

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents,

Many may be surprised to hear that the long-term impact of exceptional teaching in Reception has lasting impact on children. A new study published shows that pupils who are taught well during their first year of primary school are likely to earn more than their peers in later life and interestingly, that the “most effective” Reception classes produce pupils who can expect to earn between £2,000 and £7,500 more on average in their lifetime than their peers. This evidence builds on previous research conducted by Durham University that showed that children who are taught well in their first year of primary school go on to achieve better GCSE results in English and maths.

Here at Brooklands we have long recognised and valued the importance of great teachers working with our youngest children and this has been recognised formerly. We are regularly approached by schools across the country who ask to come and see what we are doing that is making such an impact in this area.

We are also lucky to benefit from the expertise of Hayley Aherne, Group Manager of Constable Country Childcare which offers provision from birth to 3 years within Brantham at St Michael’s Pre-School and Brooklands Young Explorers, both of which have been identified as exceptional. Add to this, our very own, Grace Glanvill, is also recognised as an Evidence Leader in Education and is often invited to share her best practice with other schools within and beyond Suffolk.

Starting a new school can feel like a daunting step for many children, but it is reassuring for parents to know that you are in exceptional hands.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

OMAT Spotlight

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Alastair Heath-Robinson as the CEO for Orwell Multi Academy Trust. Alastair will join the Trust in September. We look forward to welcoming him to Brooklands when he is scheduled to visit early July.

Alastair is currently the course director at Colchester Teacher Training Consortium (CTTC). CTTC is a teacher training programme in Colchester which works with dozens of schools in the area and has an exceptional record.

Welcome a New Face

With increasing numbers of children joining Brooklands as a result of our school expansion, we have recently appointed a new teacher, Millie Tudge.

This will be Millie’s second teaching position having completed her Early Career Teachers Induction at her former school.

Equipped to Run, Jump and Climb

Gingham playsuits and shorts make great summer clothes and form part of Brooklands’ ‘must-haves’ for outdoor adventures. They are great for active children offering the freedom to run, jump and climb.

Green Shoots

The next few weeks will see planting of grass seed around our new teaching block. We will also be planting grass on our football pitches to create a fuller and greener lawn.

On the Menu

The Summer term will see Brooklands together with other schools in our Trust change to a new school meal provider. We hope the children like the new menu. Look out for Brooklands favourites: pizza, macaroni cheese, hot dogs and fish fingers to name a few.

We hope that this change will be a fresh opportunity for all our families to try our hot meal offer.

The Wait is Almost Over!

Only a few weeks to wait for families of children starting school this September to find out if they have been successful in gaining a place for their child at Brooklands.

You'll be able to view the outcome of your application on 17 April 2023, the National Offer Day. To view your school place offer, log into the school admissions portal you used to apply. You'll also receive an email with details of your child’s offer of a school place.