address current issues/initiatives including an initial audit seeking to unpick the extent to which the school is tailored to meet its diverse demographic. It will also provide an additional positive communication channel between school and the wider parent body. Further detail will be shared via parent mail later this week so keep an eye out for this as we are ideally looking for one representative per class.

Values Ambassadors



3H Thomas

3U Olivia

4K Martha

4W Jonas

4M Faryal

5E Iman

5B Aurora

5PJ Sania

6FS Lauren

6F Ralph

6J Tiah

**Well Done
Everyone!**



BIB News - An Update from Mrs. Preece

Well a great week for the BIB last week!!

Thank you

We received a generous donation of sand pit sand from **EHSmith** for our EY garden sand pit. The children have very much enjoyed playing in the sand over the last few days. Also, a big thank you to the parents for their kind donations of kitchen utensils, the children have been using them to make sand castles and mud kitchen creations.

The children looked fantastic in their red tops for Comic Relief on Friday! A tremendous **£51.60** was raised by the children and parents during our cake sale for the cause.

Celebrations

Thierry in **Giraffes** for taking part in phonics and writing with the children in Reception.

Shane in **LK** for managing a new transition into the lunch hall with his peers.

Hayden in **ED** for demonstrating empathy and lovely friendship qualities with his peers.

World Autism Acceptance Week 28th March – 3rd April

Next week is World Autism Acceptance week. Mrs Jones and I will be leading assemblies in both the Infant and Junior schools (with BIB children attending) to raise awareness of Autism.

On Friday 1st April, we will also have the pleasure of hearing from Immie Swain, the daughter of Good Morning Britain's Jonathan Swain, about her diagnosis of Autism and how she is working with teachers to help raise awareness.

During the week, to celebrate the National Autistic Society's 60th birthday and raise money to support the Autistic children in the Federation of Boldmere Schools, we are asking the children to join in with a sponsored event. Further details to follow. We hope that you will join us in encouraging your child to take part.

Busy Bodies News

April booking form- please be reminded that as of the April's booking form, there will be a slight fees increase for parents/carers to take into account when tallying your fees from this month onwards.

April's booking form is available for collection from Monday 21st March, please return your forms by **Wednesday 30th March** and payment for fees are due in by Friday 1st April- This is a three-week booking form. Forms are available for collection from a Busy Bodies member of staff, the school's website or in the reception area of the Junior School.

Polite Request – Mossy Bank



The Friends of Mossy Bank have been busy planting spring daffodils and wild flowers for the summer. Please note that children should not be allowed to pick flowers that are intended to improve the environment for people and wildlife.

This January marked the **National Autistic Society's 60th birthday**. To celebrate this, as a school we are going to challenge pupils to complete 6 activities, for 60 seconds each, over 6 days and get your friends and family to sponsor you. Class Teachers will give the children time each day in class from 28th March until 1st April to complete these. On 2nd April, make sure you complete them again at home. All the sponsor money will go to supporting children with Autism at the Federation of Boldmere Schools.

Your challenge for 6 days is:

60 seconds of **STAR JUMPS**

60 seconds of **RUNNING ON THE SPOT**

60 seconds of **STILLNESS/MEDITATION**

60 seconds of **JUMPING ON THE SPOT**

60 seconds of **HOPPING**

60 seconds of **STILLNESS/MEDITATION**

Tweet of the week!

← Tweet



Federation of Boldmere Schools
@BoldmereSchools

A huge thank you to everyone in our Boldmere family that has helped make today's #RedNoseDay2022 Day a fantastic and very funny success! Our total so far is a whopping £1,189! 🤗👏👏👏👏👏👏 Well done Boldmere! This will make a big difference to many lives! 🤗

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13 Likes

PTA News

March PTA Meeting

This month's PTA meeting will take place tomorrow, on Wednesday 23rd March at 8pm. We had hoped to meet in person however, it seems that a Zoom call is more convenient for the majority. Login details will be circulated tomorrow, please email boldmere.pta@gmail.com if you wish to join us.

Mothers' Day Elfridges

This is a final call for anyone who has forgotten to purchase tickets for the Mothers' Day Elfridges shop. Tickets are only available for purchase until midday tomorrow, Wednesday 23rd March, there will be no exceptions for anyone wishing to purchase a ticket after that time. Tickets cost £2.50 each and can be purchased at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere Children with tickets will be invited into the Elfridges shop on Friday 25th March to select their gifts.

Year 2 Leavers Hoodies 2022

Do you have a child in Year 2 leaving the Infant School in July? Our fantastic Year 2 Leavers Hoodies are back by popular demand. If you wish to purchase one for your child, please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere The hoodies cost £20 each, feature the names of all Year 2 pupils on the back and come in a choice of sizes. Orders must be placed by midday on Friday 8th April 2022.

PTA Summer Ball

The tickets for the 2022 Summer Ball are selling quickly! Don't miss out, it is sure to be a fantastic evening including a 3 course meal, live band, auction and games. Tickets cost £50 each and can be purchased at www.pta-events.co.uk/boldmere The Ball will take place at Aston Wood Golf Club on Friday 10th June 2022 from 7pm until 1am. If you have any queries please contact boldmereptaball@outlook.com

Magazines please!

Year 6 are in need of any old magazines that you may have at home for their art work. If anybody has any suitable magazines, please could they kindly send them to Class 6J or the School Office.



Free holiday club for children eligible for free school meals

Similar to the awarding of free-school meal vouchers for holiday periods, we are also now in receipt of vouchers allowing children free access to a holiday club in the local area, the nearest of which is at Wyndley leisure centre. The initiative is funded by Birmingham City Council and seeks to offer the provision to those children in receipt of free school meals.

<https://streetgames.coordinate.cloud/>

Further information about the provision available can be found via the link above. If parents are interested and their child is eligible, please contact the school office so that you can be emailed a voucher code that will enable the booking to be made.

Easter breakfast club - Wylde Green United Reformed Church will be hosting a breakfast club over the April school holidays in their Britwell Rd Hall. The plan is to organise

- A continental breakfast of cereal, fruit, toast and drinks.
- A make your own sandwich bar to take a lunch away,
- Colouring, word searches and the opportunity to use the field at the back of the church as a playground.

All are welcome. There is no charge but donations will be welcome. There is no need to book but please contact revchrisdowd@protonmail.com if you'd like to come along or volunteer to help.

Easter holiday club - Ofsted registered activity provider Aspire Active Camps is running a jam-packed week of sports and physical activities this Easter.

Boldmere families get a unique discount code that means you get 15% off!

Discount code: BOLDIAPR22

Aspire Active Camps is running 11th April - 22nd April at Bishop Vesey's Grammar School

The activities that are running:

- Multi Sports
- Active Leaders
- Dance and Stage Beatz
- Cricket Academy
- Xtra-Time

To book a single day, a couple of days or the whole week, you can visit the Aspire website to find out more and make your booking.

Streetly Tennis Easter Holiday Club

The tennis club is running from 11-14 & 19-22 April from 9am-3.30pm

Book online at

www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk For

further information call Neil on

07974672699 or email

neilgold@hotmail.co.uk

Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Diary Dates - Remainder of 2022

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th April Year 5 Easter Performance

Friday 8th April Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 25th April Children return to school

Thursday 26th May Children break up for May half-term

Monday 6th June Children return to school

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 Christmas holidays