

parents newsletter



1st May 2015

Dear Parents

Nothing feels quite like the lovely warm glow inside and that great feeling that comes when someone we love or respect acknowledges something we have done well or worked hard to achieve.

At Brooklands we are proud of our children's achievements but the past couple of weeks especially has seen positivity and encouragement oozing everywhere around the school from classroom to playground as Megan Glazin prepared for her London Marathon run, followed by praise and celebration in her achievement as she completed the gruelling 26.2 mile race running an average 11 minute mile!

No matter how old we are, praise and encouragement helps us feel good about ourselves, boosting our self-esteem and confidence. From Megan's marathon triumph to our children in class cheering a friend when they have gone into 'sparkly green' or recognising a friend for doing well in mental maths or simply encouraging each other to try something new, so whilst we might not have summer temperatures quite yet, there is definitely some warmth to share at Brooklands.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Taking a look inside

If you haven't had time to view our website recently you may not have seen the new short video we have uploaded (accessible by computer). We have to thank Brooklands' forest visitors and our swimmers for allowing us to share their experiences in the video which is a lovely short film for new or prospective parents to see what the school is like.

Yogo Tablets

We are delighted to have taken receipt of 30 Lenovo Yogo tablets recently and these are already in use in classes. These acclaimed tablets are the industry's first with a multimode design that features three different modes of use: Hold (ideal for reading, viewing photos and sharing), Stand (ideal for watching movies, music and video chat) and Tilt (ideal for web browsing, gaming and typing)



Homework

I am enclosing a homework summary with this newsletter. These are intended to help explain more about your child's homework, what is set for each year group and how it is received and collected in.

Homework is linked closely to your child's class work and ability but if your child has any difficulty with their homework, please speak to their class teacher or make a note on the work for their teacher to review.

We know that the subject of homework is challenging and would like to hear your views on how you feel about the homework. There is a return slip enclosed for you to give your comments and return to the school office by Friday 8th May.

Mathematics

In response to feedback we have updated our website to include guidance on how you can support your child at home with mathematics.

Our Calculation Policy is also now available to view on the website giving you some helpful guidance on calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

We have also tried to incorporate some number facts so that you can assess what your child is expected/likely to know at each age which I hope you will find helpful.