

# parents newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents,

Reflecting back briefly on the changes, achievements and events that the passing year has seen here at Brooklands it is the warmth and caring relationships that continued to grow and develop that resonate deeply. This year we welcomed two new teachers to the team; Katie Poore and Hannah Brown. Their children are enormously fond of them and I am sure their next classes will be too. They have also both embraced their new roles as Forest leaders.

Schools from across the country, continue to look 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 on our new standalone teaching block was completed. September will see our first children being taught in there. .

This year has also seen our children making an incredible difference to their community. From donating pocket money to charity, collecting items for the homeless to sponsored walks, litter picking to name a few and we have welcomed a number of inspirational role models in the local area to talk to our children. As a school community we have demonstrated through words and action how much we care and in so doing helped to strengthen our relationships and develop meaningful emotional connections with others.

## **What Woodland Animal Are You?**

Each new year, every class has the opportunity to choose their class name. This year will be inspired by our Forest School status. Our UK woodlands are home to thousands of species and our children will be choosing a woodland animal.

### **Roll Up! Roll Up!**

Brooklands will be hosting its next Club Market on 25th September. If you have a community based club you would like to promote, let us know. Each year Brooklands holds an exciting and extremely successful 'Club Market' where we invite local clubs to share what they are doing and what is available for our children across their community. Over the years, we have supported a significant rise in memberships in local clubs and are keen to hear from you. Complete the survey if you would like to suggest a club in the area. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/B3M6M66>

## **Do You Know Anyone Looking...**

As a result of increasing our pupil admissions number linked to the school's expansion we still have a number of spaces in our youngest classes. If you know someone moving to the area or a family looking to change schools, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office.

## **Making a Difference in Your Community**

The Summer break is a great time to make an impact on the community. In the new term, we will be sharing all the local activities and ways in which our school Difference Makers are making a positive and meaningful contribution to their community. We'd love to celebrate these efforts over the Summer. Please share these with us at the start of the new term.

### **In Need Of Wrap-Around Care?**

Many parents new to Brooklands often ask about wrap-around provision. Brooklands Young Explorers, situated next to the school runs a great wrap-around offering and can be contacted on 01206 396641. They offer care 7.30 am to 6.30pm.

### **Forest and Beach Adventure Volunteers**

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have supported our Forest School and Beach School visits this year. You have embraced lighting fires, getting muddy and all weathers and helped to make so many lasting memories for our children.

### **Making History**

Our Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 children will be the first children taught in the fabulous new teaching block. With its mix of age groups, our youngest children will enjoy the company and support of our older children in the new academic year. Exciting times.