

parents newsletter



24th January 2022

Dear Parents,

I've lost count how many times over the years I have been asked "How do I choose the best school for my child? And, "Does it matter if it's rated 'outstanding'?" Our early experiences of school make an indelible mark on us that for most, will leave memories that can last a life time. As a parent you want your child to be happy and enjoy their time at school and seeing smiling faces greet you, fills our hearts.

A visitor to the school might comment on how wonderfully confident, open and friendly our children are at Brooklands. How willing they are to share their learning, calmly focussed and engaged in what they are doing. As parents you share their joy as they proudly thrust what they have been doing each day into your hand or refer you to ClassDojo, and you see the progress they are making.

Like many things in life, what we see initially does not reveal the foundations below that enable this to happen. Creating the environment in which our children flourish requires exceptionally skilled, passionate teachers and support staff who have a deep affection and respect for the children they teach. Our energy, knowledge and experience at Brooklands is what makes it a school like no other. Next time you see your child burst forth from those school doors, beaming with pride and keen to share the events of their day, take a moment to reflect on those foundations and then consider what it means to you to be recognised as outstanding.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Building Blocks

We are delighted that we are now just a few weeks away from work starting on our £1.9 million expansion project. We are already working closely with the contractor SEF French to find ways of minimising disruption. The builders will be moving onto the construction site and setting up facilities for the new teaching block on the 31st January and they will complete the project (if all goes to plan!) in readiness for the Autumn term.

Gatsby and Beyond

As part of our work towards becoming the first school in the region to achieve the Career Mark and support the school in developing its careers programme, Brooklands has recently evaluated its careers activities against the eight benchmarks of best practice, known as the Gatsby Benchmarks. Our review has highlighted an area of our practice that we would like to improve and develop and this is to ensure that our careers provision covers further and higher education as well as potential professions.

We are listening

Thank you to the families that have taken the time to complete our survey. Your feedback has given us ideas on how we can best extend our club offer. Look out for club announcements over the next few weeks.

Creating a Safer Internet

Safer Internet Day 2022 is on 8th February and will be celebrated with the theme 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'. We will be celebrating young people's role in creating a safer internet, whether that is whilst gaming and creating content, or interacting with their friends and peers.

Application Results Day is Coming

If you have a child due to start school this September you will be able to view the outcome of your application on 19th April. Since September 2021, Brooklands has a pupil admissions number of 45 children meaning from next September we will have an Early Years class, a Year 1 class and a mixed Early Years/Year 1 class.

Growing Together

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7th to 13th February. This year's theme is Growing Together. Growing Together is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. Challenges and setbacks can help us to flourish and adapt and nurture our ability to strive and try new things, moving beyond our comfort zone into a new realm of possibility and potential.