

Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

16th January 2015

Welcome back to the start of a New Year.

We started 2015 with a wonderful Mass that included the celebration of baptism. Congratulations to Evie!

DARE Graduation

Congratulations to the children in Year 5 who completed their DARE project last Friday. They have learnt many messages about Peer pressure and have learnt how to say 'no' to alcohol, tobacco and drugs. Their mature and sensible approach to this important aspect of the curriculum was noted by the DARE officer Tristram and their teacher Miss Eckersley. Well done Year 5!

Speed Skating

Last Friday the children in Years 2, 3 and 4 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to visit the Ice Arena to watch the Olympic Speed Skaters. It was a very exciting afternoon, apparently very noisy but inspirational and a lot of fun. One of our Year 2 children created a DVD with commentary – could this be a sports journalist in the making!

Ten Ten Theatre

Ten Ten Theatre came into our school on Tuesday to work with the children from FS2 to Year 6 with a variety of dramatic productions. Please take time to talk to your children about the drama that they have seen.

FS and KS1 - *Up in the Cloud* - children encouraged to find happiness and help others

Years 3 and 4 - *The Gift* – encouraged children to think of gifts that cost nothing

Years 5 and 6 – *Healthy Heart* – focussed on their emotional well being

Talent show

The auditions went really well and with the many children showing off their talents. It was difficult to decide who to select for the final.

KS2 show will take place on Thursday 29th January at 1.30pm and KS1 will take place on Friday 30th January at 9.15am. All are welcome even if your child is not in the final.

Midday Supervisor Vacancy

Mrs Bryan, one of our Midday Supervisors, will be leaving us today. She has worked with us for a number of years and we will be sorry to see her go. We thank her for her work and dedication to Blessed Robert Widmerpool.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this position please call in to the school office.

School Crossing

There will be no school crossing patrol on duty at Dungannon Road/ Southchurch Drive on the afternoon of Monday 16th January.

Birthday Treats

We appreciate your generosity but please just something small if you want to.



Dates for your diary:

School Photographer

Tuesday 20th January

Talent Show Finals

KS2

Thursday 29th January

1.30pm

KS1

Friday 30th January

9.10am

School Photographer – Tuesday 20th January

Our school photographer will be available from 8.00am in the morning to take family groups including younger siblings who may not be in our school yet. All children at school will have individual and family group photographs.

Young Writers

Recently some of the children in our school entered Young Writers' national writing competition *Once Upon A Time*. Pupils wrote their mini sagas on a variety of themes, from magical kingdoms to superhero adventures and everything in between. I am delighted to inform you that the editors would like to publish some of our pupils' mini sagas in *Once Upon A Time – the East Midlands*. Having work published is not only something to be proud of but it will encourage our pupils to continue to develop their writing talent. Some children have even made it to the finale! Well done to the finalists: Conor Hendrick, Lenisha D'Souza, Freya Roberts, Maddison Mundell, and Lillie-Mae Palmer. We'll let you know when we hear more!

Basketball Match Report written by Daniel Pollard

On Tuesday, 6th January, BRW arrived at Burford for two hard games. The first was against the home team. We began strong scoring within seconds, but Burford were always equalising. We played our best and managed to reach a score of 22-14 to BRW!

Our second match was against Robin Hill, team of the month. Although we showed resilience, we lost 33-25. We showed determination throughout even when playing against a higher league team. We will win if we carry on trying like this.

Hair Styles

Please remember that hair styles are to be appropriate for school – no extreme styles this includes shaven head with longer hair on top. Save the funky hairstyles for the beginning of the six week holidays – time to grow out.

Kind Regards

Mrs Blake

A DRAGON IN THE CLASSROOM

There's a dragon in the classroom:
its body is a box,
its head's a plastic waste-bin,
its eyes are broken clocks,
its legs are cardboard tubes,
its claws are toilet rolls,
its tongue's my dad's old tie
(that's why it's full of holes).
'Oh, what a lovely dragon,'
our teacher smiled and said.
'You *are* a pretty dragon,'
she laughed and stroked its head.
'Oh no, I'm not,' he snorted,
SNAP! SNAP! he moved his jaw
and chased our screaming teacher
along the corridor.

