

parents newsletter



12th June 2023

Dear Parents,

What about you? What is your next big challenge and when will you go for it? It might sound strange, but taking on a challenge actually has proven benefits: It can bring us pleasure, satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. A challenge creates a stimulus in your brain that forces you to use prior knowledge, problem-solving skills, strategic reasoning, creativity, insight, and perseverance to solve the challenge. A challenge also helps us to relax. Take a moment to think, a life without a challenge is a life that is comfortable and predictable and has the potential to ultimately make us restless.

Here's a few family challenges you and your family can get involved in this Summer:

30 Days Wild (1st – 30th June). 30 Days Wild is The Wildlife Trusts' annual nature challenge where the nation is challenged to do one 'wild' thing a day, throughout June. Your daily wild activities can be anything you like from having breakfast with the birds on Monday, feeling the grass between your toes on Tuesday, and watching wildlife webcams on Wednesday. There's no set structure, so you can take part in a way that suits you. Alongside benefiting your local wildlife, taking part in 30 Days Wild is scientifically proven to make you feel happier, healthier, and more connected to nature.

Ready for launch on the 24th June is also our Summer Reading Challenge. Keep your eyes out for exciting announcements. Each year the Summer Reading Challenge has a new theme. For 2023, The Reading Agency is teaming up with Youth Sport Trust for 'Ready, Set, Read!' a sports and games themed Challenge that will encourage children to set themselves a reading goal over the holidays.

Christine Davy

Have You Considered Becoming A Volunteer?

Parent volunteers are crucial to us running regular Forest School activities. We are currently short of volunteers in most year groups and we are sending out a request for help.

The application process takes several weeks to complete but you will be guided through the stages. Our next training session is 22nd June 6.00pm.

If you are able to offer your time please do get in touch. Starting the process now will help to ensure you are ready to volunteer from September.

Thinking of Buying New Uniform?

With the start of each new school year many parent's attention turns to the purchase of new school uniform. Our children grow so quickly. At Brooklands we are proud of our uniform and I am attaching a copy of our updated Uniform Policy with this newsletter for your guidance.

Please note that guidelines extend to footwear, socks and hair accessories. Jumpers and cardigans should have the Brooklands logo and can be purchased online at <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/>. Pre-loved uniform is also available from the PTA.

If you have any questions, please just get in touch.

Introducing Your Teachers

I am pleased to announce the teaching arrangements for our youngest children at Brooklands from September. Over the next few weeks parents will be notified of their child's class teacher.

Early Years: Grace Glanvill

Early Years: Millie Tudge

Year 1: Paige Allen

Year 1/Year 2: Hannah Brown

Year 2: Kirsty Haddock

Key Stage 2 teaching arrangements are as follows:

Year 3: Katie Poore

Year 4: Rhian Brighton (4 days)/Mike Waddell (Monday morning)

Year 5: Marie Hunting (4 days)/Mike Waddell (Friday morning)

Year 6: Jack Rutherford

The Rainbow Flag Of June

At Brooklands we have a weekly assembly themed on diversity in all its forms. Last half-term our assemblies focused on disability, specifically neurodiversity such as Autism and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

This half-term we will be finding out about Pride Month. What it is and why people celebrate it. Ahead of Manningtree's first Pride Festival (taking place for families June 24th), we will be welcoming some of the organisers to tell us more about the family event.