

# NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Inspire afternoons last week were a huge success and we would like to thank parents/carers for attending! The sessions are primarily offered to allow children an opportunity to share their learning and have fun with you whilst doing so. There were many happy faces throughout the week and this included adults as well as children. I think some of you also found it quite therapeutic and good for your own wellbeing! There's nothing like a little bit of art and craft to help us ease away the stresses of the day! Feedback provided was positive so thank you for sharing your thoughts after the event.

This week has been somewhat calmer than last, but we are ending the week with our Red Nose Day fund raising. Mrs Mason has provided further details below.

On a musical note, it was lovely to hear the violin and cello players having lessons in the library by my office last week- keep up the great work everyone, you are all trying really hard and I am now recognising and singing along with your playing! Opportunities for Y1 and Y2 children to learn these instruments are available each year. In the summer term, we will be performing a music concert to Reception and Y1 classes and if anyone is interested in learning to play instruments during the next academic year, please contact the school office.

## Red Nose Day 2024- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

To fundraise for Comic Relief 2024 the task is to 'Do Something Funny'. We are asking children to bring a joke into school to tell their friends and to wear something red with their school uniform e.g. red socks, red hair bow, red jumper.

Please have jokes written on a piece of paper with your child's name on, children can then hand these to their class teacher.

We have set a target of fundraising £250 so all donations would be gratefully received. Donations can be made via ParentPay on the following link -

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13970>

We look forward to having some giggles on Friday and will update you on our fundraising total next week!

## Uniform

Please can I remind all parents/carers to ensure that their child/children attend school wearing correct uniform. We are noticing recently, that our uniform expectations are not being met. Children are wearing incorrect coloured tights, trainers rather than shoes, coloured jumpers and also incorrect PE kits. Please can we ask that all uniform meets our school requirements and that children are dressed smartly for school and appropriately for PE lessons.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Easter Bonnet Parade 9.15am

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** - Break up for Easter holidays.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens to all pupils.

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 2 Trip - Black Country Living Museum

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day Bank Holiday - closed to all pupils

## Easter Bonnet Parade

Our annual Easter Bonnet parade will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at approximately 9:10am after morning drop-off. Weather permitting, children will take part in a parade around the playground/field wearing their bonnets/hats!



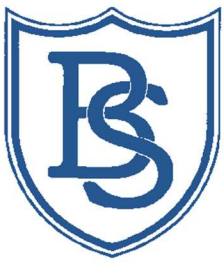
## Nursery September 2024 Intake

Registration forms are available from the school office or they can be downloaded from the school website under the Parents/Admissions tab.

If you know of anyone that may be interested in a nursery place then please get them to call us on 0121 464 2338.

**The closing date for applications is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**





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## Book Week round up

What a busy week we had last week! Thank you to everyone who supported us in some way. The children looked fantastic on World Book Day wearing some amazing costumes! The secret readers were a great hit - the children loved having their grown ups come in to read a story. A huge thank you to everyone that bought books in our Book Fair. We have raised £427 in commission to spend on books for our school library. We can't wait to read our new books! It was lovely to welcome grown ups into school for our Inspire workshops. The feedback forms indicate that everyone had a great time.

## Reading Explorers

Last week, all children will have taken home a 'Reading Explorer' sheet. Instructions of how to complete the challenge are on the back of the Explorer sheets. As general guidance, we would expect children to achieve one award in each half term between now and July. Most of the books are available in the school library and the staff at Boldmere Library are always happy to help children find the books that they need. It would be lovely to see a record of your reading in the blue reading records as well. Happy reading!

## Congratulations!

A huge well done to our Year 1 and 2 Athletics Team - Ellison, Jorgie, Teddy, James, Leo, Grace, Joe, Kuba, Rosie, Ruth, and Fleur. Last Wednesday they competed against other local schools in a range of athletics activities at Bishop Vesey Grammar School. They jumped, bounced, threw and ran showing good sportsmanship towards each other and the other teams. Although we did not win the competition, the children were a credit to the school. Well done! Thank you to the parents who came and supported us - your cheering was appreciated!

## Bhangra Workshop

As previously mentioned, we have made a booking for Dansansaar to provide dance workshops on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April, the first week back after the Easter holidays. All classes, including Nursery and the three BIB classes will have the opportunity to take part. We are asking for a parental contribution of just £3.00 to cover the costs of the workshop. Thank you to families that have already donated. We have currently received £249 towards the total cost of £600.

## Lost - Navy Blue Glasses

A pair of glasses belonging to one of our children have been lost-please could you check your child's school bag.

## Y2 Trip to the Black Country Museum

Can all Year 2 parents/carers complete the consent form for the Year 2 trip to the Black Country Museum along with the meal preference form and return them to school please. Payment must also be made via ParentPay.

Thank you to families that have already paid. We have currently received half of the payments. If sufficient contributions are not received, unfortunately the trip will be cancelled.

## Aston Villa

A huge thank you to Amber and the staff at Aston Villa who have donated some books for our school library to help celebrate World Book Day. The children had great fun in their PE lessons finding the books in the hidden places!

## Congratulations Board

Congratulations to these children who are on the Congratulations Board this week:

Year 1: Fleur, Elyon & Danny  
Year 2: Keava, Ettie & Dylan



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**Newsletter BIB week beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> 2024**

## **Celebrations**

**Zak in Giraffes** for fully engaging in World Book Day activities.

**Aleen in LK** for showing kindness to her peers in the BIB.

**Cole in ED** for persevering in PE when he found an activity difficult.

**Aleen, Jeevika and Yasmin in LK** have helped their class to receive the Rock Stars Times Tables award for this week.

## **PE champions**

Mr. Tom awarded the PE champion trophies to:

**Zak in Giraffes**

**Shane in LK**

**James in ED**



## **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief Red Nose Day**

Friday is a PE day in the BIB; rather than children coming to school dressed in red, children should come to school in their usual PE kits, but **wearing a flash of red** to celebrate Comic Relief day e.g. red socks, hair bobbles, bands, T shirt.

**We will be holding our own Cake sale in the BIB on that day.** Please could you donate any home or bought bakes to school on the Friday morning. Please ensure that they do not contain any nuts or chocolate containing nuts as we are a nut free school due to children and staff having serious nut allergies. If baking your own then please include a list of ingredients on the box. Children will be able to buy a baked sweet treat at break time, for 20p - 50p.

You will have received a letter regarding our **Easter Activities Afternoon Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 1.45pm**. Please return the reply slips to your child's teacher.

## **Easter Bonnet Parade Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Infant children in the BIB are invited to make an Easter Bonnet for the end of term. We will be parading them at the end of the day around the playground and we will open the gates for you at 2.45pm to join us.

## **Decorate an Egg Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Junior Children in the BIB are invited to decorate an egg and bring it in to the BIB. There will be prizes for the most egg-cellent ones.



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

[bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:bib-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:nursery-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:reception-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr1-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

[yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:yr2-contact@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)

## **Values**

Our value this half term is **appreciation**.

**Our Vision:** The Federation of Boldmere Schools empowers all children to embrace learning; achieve their personal best; and build their social, emotional and physical wellbeing.





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## Lunchtime Club Letters for Summer Term 2024

Letters were sent home last week for Year 1 & Year 2 lunchtime clubs for next term. If your child did not bring one home please collect one from the office. These clubs can be oversubscribed and we use the process of a lucky dip to ensure fair policy. It is therefore important to ensure that reply slips are returned to school and **payment made via Parentpay** before the deadline which is **9am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**.

## Milk Letters for Summer Term 2024

Milk letters were sent home for the summer term last week. Order forms and payment via ParentPay must be received by **9am on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March** at the very latest. If your child is in a Reception class, please do not assume they will continue to receive milk even though they are under five. A new order form must be completed and sent to school. Spare letters can be obtained from the school office.

## Busy Bodies

A polite reminder- please do not park in front of the school carpark when dropping your children off in the mornings as teachers are arriving and are unable to gain access to the school.

## Craft resources

Please can we ask for any unwanted craft resources and especially clean newspapers.

## Easter egg hunt

We shall be holding an eggciting Easter egg hunt on and around the playground on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, those who find a golden egg will receive a prize

## Ordering Lunches Via School Grid

Please can we remind parents that you need to order lunches for your child via School Grid.

If your child is absent from school, please remember to cancel any ordered lunches as soon as possible to help reduce any wasted meals

## \*U6 Players Required\* School Year 1 - 5/6 years old



Boldmere st Michael's are looking  
for Mid-high Level U6 Players to join  
our team

Also looking for a Goal Keeper  
Please contact the below to discuss  
further:



Scott 07411840435  
Dom 07710462299



## Absences & Lateness

Please can we remind all parents/carers that you need to call (01214642338) or email ([enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@boldmere.bham.sch.uk)) before 9am in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school 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.



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**MicroSports**  
CAMPS

## FREE CHILDRENS HOLIDAY CAMPS WITH FOOD

Time: 9am - 1pm

Location: Bishop Walsh Catholic School, Wylde Green Road, Sutton Coldfield, B76 10T

Age: 5 - 16

Tuesday 2nd April - Friday 5th April

<https://microsportscampslimited.coordinate.cloud/project/5314>



To book or for more information please email [charlotte@micro-sports.co.uk](mailto:charlotte@micro-sports.co.uk)

### Medical Appointments

A reminder that if your child will be absent from school, arrive late or have 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.

### Dolce School Catering

If you would like to contact Dolce our school catering company regarding anything to do with school lunches please contact them via [customercare@dolce.co.uk](mailto:customercare@dolce.co.uk)

### Newsletter:

The weekly newsletter can also be found on the school website: <https://www.boldmere.bham.sch.uk>

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