



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

Firstly, thank you to everyone that completed our parent/carer survey over the last two weeks. The responses are overwhelmingly positive so far and we are pleased to be able to see the impact RBA is having on your children. Mr Marshall will collate the feedback and create a FAQ document to address the most prevalent comments in the not too distant future so please keep an eye out for that.

I would also like to thank the Year 7 parents and carers who attended the virtual parent/carer evening on Tuesday. The conversations were incredibly positive and it was lovely to be able to talk about the great start the vast majority of students have made to the secondary phase of their education. Next Tuesday sees the turn of 7Y and we look forward to speaking to those parents/carers then.

This week we also celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday, where lessons were focused on the importance of environmentalism and sustainability, and we observed Purple Up Day in school today in support and recognition of the wonderful children from service families we have at RBA. Both days were a real success.

At this time of year, you can always tell that we are moving towards the summer months as rehearsals for our fabulous school production start ramping up. The standard of the performance is already astonishing and I cannot wait to welcome the wider community in for what promises to be another triumph for Mrs Marshall and the team.

Additionally, this week, it was my turn to lead assemblies and as usual I focused on the VOICE points students have achieved and the improvement in reading ages we have seen across the year so far. I built on that positivity with a message about the importance of their independence and exemplified that through the invitation of four students to give speeches in those assemblies. Ahsan, Jensen, Tilly and William all recently took part in a speech competition at Etonbury and agreed to give a short snippet of their speeches in assembly to students this week.

The title of their speeches were 'If I ruled the World ...' and we had actions ranging from intergenerational working parties to get the views of all age groups to reducing the amount of flatulence cows produce to reduce the impact of methane on the planet! Although I regularly mention our values, I do not always allude to the fact that they spell VOICE for this very reason; we want students to have opinions and to have the confidence and the belief to express those opinions articulately to others.

Those four students certainly did that this week and are a great example for other students to aspire to.

Finally, for this week, members of our Eco-Council will join members of the central Trust Team and the board of trustees to plant a Birch tree in our tiny forest to commemorate 10 years of BEST as a trust. We feel very fortunate to be part of such a caring and compassionate trust and are delighted to be able to celebrate that milestone together.

Thank you as ever for your time - I hope you have a lovely weekend.

John Linehan
Principal



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