

parents newsletter



14th October 2019

Dear Parents,

This term we see Melissa Payne and Grace Granvill taking on new leadership roles. Grace is leading our Early Years and helping bring her creative ideas and energy to the refurbishment of our exciting outside space, overseeing the recent installation of a new mud kitchen, a woodwork cabin and construction area featuring Kitcamp panels and Outlast blocks, planks and ramps. Meanwhile Grace (with the support of Charlie Goddard, our Sports Leader) will also be launching Balanceability helping our Early Years children to develop their confidence to ride a bike. Grace will also be working closely with Hayley Aherne, one of Brooklands governors drawing on Hayley's valuable early years experience as Manager at Brooklands Young Explorers to further enhance what we are able to offer in this year group. Melissa is also working hard in her role as Religious Education leader, organising a range of interesting visits from speakers from different religious backgrounds as well as those without religious beliefs to help our children develop their interest and awareness of different ideas. For example, we recently saw a visit from a speaker to talk about Humanism.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us over the past few weeks, from those helping us to restore our log circle at our Forest School site to assembling balance and pedal bikes and more. Please look out for posts on ClassDojo to discover more ways in which you can make a difference to our children's memorable experiences. As part of our Brooklands community we value your help and expertise enormously.

Best wishes
Christine Davy

Applications Are Open!

If you have a child starting school in September, you can now apply online for a school place at www.suffolk.gov.uk. If you would like to arrange a tour of the school please contact the school office.

Brooklands will be holding an information evening on 16th October at 6.00pm for parents with children starting school in September 2020.

Broken Weeks

We know from research and experience how irregular school attendance seriously disrupts children's learning as well as unsettles friendship groups. Patterns of absence (even small ones) can trigger action by the Local Authority relating to something termed "broken weeks".

As a school we work closely with parents and the Education Welfare Officer to avoid 'broken weeks' and the impact this can have on our children.

Passion For Our Environment

If you have a passion for environmental issues we are looking to hear from parents who are keen to work with our children to make a difference to our school community. If you are interested please get in touch.

Lottery Grant

We are thrilled to announce that Brooklands has been successful in its application for a National Lottery Awards for All grant. We've been awarded £10,000 for a specific project and this money alongside funds from the school budget will fund an outdoor classroom with seating capacity for 70 children. This area outside will become a space for art, group discussions, outdoor music sessions and yoga.



OMAT Spotlight

Leaders within Orwell Multi Academy Trust are planning a number of enrichment activities across the year including a singing performance at the Corn Exchange in Ipswich. See dates on reverse.

Digital Parenting Magazine

I am accompanying this newsletter with a copy of an online safety guide for families. The magazine is packed with advice on issues such as healthy screen time and sleep.