

Boldmere Junior School

Weekly Newsletter

This month's value - Appreciation

A message from Mr Sadler, Head of Junior School

Dear parents and carers,

Yet another incredibly busy week in school with so many highlights I am again struggling to do any justice to in this section of the newsletter. There were sporting highlights for sure, starting with on Wednesday, our cross-country team and the success they had in the Sutton Schools cross-country event. The girls secured second place and the boys first place meaning that combined, Boldmere were victorious overall! Well done to all involved. On Saturday evening, it was the turn of our swimmers who took part in the annual Sutton Schools' swimming gala, an event that was returning after a two-year Covid enforced absence. The tremendous effort of our swimmers saw our combined team secure fourth place over-all. I'm also delighted to share that our girls team achieved first place in the event, bringing home a rather impressive trophy that according to the engraving on it, we last won in 2010. As with our runners, we are incredibly proud of our swimmers, not just for their achievements but for the manner in which they represented the school during these events! We are very proud of the sporting opportunities we offer our children at Boldmere and this will only increase further in the weeks and months to come. To this end, Mr Uppal has recently carried out an audit to determine the number of children accessing our 'sports club offer', with the intention that all of our children are offered at least one sports club, whether this be during the school day or otherwise. This would be quite some feat if we can achieve this and will only benefit our children.

Last week was not only about sport however as there was also a 'cultural-arts' edge to learning taking place across the school with Shakespeare week being marked in school. For me personally, I did not discover Shakespeare until I attended comprehensive school so for our children not only to be learning of his works, but also performing aspects of them is truly incredible; do take a look at our Twitter feed to glimpse the wonderful performances of our year five children last week! Continuing with a literary theme, some of our school Governors were in school last Wednesday and as part of their day, they visited classes to explore how the school teaches reading. As was hoped and expected, Governors were very complimentary about what they saw in classes, commenting positively on our book talk lessons where children were picking apart interesting texts with their teachers, demonstrating an incredible understanding of complex vocabulary in the process. Governors also thoroughly enjoyed reading with our children, and were impressed with the confidence with which they read.

Finally, from the past to the present and this week sees us marking Autism Awareness in school, beginning with an assembly delivered by Mrs Jones and Mrs Preece addressing with children what autism is and how it affects those with the condition. There will be other 'Autism Awareness' events throughout the week that I am certain will be reported on by Mrs Preece and Mrs Jones in due course.

Values Ambassadors



3H Amaya

3P Phoebe

3U Anthony

4K Beau

4W Ieuan

4M Maarya

5E Daniel

5B Kelsie

5PJ Katie

6FS Freya

6F Lucas

6J Finley

**Well Done
Everyone!**



BIB News - An Update from Mrs. Preece

The sun has shone on us at the BIB as the children continue to love playing and learning in our outdoor areas. We have had a visit from the SEND School Governor. She came to look at how we learn and hear some of the children read.

28th March -2nd April is Autism Acceptance week. You all should have received sponsor forms from your children about our sponsored activities in class. This is also for you at home for the 6th day, to help raise money for children with Autism at The Federation of Boldmere Schools. Thank you in advance for your contributions via your ParentPay account. BIB Staff are also 'doing their bit' for Autism, completing the 'Walk for Autism' challenge. 10,000 steps per day for the duration of Autism Acceptance week.

Thank you We have continued to receive generous donations from local companies. Stockland Café and Peter Malier Carpets have provided us with resources to enhance the children's exploratory play.

Up and coming events **The BIB trip to the Theatre** to see 'Dear Zoo' will be going ahead on 6th April. This is a trip that was postponed due to the Covid Pandemic restrictions. Miss Driscoll will send out a reminder letter with the arrangements soon.

Decorate an Egg competition- the children will be invited to 'Decorate an Egg for Easter' for the last week of term. A letter will follow with the details.

Congratulations

Parker in **Giraffes** for settling into his new school well.

James in **LK** for demonstrating good leadership qualities in some activities with his friends.

Kara in **ED** for working hard in Maths all week.

Well done everyone!

Reminders for parents

If your child is absent from school please call the School Office on 0121 464 3656 to advise us of the reason by 9.15am. If you leave a message please provide a full explanation instead of just stating they are ill or not feeling well.

If your child has an appointment and needs to be collected early please can you inform the School Office in advance and provide a copy of the appointment letter.

Please remember to write your child's name in their clothes and coats so they can be returned if they get lost.

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 are giving the children time each day in class this week 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***

Please see the sponsor form attached. **Sponsorship payments can be made via your Parent Pay account.**

Tweet of the week!



PTA News

School uniform donations - We are looking at ways to reduce household costs, reduce waste and top up much needed PTA funds. Please could you donate any good quality, washed and clean school uniform (in particular summer uniform) this Thursday 31st March and Friday 1st April? A member of the PTA will gladly receive the items just outside the Training Room in the area between the two schools. With these donations we hope to launch our pre-loved uniform shop in the near future. Many thanks.

PTA Summer Ball

Don't miss out on your tickets for the PTA Summer Ball. 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

Busy Bodies

Busy Bodies survey- Thank you to all our families who completed our survey, one of the things in particular that parents commented on was having a better awareness of what their children were having for afternoon snacks as their children could never remember. In response to this we have now put together a fortnightly snack menu, which parents can see visually on the Busy Bodies door when they drop off/ collect their children. This will then give you an insight into whether or not you wish to provide a more substantial/ alternative food for their afternoon snacks. Thank you for all your positive feedback, which reassured us that we are accommodating all aspects of your child's care whilst in our setting.

April booking forms- Please remember these need to be returned no later than this Wednesday 30th March to ensure adequate staff both for next week and when we return after the Easter holidays. Fees will be due in advance of care being provided by Friday 1st April.

Planning for next week- Easter egg hunt and many other activities! We are planning to do an Easter egg hunt next week for- Receptions in their Early Years area and Year 1 and Year 2 weather permitting on our school's sports field, Juniors when collected from Busy Bodies will have a mini egg to take home with them. We will confirm which day this will be on in case the children would like to bring in an Easter bonnet to wear on this Eggciting hunt!



Kids Rugby – Try for Free

If your child (girls and boys) may be interested in trying a free rugby session please see the attached flyers for further information and contact details.

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