

parents newsletter



5th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new year! 2023 will be event-filled for many reasons from major political, cultural and sporting tournaments among them the historic coronation of King Charles III, the FIFA Women's World Cup hosted by Australia and New Zealand as well as the celebration of 100 years of Disney.

Here at Brooklands 2023 brings its own exciting calendar of events to get ready for. Most notably a key moment in the school's history as the ribbon is cut across the door and our children step foot into our new teaching space. Years in the planning and months in the building our children will now see the transformation up close and be able to peak beyond the classroom doors, exploring the new block. September will see the first of many generations of children taught in this area. The year ahead will also see us appoint an additional teacher to the team as the school grows. The advert will appear in the next few weeks and just like a series of Britain's Got Teaching Talent we will be spreading our net across the country to find that special new team member in readiness for September. We will also welcome new children to our school community as new families move into the area.

With your support in all its forms from Parent Forums, commenting on ClassDojo, responding to parental surveys and helping with events, we know that 2023 will be a year to remember. Meanwhile, if you have an idea we would love to hear about it.

Christine Davy

Headteacher

OMAT Spotlight

Many of you will have seen or met Orwell Multi Academy Trust's CEO, Anna Hennell James. Anna was part of the founding team at OMAT and will be leaving the Trust at the end of this academic year. The advert to find her replacement was published recently. This is a rare and exciting opportunity for someone to bring new energy and strategic direction within the Trust and we will keep you updated. In the meantime, we pass on our thanks to Anna for all her work.

Closing Date Approaches

You must apply for a primary school place for the 2023/2024 school year by the closing date of 15th January 2023. You'll be able to view the outcome of your application on 17th April 2023, the National Offer Day.

Lighting Up With DfE Funding

The Department for Education (DfE) recently announced additional funding for schools to help improve energy efficiency this financial year. With this in mind, Brooklands' energy audit has highlighted an effective use of this funding. Over the coming weeks we will be using the grant to switch to LED lighting throughout Brooklands, helping to improve our energy efficiency this financial year.

Diversity Brings Opportunities

At Brooklands we believe that diversity within our community brings opportunity. We know from experience how it can help support our curriculum delivery, bring richness to our experiences and make learning more relateable.

To support our awareness of diversity within our community it would be helpful if families would take a few minutes to check and update their details (ethnicity) on Arbor.

Interested in Learning Piano?

This term we are thrilled to be extending our club offer to include beginner keyboard sessions for Year 3 and Year 4 children. This is a fabulous opportunity for our children to extend their skills in learning to play an instrument beyond learning to play the recorder and clarinet during their time with us.

What Will The Pose of the Day Be?

Following the success of our yoga club for our youngest children we are also introducing new sessions for our children in Year 3 to Year 6.

A Big Welcome

I am sure that you will join us in extending a big welcome to two new families who joined us this week: Maggie (Early Years) and Stanley (Year 1). As well as Humphrey (Year 1).