



ROBERT BLOOMFIELD ACADEMY

Principal: Mr John Linehan



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Dear RBA Families,

It has been another great week at RBA, one that even the regular deluges of hail and rain could not dampen. Having such a terrible week of weather at the same time our MUGA was out of action due to refurbishment was far from ideal, but our students rose to the occasion and behaved absolutely brilliantly throughout.

I am delighted to start by sharing that last Saturday's Pretty Muddy challenge was a massive success. Our fantastic Year 5 team tackled the 5km muddy obstacle course and have now raised over £1,100 to raise awareness and vital funds for Cancer Research UK. We are incredibly proud of their efforts, and if you are able to support them, you can still visit their fundraising page to donate.

This Wednesday also saw our final drop-down day of the academic year, and the students had a wonderful time engaging deeply with their lessons. Our KS2 students focused on religion, while our KS3 students participated in a dedicated careers day. These days provide brilliant opportunities to explore important topics in a much more meaningful way, and the students produced some truly excellent work as a result.

Additionally, on Wednesday, we were very proud of the talented individuals who took part in our music recital, where the audience was treated to a spectacular showcase of our students' musical talents. The range on offer was incredible with solo singing performances, multiple bands as well as harp, piano, drums, flute, cello and guitar playing that was of an exceptionally high standard - thank you to all the students, parents/carers who came and Mr Fisher and Mrs Cole for their hard work in setting up the evening.

During my Year 5 assembly this week, we built some excitement by launching our brand-new Chromebook prize draw. From Wednesday, Year 5 students will have the opportunity to earn a special new VOICE point called a Maximum Effort point. In addition to being worth three positive points, each Maximum Effort point earned will act as a raffle ticket into our prize draw, with the lucky winner getting a Chromebook to take home and keep. This reward is aimed at helping our students get into the right mindset for their SATs next year, encouraging them to put the maximum amount of effort into everything they do. There will also be additional Chromebook prize draws to look forward to after the summer, at Christmas, and at Easter.

Finally, World Cup fever has truly swept through RBA this week with our form group sweepstake, where each class has been given a team to support. We were absolutely thrilled this week when, because a parent of a student in 6B - whose form drew Ghana in the sweep - reached out to Ghana and Coventry player Brandon Thomas-Asante to let him know. In a wonderful gesture, he actually sent the students a personalised video message, which even included a guest appearance from Antoine Semenyo! It was a fantastic surprise that the students absolutely loved, and it has provided a brilliant start to what will hopefully be a lot of fun throughout the tournament.

Thank you as ever for your time - I hope you all have a wonderful and relaxing (and dry!) weekend.

John Linehan

Principal



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