

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Most of you will be familiar with the “mission” that runs through Brooklands’. A mission that is not just a statement, but forms our school’s beating heart. Supporting and encouraging every one of our children to become the ‘best you can be’ takes many forms, whether it is preparing for a sports tournament, to making a difference to their community, excelling in a hobby to preparing for tests. This ethos forms a vital part of their life development. It teaches our children to apply themselves and work hard, build resilience and commit to and strive towards their goals. All vital skills that will support other aspects of their life and their future.

Our Year 6 children will have heard ‘Be the Best you can Be’ many times, and knowing that they are prepared, and tried their very best in up coming tests will be an influential moment in their learning journey. Alongside other children in England they will be sitting tests in: reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling. But high grades do not happen by magic they require hard work, good habits, commitment and discipline. Come results day, each Year 6 member will have the satisfaction and pride in knowing that they tried their best and equipped themselves for great success to come as they move on to high school.

I wish all of our children success in their SATs next week and congratulate them on their hardwork and commitment.

**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## **I Can Do Any Job I Want When I Grow Up...**

...That’s what 75% of our children shared in a recent survey. As part of our work towards achieving the Career Mark, we have been asking our children questions about their careers and their answers have been really interesting: 45% think that they will go on to university and 33% would like to take up an apprenticeship.

90% of our children feel that learning at school is important for their future jobs. Brooklands’ curriculum provides opportunities for our children to participate in careers and work related learning activities. With 90% of our children reporting that there are lots of different jobs available to them when they grow up, it is good to see the impact we are having helping to raise aspirations and break down stereotypes.

## **Leadership and Friendship**

In June, our Year 6 children will experience their amazing residential at PGL, Bawdsey. Outdoor education offers such a rich experience, helping to increase self-esteem, self-reliance, confidence and resilience. Being part of a team, learning leadership skills and the importance of friendship whilst connecting them to the natural environment.

## **Brooklands Fundraising**

Since re-establishing the PTA in October 2021, Hannah Bailey and Vicki Fletcher and their team have reignited a number of popular events, most recently a cake sale in aid of Ukraine and the Easter disco. They have also taken donations of pre-loved uniform in readiness for sale.

I would like to thank the team for highlighting to our children the impact you can make as a ‘Difference Maker’, raising awareness and money for charity to being ambassadors for Brooklands, making others happy through organising events to making a difference to the environment.

Accompanying this newsletter are details of upcoming events and ways you can get involved.

## **Expansion Excitement!**

As a result of school expansion we now have 2 classes which will include Early Years children. From September, one of these classes will be solely Early Years children and the other will be mixed to include Early Years and Year 1 children. I am pleased to announce that Grace Glanvill and Paige Allen will be our teachers in these classes.

We will be announcing full teaching arrangements in the next few weeks.