

parents newsletter



5th December 2014

Dear Parents

In addition to developing our outdoor learning at Brooklands we have also been making significant progress in our commitment towards achieving recognition as a centre of excellence in computing.

Increased web access speed has made a difference for all of us in the school. As we all know, technology is advancing at a rapid rate and it is exciting to see Brooklands leading the way in embracing new opportunities in teaching and learning.

Over the last year we have installed new whiteboards and projectors in every class, purchased 60 LearnPads and extended our curriculum licences to include Reading Eggs. Early Years have seen new remote control toys and electrical items such as toasters. Over the next few months we will be replacing our Fizzbooks, running E-Safety Learning Together and extending our software to support cross curricular learning.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy

Time Travellers

A few weeks ago Brooklands staff spent the day with Jason Buckley taking part in a series of workshops focused on using our curriculum topics as a starting point for philosophical enquiry.

To help our children develop their philosophical thinking, Brooklands staff are working towards the nationally recognised course accredited by SAPERE in philosophy.

Outdoor Sports

In our recent parent questionnaire several parents wanted to see our outdoor sports provision extended. In response to your feedback we will be introducing water polo in our school swimming pool, cross country running through Brantham and orienteering at our forest site.

Model School

Last week Brooklands hosted a Read Write Inc Regional Meeting for over 30 Suffolk and Essex schools. This saw members of our staff being observed by headteachers from other schools. This I hope will support us in our ambition to become a Model School for Read Write Inc enabling us to further share best practice with other schools.

25 Books to Christmas

Santa made a secret mission to Brooklands recently leaving behind 25 wrapped Christmas books under our tree. One to unwrap each day until Christmas. Each day in the run up to Christmas our Ladybirds and Bumblebees have the pleasure of unwrapping a book to read together.



Marathon Challenge

Megan Glazin will be taking on the London marathon, running to raise money for the charity Bliss. Bliss is a UK charity working to provide care and support for all premature and sick babies and their families. If you wish to donate please visit www.justgiving.com.