

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

Whilst we can all agree that meaningful schoolwork promotes children's learning, how many of us are aware that work in school can also teach our children to love challenges, enjoy effort, be resilient, and to value their own learning. In other words, we can use learning in a way that helps children develop a "growth mindset" which leads to not just short-term achievement but also long-term success. With a growth mindset our children are rewarded for their hard work, learning from their mistakes and their willingness to try new things and by focussing on key elements of their learning such as these, we know that they will learn more, faster and more thoroughly.

Outside our Year 5 and 6 classrooms you will see displays linked to developing a growth mindset and in our Share Sessions next Wednesday, parents of all year groups will be able to find out far more about this effective approach to learning.

Kind Regards

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Primary Geography Quality Mark

Brooklands is delighted to have been recognised for the quality of our geography leadership, curriculum development, learning and teaching in the school. Our award certificate will take pride of place along side the other quality marks we hold in the school reception area.

We are very proud of the way our teacher's teach geography so creatively and to share an example with you, as part of the Kingfishers topic on Mexico the children have written information reports, used their mathematics skills to calculate the costs of different holidays in Mexico and researched facts about the country using non-fiction books.



Talking with teachers

We are always aware that parents need to talk to us about their children and many parents have said how they appreciate all teachers being on the playground before and after school to do this.

Please note, if you have a concern, we want to hear and ask that you speak to your child's teacher or the Key Stage Leader (Megan Glazin or Pippa Cresdee) in the first instance. If you wish to speak to a specific member of staff, appointments can be arranged through the school office.

What's APPning!

Brooklands is working to create an exciting new school website with its own APP. Working with a number of website specialists, we are hoping to include a range of features that we hope parents will welcome including calendars which can synchronise, events alerts and photo galleries of things your children are doing in school including photographs from residential trips.

Growing Leaders

In recognition of her skills and achievements Megan Glazin shared her teaching and leadership progression with over 50 graduate interns at Endeavour House recently. Megan's hard work is being recognised and her experiences harnessed to help others as well as becoming part of a recruitment campaign for the Education Authority to attract graduates into teaching in Suffolk.

Megan's progress also reflects the strength of our team here at Brooklands to recognise talent and develop leaders of the future.



Megan Glazin
Early Years and Key Stage 1 Leader
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