

parents newsletter



19th July 2019

Dear Parents,

As this academic year draws to a close it brings with it a time for brief reflection on the many amazing things we have achieved and celebrated at Brooklands in the past year. There have been so many activities and memorable events including: Team Brooklands welcoming Melissa Payne, Jasmin Clarke and Grace Glanvill. Our children's outcomes at the end of Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 as well as our shining results in phonics all above national figures for a further year. These results reflect all the exceptional work and effort that everyone involved, including the children, staff and parents have put in. We became the first school in Suffolk to achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools. It's been great to see new leaders like Charlie Goddard and Rhian Brighton grow into their leadership roles. I am also pleased that all classes were able to visit our new Forest School site at Pattles Fen throughout the year. Pupil numbers have continued to climb to record levels. We have also had some sensational fundraising events including our recent Spellathon which raised a staggering £3642. Schools across the county continue to look to us for guidance and advice on best practice including Orwell Multi-Academy Trust, where our strengths are making a difference to education of all children across the Trust.

I am sure that next year will bring continued success as new children and parents join us along with new teachers and governors. I wish you all a good summer break and look forward to sharing 2019/20 with you.

Best wishes

Christine Davy

Shining Results

A huge congratulations to all those who worked so hard towards their SATs. As you will see from the table below these results show what an outstanding achievement they were and I am delighted to report that our Year 6 children shone above national figures.

	School	National
Achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	82%	65%
Achieving the expected standard in reading	93%	73%
Achieving a higher standard in reading	37%	27%
Achieving the expected standard in writing	85%	78%
Working at greater depth in writing	33%	20%
Achieving the expected standard in mathematics	82%	79%
Achieving a high standard in mathematics	33%	27%
Achieving the expected standard in grammar, punctuation and spelling	85%	78%
Average scaled score in reading	107	104
Average scaled score in mathematics	106	105

Helping You Support Your Child

We have several information sessions planned to support parents in helping their child's learning.

Primary Proms

We have a number of planned music events for those children with a passion including a planned visit to the Music for Youth Primary Proms held at the Royal Albert Hall. Look out for other music events planned over the next year.

Refurbishment Continues

We continue our refurbishment of the school over the Summer holidays. Further painting of classrooms in addition to refurbishment of our Early Years outside space will be taking place.

Making Maths Move

From September Rhian Brighton will be leading mathematics across the school. Rhian is currently developing the use of manipulatives in mathematics. A manipulative is a physical object that pupils or teachers can touch and move and is a method used to support the teaching and learning of mathematics. For example common manipulatives include Cuisenaire rods and Dienes blocks.

Uniform Reminder

For those of you looking to purchase uniform ready for September, please note that jumpers and cardigans need to have the school logo on and can be purchased online at www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk. Please also make sure all clothing is clearly named.