

Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

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School Mission Statement

A reminder that our school mission statement is:

'We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn.'

The values we aim to instil in the children alongside the gospel values are:

RESPONSIBILITY,
RELATIONSHIPS,
REFLECTIVENESS,
RESILIENCE and
RESOURCEFULNESS.

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Dear Parents,

I would like to thank you all for your warm welcome over the last few weeks; it is so good to be back. I have now caught up with most of you and look forward to the exciting term ahead.

World Book Day

The whole school had an exciting and 'book filled' day on World Book Day. There was a truly wonderful atmosphere around school.

Children dressed up in their favourite book

character costumes or chose to be comfortable in their pyjamas for the day.

A wide range of book related activities took place throughout the day.

Children had the opportunity to read their favourite books, swap books, talk about books and listen to stories. The 'reading restaurant' proved very popular with children and parents. It was a joy to see so many people sharing books together and snuggling inside our comfortable reading tips.

The highlight for me had to be judging the 'creative potato' competition. There were so many creative potato book characters to choose from; it was an extremely difficult job. I am so glad that Tom was there to help me out. Thank you to all the children who made such a magnificent effort with their decorative potatoes and super costumes.

Our passion for reading at BRW is definitely alive and kicking!

Year of Mercy Day

We also celebrated the Year of Mercy Day on Friday 4th March. This started with a live link up with the Bishop and a live broadcast with the other schools in our Academy Trust.

Each class decorated their doors inspired by one of the corporal acts of mercy and took part in activities through the day related to their act.

Holy Week

Tuesday 22nd March

Entry into Jerusalem
10.00am

Thursday 24th March

Last Supper Mass
9:00am

Thursday 24th March

The Crucifixion
2:30pm

Tuesday 29th March

The Resurrection
2.45pm

Friday 25th March

Good Friday
School closed

Monday 28th March

Bank Holiday
School closed
(Tuesday 29th March back to school)

Friday 1st April

Dance Showcase
2.45pm

Monday 4th April – Friday 15th April

School closed

A team of children also visited St Edmund Campion School to decorate one of their school doors – a great way to strengthen our Academy links.

The 'Reconciliation Restaurant' was open all day. It was wonderful to see children using it to reflect, think about how they could show mercy and reconcile with others. Their thoughts, prayers and ideas were then written on the table cloths.

One thing I had not realised before my return was that Miss Ferrara had organised a 'Sponge the Teacher' event in order to raise money for our Lenten charity, Water Aid. There was no going back!

There was a great atmosphere in the Jubilee Garden and I have to commend the teachers for being so brave. The children were more than enthusiastic and there was lots of accurate, target-hitting!

I got well and truly soaked and just had to put my hood up due to the terribly cold weather conditions. It was well worth it.

We ended the day by welcoming the whole school and parents to our Year of Mercy liturgy which included an element of reflective meditation. Thank you to all those parents who attended and thank you for supporting this day.

Holy Week Presentations

Next week marks the start of our Holy Week presentations in school. This is most definitely a sacred time of the school year where we commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus' life on earth.

Pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 will each present a part of Jesus' final journey, with Year 3 presenting the resurrection. You will be invited to your child's class presentation which will take place in the school hall.

The dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 22nd March Entry into Jerusalem, Year 4 – 10.00am
- Thursday 24th March – Last Supper Mass, Year 5 - 9:00am
- Thursday 24th March – The Crucifixion, Year 6 - 2:30pm
- Tuesday 29th March- The Resurrection, Year 3 – 2.45pm

Social Media

There have been some concerns about children using social media outside of school. Please ensure that your children are safe and appropriate online.

Guidelines stipulate that children should be at least 13 years old to use Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and Snapchat. If you would like further information about keeping your children safe online visit the following website where you will find an informative online digital magazine with lots of useful advice: <http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

BRW School Blog

To find out more about what is going on in school, please visit our school blog at www.brwacademy.com. We now have 140,968 page views. For even more updates join us on twitter @BRWSchool. We have now hit the 401 followers mark!

BIG Question!

If you could send a message to the entire world, what would you say in 30 seconds?

This is a thought provoking question. I wonder what your messages would be.

Try discussing the following BIG question at home around the dinner table or on the walk to school. It might make for an interesting discussion.

Sports

Basket Ball

On 3rd March BRW played matches against two local teams. The team played with courage and resilience as they faced both skilled teams. Their passion for long-shots continues to inspire others! Unfortunately we were narrowly defeated by both teams but will be back in training and can't wait for the next rally. Thanks to all our cheerleaders. Their positivity is almost as infectious as that of the children.

Football

Team BRW have been working hard on their skills over the past few weeks. They have played 3 matches. Won 1. Drew 1. Lost 1.

Date	BRW	Opponents
25.02.16	BRW 0	Glapton 1
3.03.16	BRW 2	Highbank 2
10.03.06	BRW 3	Whitegate 1

The game between Blessed Robert and Whitegate began with a goal from Oakley. Just as we thought we were going to win, the opposition came back stronger than ever. After half time, a shot from Owen made all the difference. Kyle scored another goal just before the whistle blew. In my opinion, it wasn't the goal of the match, it was the goal of the season...all the way from the 18 yard box! The final whistle blew...a victory to BRW!

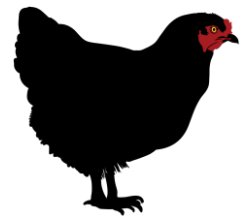
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Road Safety Quiz

Blessed Robert Widmerpool held our road safety quiz again last week and we have been informed that we have reached the final. Well done to all! Watch this space to hear how we get on.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Maylard-Mason



New Hen in the Pen

You may have noticed whilst walking through the Jubilee garden that we have a brand new hen. Her name is Justina Bieber, nicknamed J.B. She is grey and black and you can see her in our lovely hen pen. We hope to see our new hen adapting to its surroundings as well as getting on with her fellow hen. The children gain so much from caring for, cleaning and looking after the hens. They have also based some of their learning around them. They are truly a part of our school.