

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

In many walks of life it is so important to share best practice, it helps us share what we are doing and ensures that everyone is working together. It can help us to improve as well as encouraging us to collaborate and promote innovation.

Brooklands is recognised for its exceptional practice in the delivery of our curriculum and we regularly host opportunities for other schools to visit us to learn from what we are doing. Sometimes those visitors are from others working within our Multi Academy Trust or from across Suffolk, but very often our visitors come from across the country. Most recently, 16 school leaders from across Norfolk, Kent and London visited to see our reading, writing, history, geography and science curriculum.

Whether the visiting groups are 2 or 25, the benefits for Team Brooklands are multi-fold, they help to reinforce our learning culture, where learning from others is part of our way of working. Brooklands' recruitment improves both in our attraction of new teachers, but also, in retaining and engaging the strong team that we already have. We want our team to embrace change, share their creative and innovative ideas and be looking forward, confident and competent in their roles and able to offer the very best learning experience for our children.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Secure In The Knowledge

Brooklands welcomes Marco Ferdenzi who joins us as our new site manager. Marco will be responsible for the maintenance and security of our school building. We are delighted to have him join our school community.

Will There Be Bunny Prints On Our Drive?

Over the Easter break our school driveway will be resurfaced making it safer. Let's hope the Easter Bunny doesn't dash through before it's dry!

Beachcombing On The Shore

For our youngest children, Beach School will begin in the next few weeks. We'd like to extend our thanks to Manningtree Council Town Council for use of its beach. Our children will be doing many exciting things including; beachcombing, minibeast hunting in the sand and mud dipping in the saltmarsh.

Looking To Join Team Brooklands?

Brooklands is currently advertising for an Early Career Teacher to start with us in September. Over the years we have worked hard to nurture the talent of new teachers and develop leadership.

Countdown Excitement

With only a few weeks to go until families of children starting school in September find out if they have a place at Brooklands, we are busy making preparations for bookbags. What surprises will children find this year?

Equipped to Run, Jump and Climb

Whether children are running around the playground, attempting a handstand or riding their bike to school, gingham playsuits and shorts are a practical and smart addition to their summer wardrobe.

Thinking Of Summer Days

Our teachers are busy planning trips for the Summer term. Look out for a range of new venues including the Exploring Science Amusement Lab in Bowthorpe.

Inspired By Others

Learning from some exceptional schools within the Unity Schools Partnership recently, our staff have been observing firsthand how technology is being integrated to enhance teaching and children's learning. This included the use of iPads across the curriculum. We explored their innovative strategies and saw how they are using technology to raise engagement and attainment. Energised and inspired by their practice, Brooklands has plans for continued investment in its technology. We look forward to sharing more soon.