

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

How many of us are comfortable taking risks I wonder? At Brooklands we often encourage our children to take a risk like tackling a maths problem in a new way or attempting to spell a word for the first time. Only by trying new things do we learn, develop and grow. At school we help our children by setting supported challenges. It is the same when our children play outside, whether climbing a tree, building a den or tending to a fire for the first time, these challenges are all lessons. Big or small, our ability to take little risks everyday in this way help us to understand our boundaries and capabilities and to bounce back from failure and are a vital part of our development that allows us to learn and to navigate the risks inherent in existing. Playing outdoors is one of the key ways in which we all come to understand how to balance potential harm with opportunities for fun, adventure, learning and friendship. When we're talking about risky play, we're really talking about opportunities for adventure and a chance to learn. There is risk in climbing trees, in crossing streams, in getting up close and personal with creepy crawlies. But, more importantly, there is fun and the ingredients for new and imaginative worlds where our children are intrepid explorers. Children also learn to be resilient, to pick themselves up when they fall and keep playing when they lose a game. It has an amazing effect on their development and confidence. Just like with long division, we might get it wrong the first time, but we take a risk, try again, and learn to succeed. What risks will you take today?

Happy Easter
Christine Davy

Maths Inspiration

On our website you'll find information on how our children are taught mathematics in school. At Brooklands we use "Inspire Maths". This programme follows an approach which aims to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts. You'll also find activities that you can use at home to build your child's skills and confidence.

Offer Anticipation

If you are anxiously or excitedly waiting to know if your child has a place at Brooklands in the new year your wait will soon be over. You will be able to view the outcome of your application by logging into the school admissions portal on 16th April (National Offer Day). You will also receive an email with details of your child's offer.

Music to Your Ears

Brooklands Friends and Family contributions have enabled the purchase of a range of music resources for the school including a portable PA system, drums and keyboards. A huge thank you once again for everyone's efforts in enabling this to happen.

Over the next few months our fundraising efforts will continue this focus on music resources and we hope to purchase outdoor music equipment.

OMAT Spotlight

Brooklands recently had a Special Educational needs Peer Review. A Peer Review provides an objective review of current school performance and helps to support the schools development. Thank you to the many parents who engaged in this review. We will be writing to you shortly highlighting the key themes that have come from this review.

Beach School

Our Early Years children will be experiencing Beach School next term with visits to Wrabness. Brooklands is at the forefront of outdoor learning and we are the only school in Suffolk to be able to offer our children the opportunity to learn and develop in this environment as part of being a recognised Beach School. Wrabness provides us with great opportunities for roaming, play and exploration. Here at the beach we run activities from paddling to shelter building, beach art to scavenger hunts, foraging and wild cooking to name but a few.

