

parents newsletter



27th January 2020

Dear Parents,

This term I have been reflecting on some of the warm and generous feedback we have received from visitors to the school. Comments like 'A really lovely day with courteous, polite pupils' and 'The children are extremely well behaved and helpful'. Small things perhaps, but it is this shared attitude of kindness, appreciation and respect at Brooklands that we collectively work hard to cultivate and nurture throughout the school. From Fran Deer encouraging us all to say please and thank you as she serves our lunches to our teachers greeting the children in the morning.

Mutual respect, manners and courtesy are fundamental in our communication and a building block for developing strong relationships throughout our lives. So whether it's an interview for a job or meeting prospective in-laws the outcome will be influenced by the model behaviour our children see around them today. Our parents play a huge role in supporting this too and we encourage everyone to value the importance of developing these qualities in children in the same way they would support their child with reading, learning a sport or any other developing activity.

And so, I offer a big, public thank you to you all, for helping to make Brooklands feel warm, welcoming and a happy place in which learning can flourish.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Learning Together

'Learning Together' this term continue to reflect the wide range of curriculum subjects from science to history. We hope that this approach will support and develop our parent's understanding of the wide range of subjects taught at Brooklands.

The Joy of Reading

A 2012 study by the National Literacy Trust found that children who read outside of school every day were 13 times more likely to read above the expected level for their age.

At Brooklands, we have recently launched a new reading reward system into Early Years and Key Stage 1. Children are expected to read at home daily (at least 3 times a week). Reading regularly at home means that children can work towards a range of exciting rewards from book marks to books.

In Year Applications

Do you know of any families moving into the area who would like to come to us? We currently have a limited number of places available.

As an academy, parents wanting their child to join Brooklands during the school year (in-year applications) can apply directly to us for a school place.

How Many Tables?

Thank you to those parents who are supporting their children at home with their multiplication facts. Encouraging your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars at home is an excellent way to support your child. By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know upto their 12 times tables.

For children in Year 4, 2020 will also mark the first year for the statutory multiplication tables check.

Ambitious and Beautiful Work

This term across the school children have been developing their printing skills in art. Keen to encourage our children to try new things, our Year 5 children have been lino printing whilst our Year 6 children have been learning to screen print.

