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**BRW are
Nottingham In
Bloom Winners!**

Silver Gilt Award
for the
Best School
Grounds!

Nottingham in Bloom

You may have seen on our Twitter account and the blog that the school has proudly won the Silver Gilt Award for Best School Grounds in the Nottingham In Bloom Competition! I have been informed that the Silver Gilt is better than simply silver and slightly less than gold...so we were very nearly there! The feedback was very complimentary detailing the

wonderful ways in which children at BRW are engaged in gardening and the outdoors. A huge well done to all the children and staff at school for their hard work, especially Miss Taylor, our resident gardener, who has brought our school grounds to life...literally! Visit the blog for weekly gardening tips and school ground updates.

Correct PE Kit

For health and safety reasons, children must not wear earrings for PE lessons and extra-curricular activities of a sporting nature. A single, simple stud in each ear is permitted however these should be removed for PE lessons and club sessions. If your child cannot remove these safely themselves, please ensure they are removed before school on PE days. School staff are not allowed to remove them, nor can they be covered. The summer holidays are a good time to have your child's ears pierced as it does not interfere with school PE sessions. Please take this into consideration if you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced.

Playpod

You may recall from the recent letter sent out or have excitedly heard your children talking about our new 'Playpod' in the KS2 playground. As it is the **Year To Create**, we have collected a range of play-based materials including creates, pipes, drapes, tyres to name a few, and we are encouraging the children to use their imagination at playtime and simply enjoy play as children should. We have had all sorts of creations cleverly constructed in the playground recently from a giant pirate ship to an interesting looking Ferrari car! This is play, creativity and imagination working at its very best! If you have any materials that we could use please contact school. Keep an eye out on the school blog for more creations.

Free Safeguarding Workshops

The Catholic Trust of England and Wales has purchased a package of e-learning programmes that are available and free to every member of the Catholic community in England and Wales. This is an opportunity for individuals to access online training on a variety of safeguarding matters at a time and a place that suits them. The Child

Upcoming Events

1st October

Yr6 Class Mass

8th October

Yr6 Assembly

9th October

Inset Day

16th October

De Paul Sleep Out

20th and 21st October

Parent Consultations

22nd October

Whole School Harvest Mass

2.00pm

23rd October

Inset Day

The **BIG** Questions!

**What's the longest minute
you can remember?**

**What's the shortest
minute you can
remember?**

**What's the best minute
you can remember?**

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

Exploitation and Online Safety programme will be of particular interest to parents who are keen to understand how children and young people use technology and better understand the associated risks. If you are interested, please visit educare.co.uk for more details.

DePaul Sleepout

We will be celebrating the St Vincent De Paul Charity Sleep Out event again this year on the evening of Friday 16th October. This will be our third year supporting the charity in this way and your generosity and support has always been wonderful. It is an event the children look forward to – a chance to put their faith into action. More details to follow.

Whole School Mass

On Thursday we celebrated our first school mass of the year. The children sang, spoke and read thoughtful prayers, readings and Scripture to remind us all to celebrate in new beginnings together as a united community and let our light shine. It was a lovely celebration involving the whole school community. There were also FS/KS1 and KS2 liturgies held last week, completely led by the children. Celebrating God's creations was the focus of the liturgy led by Year 2 and our new liturgy team helped KS2 to reflect on the wonders of the world.

No Pens Wednesday

On Wednesday 7th October we will be taking part in No Pens Wednesday. It will be exactly what it says on the tin – no pens/pencils! Teachers will choose which lessons will follow this rule during the day but rest assured, lots of learning will still take place! Instead, the learning will focus on a range of speaking and listening activities and using technology creatively. Try it yourselves!

Baker Basket Delights!

What a week of baking the children have already enjoyed at home from traditional Norwegian bread in Year 5 to scrumptious cookies in Year 3! It's clear the children have embraced the Year to Create and it's a true testimony to the support received from our school community and at home. Thank you for your continued support in all matters, especially of the cake variety!

Date Changes for you diary

Please note the First Holy Communion Mass in school will now take place on **Thursday, 9th June**, Year 5's assembly has changed to **Friday 16th October** and Year 2's assembly has changed to **Thursday 26th May**.

Midday Supervisor Position

We have a midday supervisor vacancy in school please see overleaf. If you are interested please contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. Please ensure you follow the school on Twitter@BRWSchool and look on the school blog to celebrate our weekly achievements and news.

Miss Ferrara

Bikes, Scooters and Dogs

Please be reminded that children who ride bikes and scooters to and from school **should not ride them in the school playground before or after school**. Instead, children/adults should walk next to their bike and scooter until they are out of the yard. The playground is a very busy place during these times and everyone's help and support to keep this area safe is appreciated in order to avoid unnecessary injuries. It goes without saying that wearing a helmet is also recommended for children to be as safe as possible. A reminder also, dogs are not allowed on the school playground.