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School Mission Statement

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

Dear Parents,

Holy Week

Our Holy Week presentations have enabled us to reflect on this important season of Lent and Jesus' last hours on earth. On Tuesday, Year 4 started our journey with an amazing depiction of **Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem**. The children showed such passion and energy in their performance. They sang beautifully and the added musical accompaniment brought the story to life. We experienced the joy and excitement and yet were aware of the great sadness that was to come.

On Wednesday our whole school family came together to celebrate our **Passover** celebration, remembering that this was the meal that Jesus shared with his disciples, his Last Supper. There was a celebratory atmosphere in the hall with singing, sharing of food and drink along with the traditional story of the Exodus and Jesus' Jewish heritage.

On Thursday, Year 5 led us in our whole school Mass with the depiction of the **Last Supper**. It was a very poignant occasion. Year 5 are fabulous singers and dancers and used these talents well throughout the Mass. They are also great actors and provided us with time to contemplate Jesus' actions at the Last Supper and his service to others and his challenge to us to follow in his footsteps and example.

Today, Year 6 shared their powerful and solemn depiction of the **Crucifixion**. I am at a loss for words to describe how impressive this performance was. The Year 6 children were phenomenal. Their drama, singing and composure throughout was so impressive as they took us on a journey with Jesus to Calvary and on his death on the cross.

I would like to thank the parents who came along to see their child's class during this Holy Week and the way they respected the solemnity of each of the celebrations. Unusually for us there was no clapping just reverent silence befitting this holiest of weeks. I appreciate everyone's respect and consideration for this and hope that we have played a small part in the preparation for your child and family to celebrate Holy Week and the joy of Easter

Year 3 will be leading us in a celebration of the Resurrection on **Tuesday 18th April at 2:45pm**. Parents from this class are welcome to join us.

DATES

18th April

Return to school
Resurrection Assembly
2:45pm

27th April

Year 2 Assembly

4th May

FS2 Assembly

2nd March

World Book Day
KS2 Film Night 3:30pm

WC 8th May

National Assessments – Year 6

16th May

FS Sports Day 2:30pm

17th May

KS2 Sports day 1:30pm
FS/KS1 Disco

18th May

KS1 Sports Day – 2pm

19th May

Eco Coffee Morning - Jubilee Room

26th May

Break up for half term

World Book Day

This event was once again a huge success. The children's love of literature shone through as they enjoyed spending the day on various reading-related activities whilst dressed up as book characters or in their pyjamas. Year 1 launched the day with a wonderful assembly which was based on the book: 'Orion and the Dark'. They showcased their talents, skills and learning this term and wowed us with their acting talents. Every class in the school read this wonderful book about a little boy called 'Orion' who overcame his fears. It was then used it as an inspiration to create imaginative

writing or artwork. It was a pleasure to see so many parents and grandparents join the children to share a book in the afternoon.

Word of the Month

Integrity

Noun

Meaning:

The quality of being honest and having strong moral principles

*They are a person of real
integrity.*

Basket Ball

The BRW All Stars have gone from strength to strength this term. Not only have they achieved highly in their regular fixtures with Jimmy Jump Shot Smith but this term culminated in a record breaking third place at the local Rushcliffe Basket Ball County finals. Coach Catterall and the team would like to thank the parent helpers for their never ending support and enthusiasm. Well done team, you are a credit to the school.

Football

The BRW football team were out in force again last night competing against local team, St Patricks. The final result was a 1:1 draw. The team

battled through the match with determination. Their team spirit was wonderful to see and Mr Kidger and Mrs Cook are incredibly proud of their efforts and so am I.

NOTICE - Year 3 Exit Door

In order to reduce congestion when Years 3 and 4 exit the building, there is to be a change of exit door for Year 3 next term. All children in Year 3 will exit through the door near the Jubilee Room, near the small gate that leads onto the Key Stage 2 playground. Children will then be dismissed to go home with their parent/carer safely.

Library Drama Performances

Nottingham City libraries are working with Spark Arts to bring high quality drama performances to the local libraries. Their next production is entitled 'Where the River Runs' which is listed as 'acrobatic dance' and follows an adventure along a river with dance, gymnastics and music. This will take place in 6 of our libraries during the first week of the Easter holidays and is suitable for children aged 5 and upwards with their families. Tickets are available from your local library at £2.00 per child, accompanying adults are free.

Eco Warriors

Our enthusiastic Eco Warriors have been out in full force this term. They have held meetings, spoken to children and staff and have been conducting assemblies to educate the school on various different Eco issues. The team reminded us all of the importance of saving energy and preventing pollution during waste week and then made sure that we remembered to switch off all electrical equipment and devices during Earth Hour. They are a great team of persuasive children who are helping us to keep our Eco Code promises through teaching the school their memorable 'Eco Rap' which reminds us of the importance of reducing, re-using and recycling. Keep up the good work Eco team! This year we hope to renew our school Green Flag award which will mean the team will be incredibly busy. The team will be running an Eco Morning on Friday 19th May at 9:05am in the Jubilee room. Please come along to learn more about BRW's Eco Mission.

Aspens

Aspens, our school catering company have developed a new 'Aspens App' in order to communicate with parents more effectively. From Easter, they will be replacing their current paper copies of the menus with electronic versions on the Aspens App and on their website. This will provide you with direct access to the Aspens team if you have any questions about the meal service. ***To ensure that you are directed to the school's dedicated page, please write our unique pin.***

Blessed Robert Widmerpool – 33869514. Weblink for school website - <https://www.aspens-services.co.uk/schools/blessed-robert-widmerpool/>

If there are parents that do not want to download our free app or visit our website, we can email copies of our menus, if requested, by contacting the email address below: apps@aspens-services.com

Collecting children from school

In order to keep all children safe, please inform the school office if another adult is to collect your child from school. Teachers will not allow children to leave with an unfamiliar person. I understand that children may go home with other parents and family members. If this is the case, please inform the school office who can inform your child's class teacher.

Walking home from school independently

In the Summer term, the children in Year 5 have permission to walk to and from school independently. Permission letters will be sent out in the first week back after the Easter break. If you wish your child to walk home on their own, please fill in the permission slip and return it to school.

School Blog

To keep up to date with all that is going on in school, please visit our school website at: www.brwacademy.com. We have now received an amazing 214,301 page views. The children love to share their learning with an audience and continue to be very active in their blogging and commenting. Please visit the site to find out how to support your child in school, share and celebrate all the wonderful work they have done and of course, listen to the school Radio broadcasts.

I wish you a very happy and holy Easter, enjoy the break and hopefully some good weather. I look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 18th April** when we start back after the holiday.

Mrs Maylard-Mason

Head Teacher