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School Mission Statement

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

Dear parents, it has been another busy spring term at BRW. Have a read of everything we have to celebrate...

## **Holy Week**

Year 4 started our Holy Week celebrations with a wonderful reenactment of **Jesus' entry into Jerusalem**. The children's preparations really paid off and not only did they deliver a clear message about the celebratory nature of this moment, but they did themselves proud with superb volume, energy and enthusiasm.

On Wednesday our whole school family came together to learn about Jewish **Passover**, a meal that Jesus would have shared with his disciples as he neared his passion. The Year 6s led this assembly well and made sure that the Passover story was shared.

On Thursday, Year 5 led us in a thought-provoking Liturgy which depicted the **Last Supper**. It was a very touching occasion that provided our school community with the chance to reflect upon Jesus's feelings and actions as he journeyed through his final week.



We learnt the importance of serving others

DATES – 2023 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Return to School

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holidays

Tuesday 16th May

Foundation Stage Sports Day at 2.00pm

Wednesday 17th May

KS1 Sports Day – Years 1 and 2 at 2:00pm

Thursday 18th May

KS2 Sports Day - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 at 1:30pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May INSET DAY

and remembering Jesus through communion with each other. We hope to share in Jesus's mission in our own actions over Easter!

Today, Year 6 performed a somber, moving reenactment of the **Crucifixion**. Their own passion, drama, composure and beautiful singing never ceases to impress us. Together, they took Years 2 to 5 on a journey with Jesus as he approached Calvary. We were reminded so poignantly about Jesus's sacrifice for the world. I would like extend a big thank you to the parents who were able to come into school and see our Holy Week performances. It is the most important time in our liturgical calendar and we feel privileged to share it with our wider school community.

### **BRW Spring Raffle**

On Thursday, we came together as a whole school to draw our Annual Spring Raffle! This year, our raffle had a twist. The focus was purely Easter eggs! We are incredibly grateful to the generous donations of Easter eggs and the abundant purchasing of raffle tickets! There were several hampers of differing sizes won as well as individual eggs to enjoy. Congratulations to our winners and once more, thank you for donating. This year, we will be putting these funds towards developing our school further.

### **World Book Week**

One World Book Day wasn't enough for BRW this year. Instead, we celebrated reading for a whole week! We enjoyed mystery readers, who volunteered their time to read to classes across school; a costume day where book characters and words were celebrated; and a café full of a buzz and love for reading! Thank you to all those who were able to come along to support the children and our school. Your kind donations at the second-hand book stall and cake stall were much appreciated, as were the incredible efforts made with costumes!



#### **British Science Week**

British Science Week took place this half-term and our Science Ambassadors led a superb assembly to launch the event in BRW. Not only did we embrace science throughout the week in school, but you embraced science at home too with our whole school competition to make the longest marble run possible! We had marble runs as long as 4 metres, helter-skelter marble runs and even a hybrid domino/marble run! The creativity of our children and our families never cease to amaze us. The winner will be announced by Mrs Byrne after Easter. Watch this space!

We have had a busy, jam-packed Spring Term full of events, fun and learning.

We wish you a happy and Holy Easter break and look forward to seeing you on our return to school on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason Head Teacher