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School Mission Statement

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

October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

With our first Autumn half-term drawing to a close, I would like to celebrate with you some of our achievements this term as well as share some updates with you before the October break.

Welcome Mass

Our first half-term of 2023-24 started with a lovely Welcome Mass celebrated with our school community. With Mr Wheat and Mr Penna on music, we launched our 'I Am Who I Am!' theme together. Children from different year groups led different sections of the Mass and our pupils sang beautifully. Thank you to those who were able to come along

St Francis of Assisi Mass

On 4th October 2023, we joined our family of schools to celebrate St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of our school family hub. We were lucky enough to host four other schools at Corpus Christi. Year 6 represented BRW this time around. Each school had a special part to play in the Mass. They represented their schools wonderfully and showcased some impressive knowledge about the saint himself, Francis of Assisi.

Harvest Mass

This week, we had another chance to be together as a school and parish community by celebrating Harvest Mass. The singing was joyful and our speakers showed great confidence. Our pupils and their families have been incredibly generous this year in donating food for the Clifton Foodbank and Emmanuel House, two charities that we have a long-standing relationship with. A big thank you for your help in supporting these charities.



Trust Synod

BRW took four representatives from school to the Trust Synod on October 19th. The Synod was held in Active Church, Lincoln. It was a fantastic opportunity to reflect on our faith; consider important questions about the

DATES - 2023

Friday 20th October

Last day of Autumn 1

Monday 6th November

Inset Day

Tuesday 7th November

First day back at school

Thursday 9th November 10.50am

Remembrance Liturgy

Friday 10th November 9.05 am

Year 5 Assembly

Friday 17th November 9.05 am

Year 4 Assembly

Tuesday 5th December 5.00 pm

KS2 Advent Celebration

WC 11th December

Nativity week

Tuesday 19th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Carols
Around the Tree

Thursday 21st December 2pm

Advent Mass

Friday 22nd December

Last Day of Autumn Term

church and its future; and share our views and opinions. Our representatives did us proud, engaging well and showing great maturity among many different school-aged attendees.

Year 6 Assembly

Wow! What a spectacle our first-class assembly was this October. The audience were treated to a brilliant performance showcasing the Year 6's learning so far: poetry, science, history and RE to name but a few. We felt truly inspired at their pride in shouting (and singing!) 'I Am Who I Am!'. Each and every Year 6 pupil did themselves, their families and their school proud.

Black History Month

We have been so pleased to mark Black History Month this October. Our month began with a launch assembly in which we learnt about the origins of this important month. Children were set the challenge of researching key black figures from history who have fought for equal rights and justice. Classes have engaged in lessons and homework linked to this and celebrated many different books, authors and heroes who have championed the rights of the black community. Our pupils have showed a wonderful understanding of this important topic.

The National Numeracy Challenge

BRW is delighted to have been selected to work with the independent charity National Numeracy on an exciting project which encourages children and families to do maths together. As part of this, parents and carers can also get involved with an online resource being provided by National Numeracy.



Maths can sometimes seem daunting but engaging positively with children's learning can make a big difference to both children's and parents' confidence with numbers. You don't have to be a maths expert to be able to support your children, but improving your own confidence with maths – if you need to – can help you feel more comfortable doing so. We'd like to let you know of an opportunity to learn online with the National Numeracy Challenge.

The Challenge is a free and easy-to-use website that aims to help adults brush up without pressure on the numeracy skills which are needed in work and everyday life. You can find out where your skills are, practise some of the things you find difficult and access online learning resources at the right level for you. Your activity on the Challenge is confidential and will not be reported to the school. We are encouraging all parents and carers to register and have a go here:

www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/challenge/brwcvaag

We hope that you will take the opportunity and make the most of this exciting project.

Finally, we wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing you in the new half term, ready for the countdown to Christmas!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Hautenne

Acting Head-of-School