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School Mission Statement

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

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final term of this year. I hope that you had a wonderful break and enjoyed the good weather. We have a fun packed term ahead of us with so much to look forward to.

Sports Days

After a wash out and cancelled week, the BRW Sports Days went ahead the following week in glorious weather. The children were excellent and showcased their skills, talents and love of competition in a host of track and field events inspired by awesome athletes. The scoring was very close but in KS2 the house of Matthew were the overall winners. In KS1 the house of John reign supreme for another year! The Foundation Stage impressed us all with their superb sporting skills. They competed enthusiastically in all events, demonstrating their brilliant balancing and dynamic dribbling. Well done to all the children who took part. Enormous thanks to all those who came to support and to those who took part in the family races.

Key Stage 2 Assessments

Year 6 deserve a special mention for their unwavering determination and confidence in the run up to and during their assessments. Every single pupil rose to the challenge, showing excellent attitudes to their learning. I am extremely proud of you all. These tests are not the only measure of our Year 6 pupils, they have so many different gifts and talents which are celebrated in school. Enjoy your last term Year 6 and I look forward to seeing you grow and shine even further in your final term at BRW.

Road Safety Quiz

The amazing BRW Road Safety team returned from the Road Safety Quiz final having secured a fantastic 4th place out of 129 schools who took part this year. This is a great achievement. Myself and Mrs McGurk were extremely proud of the team and the way they represented the school with enthusiasm and maturity. It was a fantastic event and we all had fun. Thank you to all the parents who came along to support BRW on the evening. Our trophy is now on display in the school hall.

Basketball

The BRW Basket Ball team are now back in training with Coach Catterall on Friday mornings. They are preparing for our 25th Anniversary Basket Ball Rally which will take place after school this Monday 5th June. This is an important occasion where we will get together with other schools to share our passion for Basket Ball. BRW has a rich history of Basketball success and we look forward to celebrating with Jimmy Jump Shot who has supported us throughout our 25 Years in the game. It is also a momentous occasion for our current Year 6 players as it will be their last match at BRW. Thank you for all your effort and contribution to basketball at BRW and I hope that you carry on your passion and talent for the sport as you venture to secondary school.

DATES

10th June

First Holy Communion Mass
in Church

15th June

First Holy Communion Mass
in School

22nd June

Parents Open Afternoon
Science, Geography and Art

29th June

St Peter and Paul Mass in
Church

Friday 30th June

INSET Day

6th/7th July

Musical

17th July

Year 6 Leaver Mass

18th July

End of Year Picnic

20th July

End of Year Mass

25th July

Last Day of Term

School Assemblies

Foundation Stage 2 led the way with their wonderful assembly based on the book 'Orion and the Dark'. They demonstrated mature and confident attitudes as they taught us how to face our fears and overcome difficulties. The audience were impressed with your confident speaking voices and wonderful singing. Well done FS2!

Year 4 astounded us with their sensational 'Stone Age' assembly this term. They demonstrated their super singing

talents with two amazing adaptations of famous songs which were accompanied on the piano by Miss Courtney. Ed Sheeran was definitely given a run for his money after your performance Year 4!

Year 1 also performed confidently in their recent assembly which took place in a court room. The judge and jury definitely got to the bottom of the tale of The Three Little Pigs and provided a twist resulting in the 'Big-Bad Wolf' being the innocent party. They impressed the audience with their performance and shared all the exciting things they have been learning this term. Thank you to all of our parents and families who came along to support the children.

Sun Smart at BRW

Now that the sun has decided to shine and we are having some beautiful weather, please ensure that children have their sunhats in school. Bottles of water are important at this time of year, especially if children are taking part in an after school clubs. Sun cream should be applied before school. Children are permitted to bring small bottles of cream in to school which should be labelled and children have to apply it themselves.

Magical Maths

Miss Lee would like to remind everyone that the second, brand new Magical Maths after-school club will be starting on June 7th, 3.30pm-4.30pm. It covers new skills, new tricks, new magic and new maths! Running for 6 weeks (until 12th July), KS1 and KS2 are all invited to come along and learn some ways to make friends and family marvel at maths. Hurry - only a few places remain! **For more information and to sign up before the last slots are taken, visit www.magicalmathsclub.com.**

Eco Warriors

The BRW Eco Warriors have been extremely busy this term. On Friday 19th May they hosted a huge Eco-Extravaganza where the children in Year 5 welcomed along sixty Year 1 pupils from Whitegate School to engage them in some Eco-related activities and share some of the Eco work we have been doing in school. Year 5 confidently designed and led mini-lessons about Biodiversity, Global Citizenship, Energy and Healthy Living. They were an inspiration and their enthusiasm was clear for all to see. This was then followed by a busy parent open afternoon, plant, seed and bake sale which raised funds towards the Building Hope Appeal. A huge thank you to all of you who made or brought in such wonderfully decorated and tasting cakes for our sale, you are so generous. Thank you to all the pupils who helped out, Miss Cotter, Miss Taylor and the Eco-team who organised such an inspiring and educational event. Our visitors from Whitegate were impressed.

Word of the Month

In order to improve and develop the vocabulary of children at BRW. Here is our word of the month:

Meddle

(verb)

Definition:

- 1) Interfere in something that is not one's concern.
- 2) Touch or handle something without permission

*Elections should be open and transparent so there is no opportunity for **meddling**.*

*You have no right to come in here **meddling** with my things*

Discuss and use this word with your child and encourage them to use it in their writing at school.

Foundation Stage Fundraising

The Foundation Stage have been working very hard to fundraise for a new water play station for their outdoor area. They aim to raise £580 through toy, book sales and other events. The children love to play outdoors and especially like water play, this will be a great addition to their outdoor area and will benefit the children's learning. Their healthy Food Stall raised £40 on Sports Day which has taken their new total to £120. Thanks you to all the parents who have been supporting them. Look on the school website and watch out for letters about the next fundraising event.

Uniform and Appearance Policy at BRW

BRW has the highest expectations of pupils with regards to school uniform and appearance. High standards promote positive behaviour, support effective teaching and learning and contribute to the ethos of Blessed Robert Widmerpool. I would like to remind you about our standards of appearance in relation to hairstyles. I have noticed some of the boys sporting some very short hair styles recently. Please save these for the summer holidays when they will have time to grow out before school starts. School policy states that hair should be cut **no shorter than a grade number 2 with no patterns or tram lines**. Hair should be tied back if it is shoulder length. **Hair accessories should be in school colours – green, grey or black. No big bows please!** It is important that all parents support the School Uniform and Appearance Policy in order for us to maintain high standards. This is part of the Home School Agreement which you sign when your children start school.

First Holy Communion 2017

We look forward to celebrating with the children who will be making their first Holy Communion on Saturday 10th June at 11:00am at Corpus Christi. We wish them and their families well and ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers. The BRW choir will be attending the event and I am making a request for as many pupils to join us on the day to take part in the choir so that we can raise the roof! There will be a Mass to celebrate First Holy Communion in school on the following Thursday 15th June at 9:00am.

Online Safety

Online safety is priority at BRW. Letters and support materials can be found on our school website under Parent Information – Safety. <http://brwacademy.com/safety/>

We have recently been made aware of some downloadable films and online safety factsheets which will help encourage and support open discussions in your family about how to enjoy the online environment whilst staying safe. You can access the videos here: www.gdst.net/livemydigital

The videos look at the ways in which the internet and digital technology can be used positively by young people as well as identifying the potential issues they may face. The videos cover the most critical themes in online safety today.

INSET DAY

Date for your diaries. Please be aware that there is an INSET day on Friday 30th June. The last day of the school term is Tuesday 25th July 2017.

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 228,000 page views and collected 172 flags from around the globe. 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.

Terror Attacks

It was with great sadness and shock that we received the news of the horrific attack in Manchester before the half term break and most recently the attack in London. We have spoken about the Manchester attack with the children in school and prayed for the victims and their families. This is such a difficult time and we must stand together, united in our support and prayers for all those involved.

I look forward to hearing all about your adventures this holiday and look forward to seeing you on the playground for a catch up. Get ready for a fun-packed final term.

Mrs Maylard-Mason

Head Teacher