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School Mission Statement

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

October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with half term news and to let you know some updates as we near the October break.

Welcome Mass

We started off the school year in great style as we celebrated mass as a whole school community. We were lucky enough to have Mr Wheat back yet again as we launched our theme for the new school year and showcased how we will 'Stand Firm in Our Faith'. The children sang beautifully and it was wonderful to gather together. A huge thank you for those of you who were able to attend.

Trust Mass

On 4th October 2022 we were invited to join other schools in the Olol Trust to celebrate in a special Mass led by Bishop Patrick. We travelled to Holy Trinity, Newark, with our BRW school captains. They represented the school along with children from 35 other schools to celebrate together. It was a wonderful occasion and the school were gifted a new statues of St Therese D'Liseux which the children brought back with them.

Harvest Mass

Today we had another chance to join together as a school and parish community as we celebrated Harvest Mass. I'm sure you will agree that there was a wonderful atmosphere of joy and generosity. We were overwhelmed with the donations received. Thank you so much for your contributions! These will be donated to both Emmanuel House and Clifton Foodbank.

DATES - 2022

Friday 14th October
INSET Day

Monday 31st October
First day back at school

Friday 4th November
Sponsored Event in School

Thursday 10th November
2.30pm
Year 5 Assembly

Thursday 17th November
2.30pm
Year 4 Assembly

Thursday 1st December 5.30pm
KS2 Advent Celebration

Wednesday 14th December 2022
2pm
Advent Mass

Wednesday 21st December
Last Day of Autumn Term

Swimming

Years 4 and 5 have already returned to the pool and enjoyed the chance to develop their water confidence alongside their teachers and instructors from Clifton Leisure Centre. Year 6 will also take part in swimming next half term. As a reminder, due to the Leisure Centre policy, the children are not able to wear shorts with pockets or have earrings on in the pool. All earrings need to be removed before the session please.

Year 6 Assembly

Year 6 wowed us with their confidence and zeal as they presented for us at their class assembly this week! They certainly provided us with inspiration of how we can 'stand firm in our faith'. Every child shone and should feel very proud of themselves.

Reminder

Please ensure your children remain with you when you are dropping them off in the morning and picking them up after school. This is to ensure all children are safe on the playground and within the school car park. It is important that children do not play on the trim trails before or after school. Thank you for your support with this.

It is also incredibly important that children are dropped off and collected punctually. Please check in with teachers if you are unsure of your child's arrival/departure times.

Whole School Fundraiser

On Friday 4th November all the children across school will be taking part in a 'Move and Groove' danceathon to raise money for the memorial garden. On this day the children will be challenged to dance non-stop throughout the afternoon alongside our Dance teacher, Mrs Bathgate. Further details will be provided after half term.

Miss Freeman

As many of you may already know, Miss Freeman will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this half term. We would like to wish her, and her family all the best during this time.

Advent Mass

We would like to take this opportunity to warmly invite you to attend our Advent Mass which will be celebrated on Wednesday 14th December at 2:00pm. It is a great chance for us to gather together and find time to reflect before the Christmas break arrives. Furthermore, KS2 will be leading us in our annual Advent Celebration on 1st December at 5.30pm. You are more than welcome to join us for this special celebration and we look forward to seeing you there.

School Website

You will have noticed we now have a new school website. We have now migrated from our previous blog to a new website which we will be building and adding to. In the meantime, please feel free to visit the new site by clicking the link: <https://www.brwacademy.com/>

We wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing you in the new half term when we return on Monday 31st October.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason
Head Teacher