

parents newsletter



4th November 2021

Dear Parents,

All of our parents want to feel assured that their children receive the best education possible and here at Brooklands we place a significant emphasis on ensuring that our teaching is informed and led by the best evidence available on “what works” in education rather than what has been done in the past following long established practices just because they have always been done that way or even following what “feels right” without first knowing why.

Brooklands not only recognises, but embraces a culture based firmly in evidence-informed practice. From our approach to marking and feedback to the way in which we teach reading, everything we are doing is informed by evidence that demonstrates strong outcomes, improvement and knowing what is effective.

I know that this approach might sound demanding, but critically engaging with research isn't just about introducing new, effective approaches to teaching, learning and assessment it also involves identifying and changing what is not working effectively ensuring that Brooklands' standards remain high and offer the very best for your child.

Our teachers do this by actively seeking out and reviewing the very latest evidence in education to ensure that your child receives the very best practice and approaches possible. We support our teachers to engage with research and translate their learning within their classrooms which in turn, provides our teachers with greater enthusiasm and insight into how they can enhance the quality of children's learning and see tangible impact in their practice. Together, “being the best we can be”.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

One Kind Word

Anti-Bullying Week 2021 is being held between 15th and 19th November. ‘One Kind Word’ has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week.



Showing Racism The Red Card

The UK's leading anti-racism education charity, Show Racism the Red Card, recently launched a new online training course specifically for teachers and in line with this week's newsletter theme I am delighted to share that our teachers have not only undertaken but completed their online training: ‘Promoting Equality and Tackling Racism in Schools’.

Building Begins

Suffolk County Council are currently working on the tender process for the building contractor for our new block. Building work is expected to start in January 2022.

Hearing Your Views

Thank you to all of you who have taken a few moments to complete our annual parent survey. Hearing your views and suggestions is immensely helpful and this survey offers you the opportunity to contribute positively to your child's experience and learning here at Brooklands. We will be sharing findings with families and responding to your feedback over the next few weeks.

Making a Difference

Is your child making a difference about something important to them? Brooklands is keen to share positive role models in our community and highlight the Difference Makers. Charles Baxter in Year 5 recently took part in a protest along the River Stour against sewage being dumped into rivers. We're keen to hear how our children are making a positive and meaningful contribution to their community by sharing local activities they have been involved in and helping to promote and foster our children as Difference Makers.