

parents newsletter



2nd November 2022

Dear Parents,

The clocks may have just gone back but it is still feeling distinctly mild. It won't be long though before we start pulling on those snug jumpers, relaxing by the fire and finding all things pumpkin-spiced!

There's something very special in the air at this time of the year and it's no wonder that artists through the generations have found their inspiration in the wonders of Autumn. From the excitement of costumes and trick or treating on Halloween to the thrill and excitement of Guy Fawkes' Bonfire Night, Autumn is the perfect time of year for celebration.

Brooklands kicked off its Autumn term with our Halloween Disco. The excitement was palpable with zombies, ghosts, witches and any number of imaginative dressing up creations that thrilled and amazed. Spooky adventures continue in our library with the addition of some new titles including: The Dinosaur that Pooped Halloween!, There's a Witch in Your Book? The Crayons Trick or Treat.

Forest School visits in the woodland will take in Autumn's kaleidoscopic colours and our youngest children will be getting creative and developing their tool use with knives when they turn their attention to pumpkin carving. Dig out your cosy sweaters and those obscure pumpkin recipes, Autumn is here!

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Be Visible

We have purchased all children a Brooklands reflector to help them be visible to traffic. Look out for their reflectors on their clothing, bag or back-pack.

Reach Out

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 will take place from Monday 14th - Friday 18th November with the theme Reach Out. A theme that empowers teachers and children to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

Whether it's in school, at home, or online we want to encourage our community to reach out to someone you know is being bullied and show support.

Celebrating Science at Brooklands

Brooklands has recently achieved the Primary Science Quality Mark. The award recognises our commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning.

The Day is Close

Following the completion of external works including the installation of a new trim trail and cycle stores, scooter racks as well as playground resurfacing, we anticipate that we will soon be able to announce the re-opening of the back path for use at the beginning and end of the school day to ease congestion at the front of the school.

Money Matters

At our recent Parent Forum we discussed the impact of the cost of living crisis is having on families. Brooklands will be supporting families with the messages they are trying to convey at home. Children will be learning about the rising cost of living and how it affects them, but also gaining essential money skills to prepare them for the adult world of finance as well as making sustainable choices that are better for the environment. We will be developing children's awareness of how they can make a difference by supporting day-to-day habits from turning lights off to conserving heat. Teachers will also be modelling financial decisions such as shopping for the best value, checking a receipt after you shop. We have also purchased a range of new books such as It's a No-Money Day, The Great (Food) Bank Heist and Maddi's Fridge.

Little City is Coming to Brooklands

For parents with children starting school in September 2023 you can now apply online for a school place at www.suffolk.gov.uk. If you live in Essex you can apply online from 7th November at www.essex.gov.uk.

Why not 'stay and play' in our Little City on 5th November? Families are welcome to drop in between 10.00 and 12.00.