

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

What can we do for our children that will give them confidence, resilience, enable them to feel empathy for others, and succeed as best they can in their lives? A good education is often one of the first things we identify but the importance you have as parents in your child's life is infinite. Traditionally, parents looking to support their child's future have focused on their secondary aged children preparing to take their next steps in education and working towards their exams and whilst this is certainly an important moment in a young person's life in many cases it may be too late at this stage to shape their attitudes, behaviours and decision-making.

Every parent wants their children to do well in school and go on to do awesome things as adults and attending a successful school brings opportunities and increased choices but when we work together we are able to build aspiration, skills, and all the qualities that make an amazing Brooklands learner. Supporting your child now to foster learning habits such as reading daily, completing home learning tasks and taking part in extracurricular activities, as well as valuing and celebrating positive learning behaviours will help them not just during their time at Brooklands but will help them build the foundations for their future and skills for life.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Musical Beginnings

We are thrilled that with the appointment of Holly Millgate and the support of Suffolk County Music we are opening up the magical and exhilarating language of music to our children and making the most of our fabulous new music room.

Over the next few months we hope to be buying even more new instruments and further expanding music opportunities for our children.

Multiplication Tables Check

Brooklands will be taking part in a national voluntary pilot between 10th June and 28th June 2019 with our current Year 4 pupils.

From the 2019/20 academic year onwards, schools across England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to Year 4 pupils which includes multiplication tables up to and including 12 x 12.

Research clearly shows how vital MTC is in children's future success in mathematics and to help support our Year 3 and Year 4 parents with this we have arranged an information session on 15th January 2019 (6.00pm).

Learning on the Move

Brooklands has recently extended its use of the award winning app "2Build a Profile" into Key Stage 1 and 2. This system enables teachers to capture and celebrate your child's learning as it happens and is a very simple yet powerful way in which we can track more observational aspects of learning and progress on a regular basis.

Digital Parenting Magazine

I am accompanying this newsletter with a copy of the current Digital Parenting magazine offering an online safety guide for families. The magazine offers advice from teachers, parents and online safety experts on subjects ranging from Virtual Reality to Snapchat. You will find it full of helpful information from setting parental controls on apps and devices through to advice on how to keep your child safe online.

OMAT Spotlight

Last week Headteachers from across the Trust met to discuss how we all plan and deliver our curriculums. Brooklands was able to share how we timetable subjects that work across the curriculum, explore new venues for trips and introduce new and innovative resources.