

# Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

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## School Mission Statement

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

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of the half term already. Time flies when you are having fun!

The children have settled into school life and

have been working very hard. It has been an eventful and exciting return to school this term. We have so far enjoyed a fantastic celebration for Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday Celebration, launched Athletics, are about ready to launch BRW's very own radio station and witnessed our incredible football team win the Ratcliffe College Tournament Bowl. I am the proudest Head Teacher around at the moment.

### Mass of Welcome

Our Mass of Welcome was a joyous occasion where the entire community at BRW celebrated together for the first Mass of the new school year. We offered our dreams, hopes and aspirations from the Roald Dahl Day celebrations and the staff and parents added their dreams and hopes too. We will display these throughout the year to keep focused. With Jesus' light guiding our path, we'll be aiming high, dreaming big and creating endlessly in our newly themed year of: A time to IMAGINE, INVENT, INSPIRE.

### Roald Dahl's Birthday Celebration

We had a whizzpoppingly glorious day in celebration of Roald Dahl's 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Have a look at the pictures on the Twitter and Facebook. The children looked scrumdiddlyumptious in their creative, Dahl inspired costumes. The staff made a fantastic effort too! We had an enjoyable day of Roald Dahl reading and writing activities and house competitions. I am pleased to say that Miss Trunchbull did not have to put too many children in the chokey that day! Roald Dahl is a genius in the eyes of children and adults; we continue to be inspired by his wonderful characters and stories at Blessed Robert.

### Building Hope for Bunkpurugu

We are honoured to be part of such an incredible, inspirational project where, along with all the schools in our Academy Trust, we hope to build a school in a remote village in Ghana, Africa. Our Sponsored Dance-a-thon saw the whole school boogeying and bopping away for long periods of time, it was exhausting but lots of fun! We have managed to raise an **AMAZING** £2120.00 so far! What an incredible amount! A huge thanks for all your fundraising efforts. We hope to raise enough money to begin installing the foundations after the bore-hole is fitted for the existing community to have a clean water supply.

### Parking

There can be a large amount of traffic and footfall outside school in the mornings and after school. If you bring your children to school in a car, please be aware of pedestrians. **DO NOT** mount the curb or park on the curb. This is against the law. A reminder that children should arrive at school from 8:45am when there will be a member of staff on duty. If your child walks to school independently, please ensure that they do not arrive too early/before 8:45am. Thank you for your support with this.

## DATES

**1<sup>st</sup> November**  
FS/KS1 Disco 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
KS2 Disco 3:30pm – 4:30pm

**10<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 4 Assembly

**17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 5 Class Mass

**21<sup>st</sup> November**  
School Photographs

**23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
Family Photographs 5:30pm

**26<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parish Fair

**1<sup>st</sup> December**  
Advent Celebration KS2

**5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Briars Visit Year 6

**5<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Celebration Year 1

**6<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Celebration Year 2

**7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 3 Christmas Celebration

**8<sup>th</sup> December**  
FS2 Christmas Celebration

**9<sup>th</sup> December**  
Carols around the tree

**16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Christmas Jumper Day

Last Day of term

**19th/20<sup>th</sup> December**  
INSET Days

**BRW's 5 R's which help to build our learning power....**

Relationships

Reflectiveness

Resourcefulness

Responsibility

Resilience

### **Years 5 and 6 Assemblies**

The Years 5 and 6 assemblies have been magical and inspirational. They were celebrations of the individuality of our children and all they have been learning so far. The children in both Year 5 and 6 performed confidently and impressed us with their endless talents. Year 6 shone with their portrayal of different emotions and a spell binding rendition of 'Come with me'. Year 5 left us humming to the tune of 'The World's Greatest' as they uplifted all of our spirits with an oompa lumpa themed assembly which showed how magical and exciting our school is and all that they have been discovering since starting Year 5. The whole class took us on a fantastic and magical journey. Well done to all the children and staff in Years 5 and 6. You are superstars!

### **Ratcliffe Cup Winners**

Another proud moment to remember this term was when the BRW Football team triumphed in the Ratcliffe College football festival. It was a glorious day in a beautiful setting. Miss Sparkes, Mr Kidger and the team enjoyed amazing support from all of our families. The team played well in all their matches and showed positive and energetic attitudes right up until the end of the competition. The semi-final was a real nail biter and went to penalties. It was hard to believe that this was the first time that the children had played together as a team. The end result to all this determination was the team winning the Festival's Bowl Award. The team definitely deserved the lunch provided afterwards.

### **Let's Leonardo Art Exhibition**

Following a recent visit to Nottingham Castle, where the children in Year 3 were inspired by a collection of work from Leonardo Da Vinci, some children in Year 4 and every child in Year 3 had a piece of their art work displayed at the Nottingham Castle Museum and Art Gallery. The display was impressive and I know an abundance of visitors went to visit and marvel at their masterpieces. It was a wonderful celebration of the art that takes place in school and reflected their efforts and artistic ability. Well done to all involved.

### **National Bullying Prevention Month**

November is National Bullying Prevention Month where schools across the country encourage communities to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of bullying on children of all ages. In school, we talk about bullying, how to recognise it and the impact it has on others. At BRW, we do not tolerate bullying. We remind children of the rule **STOP** (has it happened **Several Times On Purpose?**) and the helpful acronym **STOP** if they feel it is happening to them or someone else (**Start Telling Other People**). We have created a bullying display and the house captains will be conducting an assembly for the whole school to remind us about this important issue during Anti Bullying Week on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Cross Country**

A team of Year 5s and 6s ventured to Rushcliffe Country Park on October 5th to take part in a county cross country dash. With as many as 30+ male and female teams, our BRW runners paced themselves beautifully, showing great stamina and strength in order to complete a 1500m circuit each (that's approximately 4 loops of our WHOLE field). Team spirits were high, with wonderful encouragement from pupils and supporting parents alike. Highlights were a number of our BRW runners channeling Mo Farrah, and overtaking numerous opponents in the final 20m! The team should be proud to show-off their cross country certificates. Well done.

### **BRW School Radio is coming soon!**

We are extremely excited to announce that our very own radio station is now set up in school, complete with microphones and a very professional 'ON AIR' sign. The children are ready to launch this thrilling and innovative project which will be broadcast through our school website. Some of the school Digital and Liturgy Leaders will be making their first broadcasts in the upcoming week. We have been practicing our radio voices and look forward to

developing our broadcasting skills in the coming weeks. Have a look at the [brwacademy.com](http://brwacademy.com) main page and click on the new broadcast feed.

### Change of Details

Please inform the school office if you have changed your address or contact number. It is important that all contact information is up to date.

### E safety App for Parents

E safety is an extremely important issue at present and one which we look at with the children through our computing curriculum in school. 'Internet Matters' is an app designed to help parents talk about e-safety issues with their children, and to ensure that they make smart choices to stay safe online. It is aimed at children aged between 8-10. Please have a look at it and use it as a tool to discuss this issue with your child. We have included a link to the website on the school website.

### Matheletics

After a successful trial of Mathletics and overwhelmingly positive feedback from pupils and parents, we have now purchased Mathletics. The online programme is designed to provide pupils with an engaging and safe learning experience which is targeted to individual needs. Class teachers can set homework tasks and there are a whole host of extra gaming activities and rewards which are all aligned to the primary Maths curriculum. I have had so many positive reviews about the trial, which is fantastic. One parent informed me: *'I can't believe how motivated my child is to come home and start their Maths homework now.'* Long may this continue!

### Mass

The Harvest Mass will take place this Thursday at 9:30am. All are welcome. Thank you for your extremely generous donations, the collection table is overflowing. Donations will be taken to Clifton Foodbank and Emmanuel House.

A reminder that the All Saints Mass will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> November at 9:30am in church. This is a holy day of obligation and we look forward to celebrating with you.

I hope you all have a happy and restful half term break and I look forward to the next half term.

Mrs Maylard-Mason

Head Teacher

### Word of the Month

In order to improve children's vocabulary in school, we have launched our word of the month which will feature in the school newsletter.

This month's word is:

**amiable**

(adjective)

Meaning: friendly

*An **amiable** person, he got along with just about everyone.*

Try to use this word in conversation with your children and encourage them to use it.