

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of you at our recent Sports Day. Jubilant scenes of cheering and support for class mates and high fives in celebration of great efforts all contributed to wonderful examples of Team Brooklands at its best. One particularly memorable moment for me this year was seeing George Jenkins gritting his teeth, determined to cross the finish line being joined in support by his class mates to run the final part of the track.

There are so many moving moments when working with children, something quite small can be extremely significant and never ceases to be rewarding and a source of inspiration for me and all of the team here at Brooklands.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Summer music event evening where the band 'Darc' will be playing on our new outdoor stage.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Key Stage 1 Achievement

I am over-the-moon with our Key Stage 1 achievement this year. This is a reflection of everyone's hard work. Year 2 children have performed above last year's national figures (2014). In reading they have achieved 90% Level 2B+ (national 81%), in writing 73% Level 2B+ (national 70%) and in mathematics 90% Level 2B+ (national 80%).

NB: Level 2B = national expectation for Year 2.

Birds of a Feather

Taking inspiration from our forest, this year our children have chosen their class names based on British Birds.

Early Years: Ducklings

Year 1: Green Woodpeckers

Year 2: Robins

Year 3: Puffins

Year 4: Skylarks

Year 5: Kingfishers

Year 6: Falcons

To learn more about some of these birds we have a planned visit from a member of the RSPB in Autumn.

A WOW! For Phonics

I am delighted with the results from this year's phonics screening tests in Year 1.

Over the last year we have been working hard in school to enhance our use of Read, Write Inc which is reflected in our results. Our Year 1 results are 19% higher than last year's national figure with 93% of children reaching the expected standard.

New Tests

May 2016 will be the first time the new National Curriculum tests for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 are used. The tests will cover reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling, and mathematics.

Workshops are planned for parents in the Autumn term (see dates on reverse) at which we will be giving parents an overview of the standard our children will be expected to achieve in the test. The new assessment system for primary schools sets the bar much higher than previous standards.

Enjoy a Story

In readiness for September and the start of the new school year many new books have been ordered.

Of all the new resources I have the pleasure of buying, I particularly love buying books for our children. The books we will be adding to the school have been generously funded by our PTA through funds raised at PTA events and will help our children discover more about topics they will be studying.

