

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

After years in the planning, the foundations of our new teaching block are beginning to emerge. The anticipation of our growing pupil numbers is becoming palpable. Brooklands will grow from 210 pupils to 315 on roll over the next few years and already we are seeing early years numbers increasing with 40 children already in school. This is testament to the number of families wanting their children to benefit from the wonderful learning opportunities Brooklands offers. Excited as we are, however, we are very conscious not to lose sight of being a community school and all that this means.

We really value our parents and want to ensure that our children feel that they belong. “Belonging” for us here at Brooklands goes far beyond a uniform, logos or a school website, it is a lived and real experience that our children feel. Being part of Brooklands is a personal experience from Fran in the kitchen remembering that one of our children likes their sauce on or next to their pasta or a teacher remembering to ask how a child’s swimming competition went. Making sure your child is given an envelope to hold a tooth safely for its transit home for the tooth fairy or receiving a card from the school on their birthday.

As the school grows and expands we want you to be reassured that our children will continue to be at the heart of Brooklands ensuring that each child continues to feel noticed, celebrating those special moments and creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Christine Davy

Inspiring People – Amazing Work

As Brooklands works towards achieving the Career Mark Primary Award we are celebrating Careers Week (7th to 11th March). Our children will have the opportunity to meet a wide range of role models from the world of work. People who will be sharing with our children how the subjects they are learning here at Brooklands have, and continue to be relevant to their jobs.

Some of you may have memories of meeting role models at school and remember how they opened your eyes to jobs you had never known before. Research shows that children from the age of six often rule out options for themselves because of the ingrained stereotypical views they have about the jobs people do based on their gender, ethnicity and socio-economic backgrounds. Their aspirations are often based on their family’s experiences and the people in their immediate surroundings.

Our visitors have been chosen because of their ability to motivate and excite our children as well as broadening their horizons and raising their aspirations. We are delighted to be welcoming some amazing people; an astrophysicist, a lawyer, firefighter, member of parliament and social worker to name a few.

We are listening

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey and offered ideas on how we can refresh our ‘50 things to do before you leave Brooklands’ list. There has been some great new additions to the list ranging from learning to look after an animal to awareness and fund raising for charity. Keep an eye out for our new list – coming soon!

Supporting Beach Adventures

We are pleased to announce that Manningtree Town Council are in support of Brooklands using its beach. As the only school in Suffolk to be recognised as a Beach School, this is something we are extremely proud and pleased to be able to offer. I am also delighted that our Early Years children will be able to enjoy visits again this coming Summer.

Always Learning

Brooklands is currently working towards the Primary Science Quality Mark, an award that focuses on our curriculum provision and sharing the very latest and best practice. Watch this space for more information!

How much litter can you pick with a little litter picker? Highlighting our responsibility for the local area, we have recently purchased litter picker grabber sticks. Classes will be using these on their walk to Pattles Fen (our Forest School site).