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Dear Parents,

Our Holy Week presentations which have taken place this week have enabled us to reflect on this important season of Lent and Jesus' last hours on earth.

School Mission Statement

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

On Tuesday, Year 4 started this journey with an amazing depiction of **Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem**. The children showed such passion and energy in their performance. They demonstrated excellent singing skills including harmonies 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.

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

Relationships
Reflectiveness
Resourcefulness
Responsibility
Resilience

Today, Year 5 led us in a powerful Liturgy which depicted the **Last Supper**. It was a very poignant occasion. Year 5 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. It was a moving Liturgy which had a powerful effect on everyone.

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.

Fair Trade Fortnight

The whole school commenced Fair Trade fortnight with an assembly led by the Eco Team recently. They explained what Fair Trade was and why it is so important in our world in order to make a difference to the lives of the people who grow the things we love. We do this by changing the way trade works through better prices, decent working conditions and a fair deal for farmers and workers in developing countries. The team also launched an exciting competition where children can make recipes using Fair Trade Ingredients. Winners will be revealed after the Easter break.

Spring Raffle Winners

Well done to all of the BRW Spring Raffle winners this year. It was a fantastic event and we managed to raise £60 towards school funds. The hampers were well stocked with lots of goodies, thank you for your generous donations. With the funds raised, we hope to buy some lighting to enhance our stage productions this year!

Welcome Fr Wilfred

We welcome Fr Wilfred to our parish this week. We very much look forward to working with him next term and celebrating Mass with him in school.

Lenten Fundraising

Each class has been set a Lenten challenge to raise money for the Building Hope Appeal. Year 6 hosted a Penny Wars competition, Year 5 had a Food feast day where they sold lots of yummy treats. Years 1 and 3 held Toy and Book Sales and Year 2 made their own books to sell. FS made some yummy banana milkshakes and Year 4 will be selling some booklets which showcase their persuasive Viking writing. Funds raised so far amount to £210 which will be donated towards the Building Hope Appeal.

Sport Relief

The whole school celebrated Sport Relief last Friday. The theme was: 'What Ever Makes You Move.' As a school we managed to raise £210 which will be split between Sport Relief and The Building Hope Appeal.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Emotional wellbeing this Easter

Easter is a time of renewal and self-affirmation. A great time to think about who we are and what we wish to achieve.

Remember: It's all a matter of balance

Recognise what you already do well and build on that to balance out the more stressful parts of your life.

Make a checklist of the good things in your life no matter how small and then write down how you will use each positive element to support your own growth and balance.

Magical Maths

We will be running the fun and educational afterschool 'Magical Maths Club' again next term. It features games, tricks and activities which are especially designed to help children become more confident mathematicians and engage them in Maths. If you would like to find out more, 'Magical Maths' have recorded a quick video to tell you more about them: <https://magicalmathsclub.com/comingsoon>

School Blog

Please remember to look on our school blog for more information about what is happening in school and listen to announcements and top tips of the day presented by our Digital Leaders on the school radio at: www.brwacademy.com

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter. Thank you for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing you in the summer term

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason

Head Teacher

DATES

17th April

Resurrection Liturgy – Year 3

26th April

Year 2 Assembly

May 3rd

Foundation Stage Assembly

14th – 17th May

KS2 Assessments – Year 6

18th May

Year 4 Assembly

22nd May

FS Sports Day at 1:30pm

23rd May

KS2 Sports Day at 1:30pm

FS/KS1 Disco

24th May

Year 1 Assembly

KS1 Sports Day at 1:30pm

KS2 Film Night