

parents newsletter



27th February 2019

Dear Parents,

Spring is in the air and the daffodils are beginning to herald a seasonal change. Over the years, Brooklands has seen many transformational changes across the seasons. Changes that have ranged in size from simple acts of kindness and thoughtfulness to the heart-warming and inspirational work of our fabulous parents, for example when Annette Toms, Katie Puls, Kristie Thomas and Katharine Liu pulled together to identify a new Forest School site when we needed one - and all the amazing fund-raising Maxine Milton and her supporters have done through BFF, to name just two.

You might not realise it, but you too can become a difference-maker and it can be immensely rewarding and inspiring to others to see the differences you help to bring about. If you have a cause that is important to you or you have a suggestion of how you can offer your help, we would love to hear from you.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

11+ 2020 Entry

Registration for the 11+ exam will take place 14th May 2019 to 1st July 2019. Tests will take place on Saturday 21st September 2019. For more information on how to register please visit the CSSE website www.csse.org.uk

Up, Up and Away..

After joining us a newly qualified teacher almost seven years ago Megan Glazin will be sadly leaving us for pastures and challenges new after Easter. Megan has been a fabulous difference-maker at Brooklands and will be much missed, but we wish her well as her career develops and takes her on to a larger school in Ipswich.

Plastic Free Schools

We will be taking part in the Plastic Free Schools Challenge. Through a pupil led programme designed to equip pupils with tools and challenges to create positive, lasting environmental change. The programme asks children to not only tackle unnecessary single-use plastics in their school but inspire industry and government to make positive steps in the same direction as well.

Learning Through Experiences

Each year, Brooklands staff put a great deal of consideration and effort into planning visits and visitors to the school. We recognise how important it is for our children to have these opportunities and experiences instilling childhood memories. Unfortunately, however, some of these activities do involve the need for additional funding. We strive to keep voluntary contributions as low as possible and for this reason, we ask our parents to think carefully about the impact of not contributing. If the school does not receive sufficient voluntary contributions it may be necessary to cancel an event.

OMAT Spotlight

This term Brooklands is working with other schools within the Orwell Multi Academy Trust to undertake Peer Reviews linked to mathematics. Peer reviews are a widely-used and extremely effective opportunity to network between schools and share what we are doing in practice, learn from others and identify what and how we are doing well. It provides a great chance to share professional expertise and improve provision. As a result of Peer Reviews Brooklands has explored ways to challenge our more able children.