

parents newsletter



10th September 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to all our parents both new and familiar as we start this new and exciting year with our children. For more than 6 years, supported by an exceptional team including my right hand man Mike, I have been leading Brooklands. During this time we have introduced many initiatives and improvements becoming the first Beach School in Suffolk, having our own woodland and habitat area on site, expanding all the fantastic work we do around learning outdoors and developing our technology through ongoing significant investment. With a sensational team of dedicated staff and teachers who bring their talents, energy and enthusiasm we have seen our Early Years outcomes for children rise significantly from 57% in 2014 to 80% in 2019 and in phonics from 62% in 2013 to 93% in 2019. Outcomes at the end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 have also continued to be significantly above national. Many of our achievements are recognised on the walls in the school's entrance where you will see our expanding collection of awards including the first school in Suffolk to achieve the Wellbeing Award for Schools and the Leading Parent Partnership Award. Brooklands prides itself on our partnership working and as part of the Orwell Multi Academy Trust we are constantly looking to innovate and provide the best opportunities to help our children strive and thrive.

Every two weeks I will be updating you on news and events in your regular newsletter and look forward to speaking with you all over the coming weeks.

Best wishes

Christine Davy

The Magic of Reading Time

Over the next few weeks our Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be bringing home books from our new collections. We hope you enjoy sharing these new books with your child. Reading daily with your child makes a huge difference to their enjoyment and progress. (Please note that the colour banding of this system does not relate to our previous reading levels.)

Inspiring our New Musicians

With the support of Suffolk County Music Service we are delighted that our Year 4 children will have the opportunity to learn the clarinet this term.

It has also been possible for our Year 5 children to continue learning their instrument for a further year and progressing on to a B flat clarinet. We hope that for some of our children they will embark on graded music exams and accomplish their Grade 1.

Let's Get Pedaling

Our Year 6 children are currently undertaking Bikeability training this week to ensure they have the practical skills and understanding how to cycle on roads.

New Faces

We are delighted to welcome 2 new teachers to Brooklands this Autumn, Momina Sohail and Max Orrin. Please do say hello when you see them around the school.

As well as our children starting school in Early Years we also welcome a number of new families across the school. Thank you to those of you who have already taken the time to get to know our new faces.

Quick and Easy Payments System

Brooklands has moved to an online payment system – SIMS Agorga. We encourage parents of children who are new to Brooklands to sign up for this service ahead of us releasing details of school activities such as clubs and trips where places are limited and are available on a 'first-come first-served' basis. Look out for letters.

If you need any help registering please speak to our admin staff who will be able to help you.

Club Market

Our Club Market is always very popular and this week our children will have the chance to meet representatives from many local clubs in our community. We hope it will encourage our children to try new things and perhaps inspire them to try something new.