

# 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,

BRW definitely enjoyed the build up to the Royal Wedding a couple of weeks ago with a Royal Lunch and fancy hair and hat dress up day! It was wonderful to see everyone sporting royal hats and hair styles. What a lovely weekend it was, I hope you have all been enjoying the good weather.

### Sun Smart at BRW

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 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.

### Key Stage 2 Assessments

Year 6 deserve a special mention for their determination and confidence in the run up to and during their recent assessments. Every single pupil rose to the challenge, showing excellent attitudes to their learning. I am extremely proud of them 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!

### Day of the Eucharist

The school celebrated a 'Day of the Eucharist' again last month where the whole school gathered to spend time in quiet prayer and reflection. It was a lovely liturgy involving music from the band, reflective images and videos and an informative presentation from the liturgy team all about this special day. This was the first occasion where Father Wilfred led us in prayer as a whole school.

### First Holy Communion Mass 2018

The whole school enjoyed celebrating with all the children who have made their First Holy Communion at a whole school Mass last week. What a beautiful Mass. Fr George joined us to celebrate with the children and their families. God Bless all the children and we will keep them in our prayers.

### Netball

The BRW Netball Team have started summer training with style. Not only has the team grown, but they show promise in their fantastic interception, marking and attacking skills. The team have recently participated in a summer tournament against many other schools where they played with resilience, ferocity and passion. After three matches they were nicely warmed up to ensure a triumphant 3-0 win! I think there's more where that came from with the BRW Netball team...watch this space!

### DATES

**7<sup>th</sup> June**

Year 3 - Class Assembly

**21<sup>st</sup> June**

Parents Open Afternoon  
*Celebration of History, French  
and DT*

**22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Dress Up for an African  
Themed Fundraising Day!

**29<sup>th</sup> June**

St Peter and Paul Mass  
in Church

**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> July**

Musical

**16<sup>th</sup> July**

INSET Day

**17<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Leaver Mass

5:30pm

**23<sup>rd</sup> July**

End of Year Mass 2pm

**24<sup>th</sup> July**

Last Day of Term

## Year 2's BRW Takeover

Year 2 took great delight in taking over the school recently for their sleepover. They loved setting up camp in the hall and taking part in some fun Forest School activities like map making, campfires and toasting marshmallows. They had lots of fun and behaved impeccably well.

## School Assemblies

Parents and families turned out in abundance to see Year 2's fantastic assembly performance which was based on their experiences at the 'BRW Takeover Sleepover'. I now know what they really got up to. Year 2 demonstrated just how far they have come this year in their confidence and maturity.

**Foundation Stage 2** led a wonderful assembly this term where they took us on a wonderful journey around the world. They performed confidently and showed their many talents. Dancing, singing, speaking French and acting to name but a few. The whole school enjoyed this wonderful performance and your parents and families were very proud of you all.

**Year 4** transported us back to Ancient Egypt last week as we discovered what was inside Tutankhamun's tomb, all about the river Nile and how to mummify a body in all its gory details. The children showed everyone how inspired they have been with this term's topic. Once again, they dazzled us with their singing talents.

## Year 1

Once again, Year 1 shone like stars in their class assembly. They showed us how inspired they had been following their Forest School sessions and how this had linked to the work they had been doing about nature back in class. It was a delight to watch their humorous drama based on the book Peter Rabbit and the entire audience were roaring with laughter whilst watching the characters chase each other around the stage. Well done Year 1, what a confident performance.

## Parent Workshop

We have the pleasure of hosting a parent workshop for parents run by Nottingham College with children in Foundation Stage which is based around story time. It has been well attended and feedback has been positive. The aim of the workshop is for parents and younger children to explore reading together. During the sessions, they make games, puppets and sing together as they bring the books to life. It has been lovely to see both children and adults enjoying these sessions.

## Timetable Rockstars

There is now a regular TTRS update on the school blog and we share individual and class winners in our weekly Celebrate Assembly. The children have been enthusiastically logging in to play the different games at home which allows them to improve their timetables knowledge and speed. TTRS is a fun way to boost timetable recall speed. Please encourage your child to login at home.

## INSET Day

Date for your diaries. Please be aware that there is an INSET day on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. The last day of the school term is **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018**.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING



This Month's Wellbeing Tip:

### **Schedule in some 'No Tech' time.**

Constant digital stimulation can lead to an increase in stress and anxiety for both adults and children.

'Step away from the tech....'

*Put down your device, laptop and phone and schedule in some regular 'no tech' time to ensure you look after your wellbeing.*

### **Sports Days**

The BRW Sports days took place before half term and were very well attended by parents and families. We had glorious weather throughout as the children showcased their excellent sporting and teamwork skills in a host of track and field events. All Houses performed fantastically and the scoring was very close but in KS2 the House of Luke were the overall winners and in KS1 the House of Luke also won! 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.

### **The Clifton Awards**

It was a pleasure to be invited to the Clifton Awards again this year where some of our children in Years 5 and 6 were nominated for their achievement in Academic studies, Performance and Sport. It was a wonderful celebration of all the talent in Clifton and I am very proud of all the children nominated. Thank you to all the parents who attended in support of this event.

### **Building Hope in Bunkpurugu**

The entire school community has continued to work hard to raise money for the aspirational Building Hope Project. Currently, this year alone we have raised almost £2000! This is an incredible amount, all raised from events such as a sponsored walk, non-uniform days, cake sales and even a milk shake sale! On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June we will be celebrating **Africa Day!** This promises to be a wonderful event complete with a huge house competition in the afternoon which includes an African quiz, African dancing, African singing and African games. Of course, there will be an opportunity to dress up for £1...African/House competition style! More information to follow shortly. The day after this event, we will be waving goodbye to Miss Ferrara for one week as she ventures out to Ghana. Miss Ferrara will be armed with lots of gifts from school and will be bringing back lots of information from the community and the progress of the build on her return.

Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to an exciting and eventful term ahead.

Mrs Maylard-Mason

Head Teacher