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Dear Parents,

School Mission Statement

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

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another exciting and eventful Summer Term. As a school, we have embraced the Year to: **Dig and Discover.**

Make and Master. The children have enjoyed using their skills and creativity and there are so many wonderful designs and creations, which have been made using the 'Builders Belt'. These include: bird boxes, benches, models and bags made out of different materials, to name but a few.

Multi Academy Trust Mass

Our Academy family of schools came together at Corpus Christi recently to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the South Nottinghamshire Academy Trust. The Mass was a lovely way to mark the end of SNCAT and the start of our new Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi Academy Trust. Every school contributed to the Mass in order to make it a wonderful celebration. The music and singing were beautiful and everyone who participated did so confidently. Thank you to all the parishioners who came along to celebrate with us!

Building Hope in Bunkpurugu

Miss Ferrara returned from Ghana recently, full of wonderful stories about her adventures. She met lots of children from Our Lady of Hope Catholic Primary School and could see how far the school building is progressing with our support. The community of Bunkpurugu are grateful for the support and thanked us for the gifts we had sent. This has given us a hope and faith that this project is truly worthwhile. We will be arranging a sponsored event early in the new school year. Watch this space!

The Lion King

Years 5 and 6 shone like true stars in their magical performance of The Lion King last week. It was truly amazing! The children performed with confidence, passion and talent as they transported us to the Savanna desert to retell this powerful and spiritual tale. Their singing, dancing and acting skills left everyone feeling uplifted and inspired! It was a fantastic musical, which was so powerfully performed. I thank all our parents and families for their continued support and being such great audiences. It has been lovely to gain such wonderful feedback from all those who came to the show! What a great end to the year it was!

Shining Brightly

The musical was enhanced even further through the new addition of stage lighting. This was made possible by 'The Friends of BRW' fundraising team who have worked incredibly hard to raise funds for school over the year. Thank you so much for all your hard work and effort. I know you will agree that they are a wonderful enhancement to our performances and light up the children's gifts and talents even further! We look forward to seeing them in use at assemblies and performances throughout the year.

Hoodwinked. A Twist on a Tale.

BRW are very proud to be part of Nottingham City's Hoodwinked Twist on a Tale project this year. It is an exciting new public art trail around the streets of Nottingham this summer. It involves a sculpture trail, which showcases 33 Robin

DATES

Wed 5th September

School Starts

Thurs 13th September

Whole School Mass

Fri 21st September

Maths Family Learning Course

9:15am -11:15am

(runs for 6 weeks)

Thurs 27th September

Travelling Books Fair starts

4th October

Year 6 Assembly 9:00am

Thurs 25th October

Harvest Mass 9:00am

Friday 26th October

Break Up for Half Term

sculptures designed by local and national artists. The children of Nottingham have also contributed and designed over 50 book benches, which are also on display around the city from 7th July until 30th September. BRW have created a wonderful book bench for the project, which is a combination of the whole school's work on our 'Building Hope' Project and African themed learning. Our bench now on display at Clifton leisure over the Summer, you must go and have a look for yourselves and perhaps try it out! Feel free to send us a 'Benchie' selfie photograph to @BRWSchool For more information on the trail and details of how you can take part, please visit the website: <http://www.hoodwinked2018.co.uk/>

Live Simply Award

The Live simply award is an opportunity for Catholic schools to respond to Pope Francis' invite to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us. BRW have started their journey to work towards this award, which celebrates what we have already done and inspires us to do even more.

Maths Course for Parents

Nottingham College are offering the opportunity for parents to take part in a Maths course which will be held at BRW in the Jubilee Room on Friday 21st September at 9:15am - 11:15am. We have already run a successful course for EYFS parents which has had great feedback. The course will run for 6 weeks and allows parents the chance to find out more about how maths is taught at school and gives practical ways in which you can support your child in their maths learning. It is a good opportunity to meet other parents and develop your numeracy skills at the same time. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Shakh in the school office.

Fond Farewells

We say goodbye to Miss Whysall who has been working in the EYFS whilst training as part of the School Direct program this year. She will go on to teach in the Foundation Stage of Wellbeck Primary School and we wish her the very best of luck. We also say goodbye to Miss Courtney who will return to Ireland to complete her Masters degree next year. We thank her for her hard work and commitment to the children of BRW and wish her the very best for the future.

Farewell Mrs Larcombe

After 25 years of hard work and service to BRW, Mrs Larcombe will be retiring at the end of the school year. We thank her for all her dedication and will miss her wonderful sense of humour and ability to keep us all 'in check'. It is now time for her to put her feet up and we wish her a wonderful retirement. Come along to our final Mass on Monday 23rd at 1:45pm which will be dedicated to Mrs Larcombe. She will also be our guest of honour at the BRW Family Picnic next week after Mass at 3:30pm.

Wedding Bells

We are so excited for Miss Lancashire who will be getting married in the summer holidays. We wish her and her fiancé lots of love and best wishes for a wonderful future together. We look forward to hearing all about the celebrations after the holidays. Good luck Miss Lancashire!

September INSET DAY

A reminder that there will be an INSET Day on Tuesday September 4th and children will start back at school on Wednesday 5th September 2018.

Assessment Results

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who received their assessment results recently. We are very proud of all their hard work and determination this year. We wish them the best of luck as they embark on their new adventures to secondary school. They will be missed but it is now time for them to take the next step and begin their new adventure.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING



This Month's Wellbeing Tip:

Summer Wellbeing

Summer is a great time to be positive, spend more time outside, feeling the sun and generally slowing the pace.

It is a good time to re-charge our batteries and spend some quality time with families and friends.

Summer is the best time of year, so eat well, live well and enjoy!

I wish you all a lovely, restful and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all at the start of September.

Mrs Maylard-Mason

Head Teacher