

parents newsletter



1st March 2023

Dear Parents,

There is a palpable air of spring about to bust forth as the bulbs are starting to peek their noses above the soil. It won't be long before the grounds fill with pops of colour as flowers and grass begin to grow. So, as we look forward to the green shoots of Spring, what colour represents Brooklands?

School colours are chosen by a school as part of its brand identity, used on building signage, web pages and the uniforms. They can promote connection to the school and help differentiate it from others. When many of you think of Brooklands you will think of children dressed in red sweatshirts donning our school logo, red gingham dresses and playsuits as well as hair accessories from clips to bobbles. Around school you will also see striking red lockers, chairs and tables.

What does red say about Brooklands? The colour red has a long history of association in Scandinavia, symbolising pastoral life and in China it is the colour associated with power and prosperity. Red draws our attention like no other, and here, in the UK and America it symbolises action, strength, energy, passion and excitement. It demands attention. Think: stop signs, sirens, fire engines, and red traffic lights.

Next time you are pulling on that red sweatshirt, take pride in the bold colour and what it represents.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

News Is Coming Soon!

It is only a few weeks (April 17th) until families of children starting school in September find out if they have been successful in gaining a place at Brooklands.

Exploring New Spaces

All of our children have visited our new teaching block and explored the space. Excitement is mounting as they are eager to find out which year groups will be in the block in September. Keep tuned for classroom arrangements being announced in the Summer term.

We have a number of slots where parents can also visit our new block to view our new classrooms, studio, toilets and group room (see reverse).

Sharing Ideas

Our next Parent Forum will focus on diversity and representation. If you are keen to share ideas on how we can amplify different perspectives, backgrounds and experiences join us on 21st March, 2.30pm.

Cycling Into Summer

Our Year 5 children will be undertaking Bikeability training at the end of the academic year to support them with cycling safely to and from school.

Woodland Shoots

We are very happy to report that we have had 6 new Birch trees planted on our school grounds.

Congratulations

Brooklands delivers individualised support programmes to meet the emotional needs of our children. Congratulations to Marie Chapman who has successfully completed her Emotional Literacy Support Assistant training.

OMAT Spotlight

Orwell Multi Academy Trust have recently appointed a new CEO to provide strategic direction within the Trust. We look forward to sharing information on the appointment in the next few weeks.

What Character Will You Be?

We will be celebrating World Book Day (2nd March) to promote reading for pleasure. We're encouraging children to dress up to reflect their choice of reading. Dressing up can help children engage and share what they love to read with others.

FAQs

To support new families joining Brooklands take a look at our new Frequently Asked Questions (and answers) on the Brooklands' website.

Changing With Our Needs

Signage directs visitors around our space. We have recently added interchangeable signs to our doors which can be updated as our school grows.