

Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

12th March 2015

Dear Parents

Year 1 Assembly

Congratulations to all the children and staff in Year 1 on their wonderful assembly all about life and conditions in icy lands. The footage of their igloo construction was fabulous. Please take a look at the blog, you will never view a four pint milk bottle in the same way again! They were marvellous.

Parent Consultations

It has been lovely to see all of you at our parent consultations sharing your children's work and their targets with our new target sheets. Hopefully these will help you support your children and their next steps in learning. The teachers have enjoyed talking to you all and value the support that you give the school and your children. Any further information you require about the new curriculum is on the school blog (www.brwacademy.com).

Basketball

Congratulations to our basketball team who have been recognised by Jimmy 'Jump Shot' Smith as a side with significant improvement. He has been quoted as saying "They have broken the myth that all you need is size and strength to succeed. They capitalise on skill and team work... I have never seen a BRW team shoot the ball from distance and under pressure the way they are shooting now." They have had success and been acknowledged as a school team of the month for February 2015. What a wonderful accolade congratulations to all the team and Coach Catterall.

Football

Our football team continue to do well this season and have bounced back following their defeat against top of the league Highbank to a 1-0 victory over Milford. We play another school today and hope for another win.

World Book Day

Thank you to all our children and their parents for the support in the celebrations for World Book Day which included dressing as your favourite character. Costumes were amazing, the school librarians organised us superbly with a book swap and we enjoyed our house competition in the afternoon which culminated in an amazing catwalk procession of characters and a poem by each house. It was fantastic to see our children working together to create and have fun. Congratulations to the house of Matthew who were the overall winners and thank you all for making me laugh and provide us with such rich entertainment.

Lent

In our Monday assembly we were led by the ECO Council who lay down the challenge for us all to try and buy a fair trade product for the final weeks of Lent. They were very articulate and explained the reason to buy fair trade products and the support this provides to farmers in some of the most needy parts of the world. The ECO Council have proved us with a world map and asked us to bring in labels for fair trade products so that we can find their country of origin and think about building a fairer more just world. This is an excuse for me to buy a fair trade bar of chocolate!



Reminders

Comic Relief Day

Friday 13th March

Non-Uniform

£1.00

Red Noses on sale also
£1.00

Mother's Day Gifts

Friday 13th March

£1.50

In our assembly we talked about how some of us may have not managed to keep our Lenten promises me included. I am on a renewed vigour to be saying my Hail Mary in Italian. We all agreed a little bit of extra commitment for our Lenten observations. Please encourage your children in this holy season.

RE Inspection

On Monday 16th March Blessed Robert Widmerpool will be inspected for RE, Collective Worship and its Catholic Life. Two inspectors and another visitor will be in school. It is our chance to shine. Please keep us in your prayers on this day.

Comic Relief Day

On Friday we will be dressing in our own clothes and making our faces funnier for money! Our Catholic Bishops encourage us to participate in this very worthy fundraising for those in Africa and the UK. We are awaiting a delivery of red noses which you can buy from the school office and we look forward to another fun day on Friday!

Mother's Day

May I take this opportunity to wish all the mothers and grandmothers a happy day on Sunday. Put your feet up, I hope you are spoilt and everything is done for you. Mother's Day flowers are on sale at school on Friday for £1.50.

Our attendance is very good but here is a little bit of competition, this is just to let you know which class is top of the league.

FS2	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
96.10	96.51	97.46	97.51	97.75	96.41	98.68

Well done Year 6! I wonder if anyone can beat them

Hair Bobbles

A gentle reminder. Please make sure that hair bobbles are in school uniform colours – black, green, red or yellow and not big bows but small and discreet.

Thank you all for your support

Mrs Blake

At the end of a school day

It is the end of a school day
and down the long drive
Come bag-swinging, shouting children.
Deafened, the sky winces
the sun gapes in surprise.

Suddenly the runners skid to a stop,
Stand still and stare
at a small hedgehog
Curled-up on the tarmac
like an old, frayed cricket ball.

A girl dumps her bag, tiptoes forward
and gingerly, so gingerly
Carries the creature
To the safety of a shady hedge.
Then steps back, watching.

Girl, children, sky and sun
hold their breath.
There is a silence,
A moment to remember
On this warm afternoon in June.