

parents newsletter



25th May 2022

Dear Parents,

My, how time flies! Brooklands has been part of Orwell Multi Academy Trust (Orwell MAT) for four years. During this time the Trust has grown in size, with the addition of Grange Primary School in Felixstowe and Grace Cook in Stowmarket, bringing the total number of primary schools within the Trust to seven. This still makes us a small and specialised trust and one that is focussed on the issues that matter within primary education.

As a direct result of joining Orwell MAT, Brooklands has been able to extend its partnership working with other schools and our teachers have been able to take advantage of the opportunities to share learning and development as well as having the chance to work alongside other subject leaders and learn from each other's practice and school initiatives. Brooklands, has been able to improve the quality of our school meals which has been achieved by using the collective power of the Trust to negotiate with the catering supplier Chartwells. The result has been that more children than ever are opting for and enjoying school meals. Our recently introduced online payment system has also meant we are able to offer easier and more current approaches for payments. In a similar way, we have been successful in changing our cleaning and caretaking contractor to Accelerate and our IT contractor to Joskos and we are already seeing the benefits of these new contracts.

Over the next few months our children can look forward to shared events providing exciting opportunities to engage in new experiences with children across the Trust schools and forging new friendships.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

When is a Stage Not a Stage?...

...When it's a scaffold. Our new teaching block is making rapid progress as the scaffolding has been installed and bricklayers are hard at working building up the brick courses.

September Teaching Arrangements

I am pleased to announce the teaching arrangements from September designed to support the transition.

Early Years: Grace Glanvill

Early Years:/Year 1: Paige Allen

Year 1: Hannah Brown

Year 2: Kirsty Haddock

Year 3: Katie Poore

Year 4: Rhian Brighton

Year 5: Marie Hunting

Year 6: Jack Rutherford

Optical Illusions to Van Gogh

Next term we are excited to share that our children will be taking part in an international Art Festival alongside other schools. This will feature live arts workshops as diverse as 'Micro-art', 'Optical illusions' and 'Natural sculptures' as well as taking part in guided digital exhibition tours of a number of museums including Tate Britain, The National Portrait Gallery and Van Gogh Virtual Museum.

Discovering Science Together

Learning Together this term will be science themed. These sessions will provide an opportunity for you to work scientifically alongside your child. There will also be an opportunity for you to talk to your child about their learning with their books and experiencing how they describe, articulate, retrieve and connect their learning.

50 things to do before you leave Brooklands

All of our children have been given their own, new and updated list to tick off. You will see some interesting new things on the list including: donate to a Food Bank, be an ambassador for diversity, identify 10 wild flowers and visit a national heritage site.

Thinking of Buying New Uniform?

At Brooklands we are proud of our uniform and a copy of our updated Uniform Policy accompanies this newsletter to support parents buying new clothes and shoes for September. Please note that guidelines extend to footwear, socks and hair accessories. Jumpers and cardigans should have the Brooklands logo and can be purchased online at <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/>.

Behind the Scenes at Half-term

Over the half-term break we will be rejuvenating some of our children's toilets with new flooring.