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School Mission Statement

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

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Dear Parents,

We have officially launched the **Jubilee**

Year of Hope this term. Pope Francis asks us to be pilgrims of **Hope** as we journey through this special Jubilee year to become closer to God and have hope for our world. Each class has made a special Jubilee Pledge, and we will be hosting other events throughout the year to mark this. Watch this space!



BRW Talent Show

Thank you for joining us for this year's **BRW's Got Talent**. The two events were wonderful occasions where children demonstrated their gifts and talents to the whole school community. Congratulations to all of the children who auditioned and took part this year, you should all be very proud! A special mention to our winners:

Years 4, 5 and 6	EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2
First: Fiona Second: Osayu Third: Hanna and Rosemary	First: Athithi, Excellent and Chelsea Second: Zara Third: Amara and Benjamin

Internet Safety Day

On the **11th February**, we had **Safer Internet Day** where we focus on online safety and wellbeing of our children. The Digital Leaders led an assembly on the theme: **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**

A "**scam**" refers to deceptive practices like phishing scams, online shopping fraud, fake giveaways or contests, social media scams, impersonation schemes, and unauthorised in-app purchases. These scams aim to trick users into revealing personal information, spending money, or falling victim to dishonest schemes.

Some tips shared with children include:

1. **Don't Trust Unsolicited Messages:** Never click on links or open attachments in messages from strangers or unknown sources. Scammers may try to trick you into giving out personal information.
2. **Keep Personal Information Private:** Avoid sharing personal details like your full name, address, school, or phone number online, especially with people you don't know well.
3. **Beware of Too-Good-to-Be-True Offers:** If an online deal or contest sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Always double-check with a parent or trusted adult before taking action.
4. **Check with an Adult:** If you get a strange message, request for money, or an offer that feels suspicious, talk to a parent, guardian, or teacher before responding.

5. **Use Strong Passwords:** Create strong, unique passwords for your online accounts, and don't share them with anyone, even friends.
6. **Avoid In-App Purchases Without Permission:** Always ask a parent before making any purchases in games or apps to avoid accidental spending or scams.
7. **Don't Share Social Media Accounts:** Keep your social media profiles private and only accept friend requests from people you know in real life.
8. **Report Suspicious Activity:** If you come across something that seems like a scam, let a parent or teacher know so they can help you report it.

Epiphany Liturgy

When we returned after the Christmas break, the Key Stage 2 Liturgy Team led our school celebrations on the feast of **The Epiphany**. They shared scripture readings, songs and prayers to help explain this important feast. They also gave us an important mission to let our lights shine this year. Thank you to all of our families and parents who attended.

Wellbeing Warrior Assembly

The BRW **Wellbeing Warriors** led an assembly for the whole school this term. They explained their role in school which involves championing wellbeing and supporting others in school. The Saint they take inspiration from is Our Lady of Lourdes, who is also the patron saint of our Multi-Academy Trust. It was a good opportunity for them to share their knowledge and leadership skills with us.

Opal Update

We have now enjoyed a full term of OPAL lunchtimes. The children have given some really positive feedback, especially about water play, our mud café and mixing with children of different ages. OPAL is an ongoing project that is always developing, evolving and changing. With this in mind, we will always need new resources. **We are keen to find more large loose parts such as tyres, guttering pipes and stone slabs.** If you or anyone you know can help with donations and building, please contact the school office so that we can continue to make our lunchtime play creative, imaginative, resilience-building and fun.

Please visit our school blog to read about other exciting events at www.brwacademy.com

Finally, we wish you a restful half term break and look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 24th February

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason
Head Teacher

DATES

Wednesday 5th March
Ash Wednesday Mass in Church

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

Tuesday 25th March
Parents Consultation
4.00pm-7.00pm

Wednesday 26th March
Parents Consultation
1.30pm-3.30pm

W/C 31st March
Holy Week at BRW

Friday 4th April
Last Day of Term