

parents newsletter



7th July 2022

Dear Parents,

As this academic year draws to a close it brings with it a time for brief reflection on the many amazing things we have achieved and celebrated at Brooklands in the past year. We have seen the return of many activities and memorable events including: cross school sports tournaments, performances, opportunities for our children to learn alongside their parents, visitors and trips. Our youngest children were also able to visit our new Beach School site in Manningtree and we have also reignited our Brooklands fundraising events.

Our children's outcomes at the end of Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were once again above national figures and this was accompanied by shining results in phonics for a further year.

We have made cracking progress towards achieving the Primary Science Quality Mark and the Careers Mark in recognition of our curriculum excellence. Alongside all of this we have continued to see schools from across the county, looking to Brooklands for guidance and advice on best practice. Where our strengths shine through, it is rewarding and affirming to see Brooklands making a difference to the education of children nationally and internationally.

Pupil numbers have continued to climb to record levels and this academic year we have been able to witness the beginnings of a new chapter in Brooklands' history as work begins on our new standalone teaching block.

Congratulations and thanks to all of you who have helped to make this year so successful.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Sharing Early Years Success

Following on from the success of our Early Years results, Key Stage 1 have also achieved results above the national figures.

Achieving the expected standard in reading	80%
Achieving the expected standard in writing	73%
Achieving the expected standard in mathematics	80%
Achieving greater depth in reading	23%
Achieving greater depth in writing	20%
Achieving greater depth in mathematics	27%

DfE Crackdown on Attendance

The Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi has announced that there will be a crackdown on school attendance. Setting out plans, schools will be required to tighten up on holidays during term-time and absence fines are set to be reformed.

To support parents and help them plan their breaks, we would like to remind you to review our term dates (see reverse) and share these with close family.

Widen Those Doors Please

As well as construction of our new standalone block, over the Summer break Brooklands will be having some internal remodelling to create a wider entrance point to the main school building.

Education Comes in Many Colours

The Kite Trust, the leading provider of 'LGBTQ+ Inclusion' and 'Trans Inclusion' training in the East of England recently delivered staff specialist training enabling us to more comprehensively support LGBTQ+ children, as well as helping us to become a more LGBTQ+ inclusive setting.

Proudly Displaying Successes

We have recently placed a trophy cabinet in the hall where we are thrilled to be able to display our recent sporting successes in cross country and squash.

Uniform Ready for September

As you prepare to purchase items of uniform ready for September, please note that sweatshirts and cardigans need to have the school logo on and can be purchased online at <https://pmsgschoolwear.co.uk>. Remember:

- Skirts (knee length)
- Plain white, grey or red socks or tights
- Black, flat, sensible shoes only (not: boots, high heels, trainers or slip on)
- Long hair tied back. Hair items to be school colours (red, white, black). No fashion items

With Thanks and Best Wishes

Fran will be leaving us at the end of this term to join Grace Cook (another OMAT school). We look forward to welcoming Laura as Head of Kitchen.