



NEWSLETTER

- June 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last leg of this academic year has started with excitement as we participate in our **Science week** activities! Children have already been set a challenge to find Mrs. Kenny the best biscuit for "dunking" in her cup of tea! So far, it seems that a shortbread is doing the best job but I look forward to testing all samples through the course of the week! Today Y1, Y2 and BIB classes have also had a visit from Laura at **The Animal Man Company** and children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about lots of animal groups. They have cuddled a honey bear called Esther (Esther in 1M was very keen to tell me this!), and Samuel also explained how the snake had been sitting on his shoulders around his neck! Laura has also reported that we have polite and well behaved children at Boldmere and she has felt very welcomed into our school by all staff. Nursery and Reception classes have Friday 13th June booked for their sessions, so they will also have the opportunity to see and hear all about these lovely animals next week. Thank you to the PTA for funding this opportunity, as ever, we are always grateful for their support.

This week sees our first **Reception Induction** meeting (for parents only) and we will be welcoming all families that are joining Boldmere in September to information sessions at **9.30am/1.30pm on Thursday 5th June**. This is the start of our summer transition program and a very busy time in school as a result. Reception children will have additional "stay & play" sessions week beginning 30th June and details will be provided during the Induction meeting this week.

Our main **transition day** for the rest of school will be **Wednesday 2nd July** where children will spend the day in their new classroom with their new teachers. Further information will be sent in due course but please rest assured that we have an exciting day planned and we encourage children to see the day as a positive experience. Additional transition activities also take place for those children who may require a little more support with changes. We ask that as parents and carers, you also send positive messages to your children and encourage excitement and awe! **Transition meetings for SEND children Y2-Y3** will be taking place during **7th and 8th July** and parents will be allocated specific time slots for these meetings. Mrs Jones will be sending letters with this information next week.

A reminder that **Nursery sports day** is on **Tuesday 10th June** at **10.30am/2.00pm**, please come along to support!

A final message from me this week is in relation to our **Boldmere Bull** (recently named Bibi). Our amazing PTA has again supported our involvement in the Bulls in the City trail which is taking place this summer. After completing the decoration of the Bull, we returned it to the Art committee at John Taylor Hospice and I am pleased to say that our Baby Bull should be appearing soon in Boldmere High street! We are super excited and would encourage everyone to take part in the trail during the summer months. An installation date is still to be confirmed, but this date will be shared with you when received.

Thursday 5th June -

Reception Induction
Information Session at
9.30am/1.30pm

Friday 27th June - Nursery
Induction Sept 2025 -
**Closed to current Nursery
Children**

Friday 18th July - Break up
for the summer holidays

**Monday 1st & 2nd
September -** Professional
Development Day. School
closed to pupils

Wednesday 3rd September
- School re-opens

**Junior Duke Award
Assessment**



Mrs Mason has had
a lovely couple of
days looking at completed
challenges for the Junior
Duke award.

Every child had lots to say
about the challenges and
have been excited to share
the new skills they have
learnt.

A reminder that the final
assessment date will be
Monday 7th July.

Keep up the great work!

Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can
also be found on the school
website:

<https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>



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Calling all Scientists!



This year we are repeating our very successful Science Selfie Competition as part of our science week which begins on **Monday 2nd June**.

There is still time to get your science selfies of you doing something scientific at home. This could be carrying out a mini beast hunt, planting seeds, making slime, meeting a scientist, visiting a museum...

The ideas are endless ... just use your imagination!

All you have to do is take a photo and then, in one sentence, explain what science it is you have been learning.

You can email your entries via your year group email or if you want to print out your photos you can bring them in to your class teacher.

Closing date for entries is **Wednesday 11th June**.

There are prizes to be won for the best three entries.

Good luck!



Attendance - updated processes

Our amended Attendance Processes have been circulated via Parent Mail, including request for absence forms. Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call **(01214642338)** or email

enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk before **9am** in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school (illness or Religious Observance) or if they are going to be late for any reason.

If we have not heard from you then a call will be made to you as part of our responsibility to safeguard children.

Thank you.

Absences

An important reminder about absence requests and penalty notices for unauthorised absences.

The Education Legal Intervention Team have notified school that they have now begun to issue penalty notices (fines) for unauthorised absences.

Please note that fines are issued to **BOTH PARENTS** and **BOTH PARENTS** must pay the penalties.

Failure to pay the penalty notice, will result in the matter proceeding to court and could potentially lead to a criminal record.

Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrives late or has to leave early due to a medical appointment we do need to see some evidence in the school office.

We will need to keep a copy of this to support your child's medical attendance mark on the registers.

Thank you



Parking around school

For reporting illegally parked vehicles, please follow the link...

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20109/parking/1983/report_an_illegally_parked_vehicle



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Busy Bodies News

Busy Bodies Parents/Guardians

Welcome back after the half term break, many of our children have been telling us of the wonderful things they got up to during the May holidays. Some of these included visiting the Gruffalo and stickman trail, some children stayed home, some when away on holiday with family. All of which we were excited to hear about.

Transition to Arbor bookings online - Many of our families are now set up and utilising the Arbor app to make bookings for June onwards. [Congratulations](#), and thank you for being supportive throughout this process. If you are still experiencing any difficulties, or cannot access the Arbor portal for any reason, please contact the Busy Bodies Manager at your earliest convenience.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION- May/June fees via TFC-

A polite reminder to parents/carers paying their fees via the Government Tax- Free Childcare scheme. We have now resolved the banking issues prior to the May half term regarding fees being returned to your account during May. Kindly ensure that you resend the funds to complete your payment, if you have not already done so. If you have recently resent funds across, we endeavour to update these on the Arbor system by the end of this week. Kindly check your account over the weekend to ensure that all is as it should be.

A reminder that there will be no changes to the way parents pay if you use a voucher scheme or the Tax-Free childcare scheme. Payment of fees will be as normal, any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager.

Graphics/sign designers help needed - We are seeking to find out if any of our Boldmere families are Graphics/sign designers or know someone who may be able to help us create a new Busy Bodies sign. Our currently sign is outdated and requires someone creative to design a logo/ images with the new updated information to match our new opening times.

If you could help with this project, kindly contact the Busy Bodies Manager on tel: 0121 464 1343, or email: busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Receptions 2025 OPEN EVENING - We will be holding two afternoon sessions on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June 4:15-5:15pm. We are inviting all perspective applicants to use these days to look around our club, meet our lovely staff members. Most importantly we encourage parents to bring along their children so that they can engage in a nice activity set out by our staff members, and to familiarise themselves with the setting.

If you are interested in your child starting Busy Bodies or know someone who would like to, kindly request a registration pack from a staff member or visit our school website and have a look at the amazing things we get up to at the club.

Kindly hand in all Registration packs in by **Friday 20th June**. We will be sending offer of place **W/C 23rd June**.

We look forward to meeting all of our new families.



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Busy Bodies News (continued)

Young Artists Mythical Madness competition - We wanted to say a HUGE CONGRATULATION to some of our amazing children who took part in this national art competition. We are so proud that some of our children's art work were chosen to be published in a collection of books featuring children's artwork from all over the UK. Parents will receive this week a letter requesting permission for their children's artwork to be published, and a certificate to say well done to the children as below.

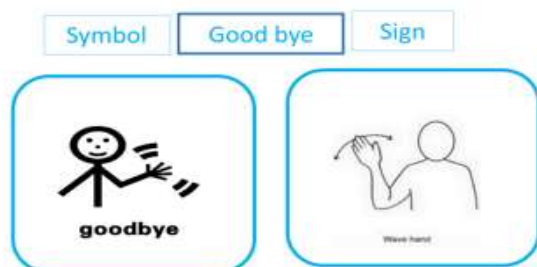
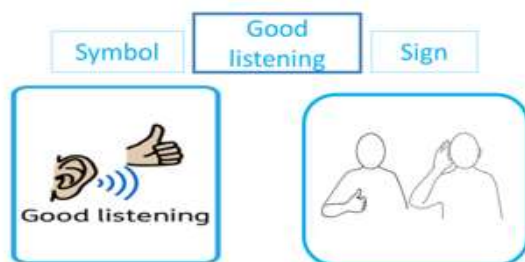
Year 1 Oliver 1H & Alex F 1M **Year 3** Charlotte 3K & Aamina 3K

Year 4 Gia 4C **Year 5** Benjamin 5W, Lily 5W & Anjola 5PJ **Year 6** George 6E

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate in contacting the Busy Bodies Manager on:
Tel: 0121 464 1343 or email: busies@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Makaton Signs of the Week

Thank you for your support, sharing these with the children.



School Emails

The two separate email addresses for Infants/Juniors are:



enquiry-inf@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
enquiry-jun@boldmere.bham.sch.uk

Email addresses for correspondence specific to your child's class/year group.

bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk
yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk



Allergies/food intolerances

If your child has any allergies, please ensure that this information is added to School Grid (Dolce) when you register your child for school meals. This must be completed in addition to notifying the school office.

Dolce manage our lunch provision and it is parent's responsibility to provide food allergy information directly to Dolce via the online portal.



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BIB Newsletter Week beginning 2nd June 2025

I hope you all had a fabulous half term and spent quality time together.
This will be another busy term and I thank you in advance for your ongoing support.

Learning this week:



Giraffes

Maths is recognizing 2D shapes

Literacy, the children are beginning to learn about people who help us. This week's book is 'Emergency by Margaret Mayo. The children are being encouraged to mark make and attempt to trace and write letters of their names. As part of Science week; all the BIB children will be visiting the Animal Man with the Infant children over this week and next.

ED

In Literacy, ED will be continuing to focus on Handa's surprise. Linking with Science week this week, they will be looking at the animals in the story and what they are called.

In Geography, they are looking at the physical features of Kenya, where Handa's surprise takes place.

In Maths, work continues with number bonds and finding 1 more and 1 less.

LK

June 10th will be LK's last swimming session. Thank you to the staff and pupils for making this time so lovely.

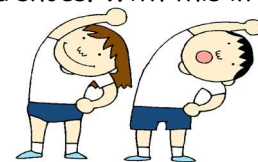
In Maths, LK will be investigating lines and angles.

In Literacy, The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse by Charlie Mackesy is the story of the week. In Art, they will be drawing in the style of the book illustrations and also using lines to reproduce Aboriginal art.

Notices

As a team, we have noticed that some of the children continue to struggle to put on coats and shoes. With this in mind, our Independence skills focus will be on dressing and undressing. This is something we have focused on previously and hope that you will support us in this by providing your child with a PE bag with their clothes on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Children will require, named white T shirts, shorts or jogging bottoms and pumps.



Save the dates

As we have done every year we will be holding our BIB Sports Day on **Wednesday 16th July**.
A letter will follow shortly with arrangements.

There will also be an opportunity for Parents to come into the BIB on the afternoon of **Thursday 17th July**.
Details to follow.

Mrs S Kenny
Head of
School
03/6/2025

Sarah Kenny