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Dear Parents,

Time has flown by this year - it is hard

to believe we've almost reached the end of the 2022-23 academic year. Our pupils have continued to show resilience, hard work and kindness all the way to the end. They have much to be proud of this year!

Y5/6 Musical - Annie

We enjoyed an absolute treat with this year's musical extravaganza, Annie! Years 5 and 6 pupils and staff showed incredible commitment in the run up to our two performances. On the night, we were all inspired and incredibly impressed with the show: the dancing, singing, acting and overall passion meant the audience were fully entertained! Having spoken to parents, relatives and staff, I know we all feel very proud of their achievements. A special thank you to our parents for supporting them through the whole process, from auditions to performance night!

Family Picnic

It was lovely to be able to celebrate our annual family picnic last week. Though the heavens opened in the morning, the sun held out and we were able to enjoy book stalls, cake stalls, uniform stalls, ice pops as well as some valuable family and friends time! Thanks to all parents and family members who came along. Thank you especially to Mrs Bolger for her talented face-painting and for all those who donated books and cakes. Your support is very much appreciated.

Year 6 Leavers

Our Year 6 children will be moving on to secondary school from September. We wish them all the luck in the world as we say a very fond farewell to them. Together, they

celebrated their Leavers' Liturgy this week. It was a cherished reminder of their proud journey through primary school and a demonstration of how much they have grown. We must also say a sad goodbye to some of our parents and families who have been a great support to the school community for many years. We wish you and your children well and we thank you for your continued love of BRW.

End of term Mass

We celebrated a lovely mass for the end of term yesterday! We were led in a beautiful homily by Fr. Wilfred and we were able to celebrate this year's wonderful Year 6s further, as well as thank the members of staff who will be moving

School Mission Statement

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

DATES
Tuesday 5th September
School Starts

Thursday 21st September
Whole School Mass

Wednesday 18th October
Parent Consultations
Thursday 19th October
Parent Consultations

WC 23rd Oct to 3rd Nov Half term break

Monday 6th November INSET Day

Tuesday 7th November Return to school on from BRW. Thank you to all of the parents and families who attended. I'd like to take this opportunity to echo the prayers offered in mass and wish you a safe and restful summer.

Parking

We continue to receive ongoing concerns this year from you, our parents, and our neighbours about parking on curbs and across driveways. Please do not mount curbs when parking or park across resident driveways, even if just stopping for a few minutes. We work well with our local community and PCSO and I know you will support us with this matter.

Playground Safety

A reminder to children and parents to please dismount from scooters (including e-scooters) and bikes on school premises, including the Memorial Garden and the Key Stage 2 playground. During drop-off and collection times in particular, we have had some near misses in terms of collisions. For the safety of our whole school community, children and parents in particular, please ensure these Health and Safety rules are followed.

Additionally, for further safety reasons, we would like to urge all parents to be vigilant with their children as they enter and exit the school site. Please remain on marked paths and pavements, and use pedestrian gates only. On the Dungannon Road gate in particular, please be aware that the vehicle entry lane belongs to Milford Academy. The car park gate here is controlled by a sensor and poses a danger to children and adults if it is triggered. Thank you for your understanding with this issue.

Farewell

We must say a farewell to some much-loved members of staff this year. As you know, Mrs Henderson, Miss Padhiar, Mrs Joels will be leaving us in order to take up new roles in new schools from September. In addition, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Staley and Mrs Haddadi, our Teaching Assistants in EYFS/KS1. As cherished members of our staff team, they have always served our pupils and school with such love and care. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts – we will miss them but wish them the best of luck in all that they do.

We will also be bidding a temporary farewell to Mrs Cross as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her great joy as she becomes a new mum!

Welcome to the BRW Team

As you know, we warmly welcome Miss Swaby (Year 1), Mr Penna (Year 4) and Miss Ashton (Year 5) to our teaching staff team. We are excited to have them with us as we begin the new academic year.

Please visit our school blog to read about other exciting events at www.brwacademy.com, and please follow our Twitter (@BRWSchool) and Facebook Account for up-to-date notices.

Finally, from all the staff and I at BRW, thank you for your continued support. We wish you a happy and healthy summer holiday and hope you thoroughly enjoy this important time with your families.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss C Lee Acting Head-of-School