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School Mission Statement

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of our first half-term of 2024, we would like to share with you some updates as well as celebrate all that has happened so far...

The BRW Talent Shows

Our two Talent Shows were a great success again this year, with so many children impressing us with passion, energy, joy and, of course, plentiful talent! We were proud to see how courageous and confident our performers were and we thank them and their families for taking part in a special year where we encourage our pupils to say, 'I am who I am!'

Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week took place in the last week of this half-term. We began by 'Dressing to Express Ourselves', promoting the message to our pupils that their voice matters, as do their feelings and beliefs. Throughout the week, we have enjoyed a range of RHE lessons and quizzes focusing on mental health as well as safety online. This linked to our **Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 6th**, which focused on 'Inspiring Change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.' Over the week, we have learnt about keeping healthy and safe, both in our minds and online.

Table Tennis Champion!

We are proud to be celebrating an amazing achievement by one of our Year 6 pupils: congratulations to Amelia, who won the Nottingham Girls U11 Table Tennis Championships for the 2nd time in a row! She will now represent BRW in the National Schools Championships this summer. We are incredibly proud of her as the first girl to progress this far in 27 years and ranked 16th in the country in her age category! We wish her all the best as she prepares for the big day.

DATES – 2024

Friday 9th February

Inset Day followed by half-term

W/C 19th February

The Big Lent Walk

Wednesday 21st February

Coffee Morning, 9.00-10.00 am

W/C 4th March

World Book Week

4th-17th March

Fairtrade Fortnight

Tuesday 5th March

Rags to Riches Collection

W/C 8th March

BRW Science Week

Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th March

Parent Consultations

Friday 22nd March

Spring Raffle Announcement

W/C 25th March

Holy Week at BRW

Thursday 28th March

Last day of Term



BBC Radio Nottingham

Another highlight of this half-term has been welcoming BBC Radio Nottingham to our school. We supported them and Age UK in their campaign combatting loneliness, by saying 'Ey Up!' and shining a light on the importance of a friendly 'Hello' to those who may be lonely or isolated. Thank you to our Code Club children who welcomed roaming reporter, Rob Rose, and to our Digital Leaders, who showcased our own BRW radio!

Coming soon...

The Big Lent Walk

As Lent draws closer, we will be giving to others as part of the 'pray, fast, give' message we try to spread each year. This year, we will be raising money by taking part in the Big Lent Walk! All classes will walk a selected distance in w/c 19th February for a suggested donation of £1 and all funds raised will go to CAFOD. Please give generously as we use our BRW spirit to help those less fortunate in the approach to Holy Week.

Rags to Riches

We have signed up again to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme, to raise money and help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. We get 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items, which we will put towards school projects and we would be most grateful if you could help us with this challenge at home. Our next collection is booked for **5th March 2024** so please keep good clothing to donate to us on this date or the day before.

BRW Science Week

We hope to inspire budding scientists again this year! During BRW Science week (**w/c 11th March**), the children will take part in Science lessons that will focus on this year's theme: '**Time**'. There will also be an **OLOL Trust Competition** for the children to take part in so keep your eyes peeled for more information!

BRW Spring Raffle

Our **BIG BRW Spring Raffle** is back and will be drawn on Friday 22nd March. Our Easter Egg hampers were incredibly popular last year; therefore, we are asking for more Easter Egg donations this year. All funds raised from raffle tickets will go to supporting the school in improving our reading and library resources. Tickets will be available through the school office – get yours now and thank you so much in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason
Head Teacher

Safeguarding Update

As always, safeguarding at BRW is our priority.

If you have any concerns about a pupil in school, please speak to one of our DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads).

- Mrs Maylard-Mason
- Mrs Hautenne
- Mrs Hart
- Ms Chapman
- Mrs Cook

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