



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

The only place I can start this week is with the Winter Fair last Saturday! Despite the terrible weather, you turned out in your droves to support us and I am thrilled to tell you that the House stalls alone raised £2,000 for charity!

That money will do great things and I must thank you, your children, our staff and the PSA for the part they all played in making the day such a roaring success.

Today was also a special day in school with our annual 'No Pens' Day, in which students participate in various learning activities that do not require a pen throughout the day. This puts the emphasis on practical activities and oracy, which help the students develop other skills. As I went around the school today, students were having a great time and enjoying the variety of opportunities available to them - and not a pen in sight!

On top of all the great teaching, learning and extra-curricular that always goes on each week at RBA, this week we gave year 5 and 6 a special treat. On Monday, year 5 saw a live one-man show from Anthony Glenn who performed 'A Christmas Carol' for them and, on both Monday and Wednesday of this week, we took year 6 students to Warner Brother Studios for the Harry Potter tour. Children enjoyed both experiences greatly and both year groups received glowing feedback from outsiders about their respectful manners and behaviour.

Next week, we are also taking year 5 to the panto on Wednesday and the whole school is invited to participate in the national Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday for a £1 donation for the charity. Please note that full uniform, or PE kit as required, is required on the day, with the addition of a festive jumper.

As if that is not enough, on both Tuesday and Wednesday of next week we have over 130 students participating in our prestigious, annual gym and dance display. The scale of the production, and the hours of time that staff and students have dedicated to their preparation, means that the audience is guaranteed a stunning show.

Looking very far ahead, we have our first online parent/carer evening of the school year taking place on Tuesday the 13th of January. This will be for students in 6X band (with the night for 6Y band taking place the following week on the 20th). I know they are a long way off but I'm hopeful that the advance notice will give all parents/carers enough time to arrange it so you can take this chance to speak with your child's teachers on what is a vitally important night for those students in their SATs year.



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Tomorrow, a busy week culminates in my travelling to Princethorpe College in Rugby to cheer on both our boys and girls KS3 cross country teams in the English School Cross Country Cup Final! The students, and Mrs Cooper, have been training almost every lunch time, in all sorts of grotty weather, to be in the best possible shape on the day. Irrespective of what happens, we are incredibly proud of them and their dedication - good luck to both teams!

Whatever you are doing this weekend - I hope that you have a good one.

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