

parents newsletter



6th February 2015

Dear Parents

Have you heard about our “Stars of the Week”?

Each week we come together in the school to celebrate our children’s achievements. Our ‘Stars of the Week’ celebrates our children embodying the values at the **HEART** of Brooklands life. It is gratifying to see our children being recognised for having **high expectations** whilst **enjoying** their learning and **aspiring** to be the best they can be. I also continue to be heartened by our childrens **respect for others** and their willingness and enthusiasm to **try new things**.

I never cease to be enthralled and impressed by the range of activities and skills our children have. Our celebration is also a way of inspiring others to try new things that perhaps they haven’t tried before. Now I shall have to put my thinking hat on and try something new this week!

Kind Regards

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Sharing British Values

As many of you may be aware, the Department for Education requires us to “create and enforce” British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about the diversity and richness of our culture and I am keen to hear from any parents who would be willing to share their different faiths and talk with our children about their beliefs, festivals and experiences.

Please contact the office if you would be interested in helping.

‘50 Things to do before you leave Brooklands’

Inspired by the National Trust’s campaign ‘50 Things to do before 11¾’. Here at Brooklands, we would like to run our very own campaign ‘50 Things to do before you leave Brooklands Primary School’ and we would like your help in compiling our list of the ‘50 Things’.

Can you think of things that you feel are important for our children to experience. It could be things like a visit London, learn a musical instrument or toast a marshmallow around a camp fire, catch a falling leaf, skim a stone on the water or run a race. Whatever it might be, we are looking to make a list of all those wonderful and exciting things that make growing up special and memorable for our children.

Please send us your ideas by **11th February**.

A Challenging Calculation

Brooklands has a new Calculation Policy developed specifically for us to incorporate the changes to the New National Curriculum. The policy shows the clear progression of calculations for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and will shortly be available on the Mathematics page on our school website.

We hope that it will help you support your child with Mathematics at home. If you need any further help or explanation please speak to your child’s teacher.

IT Innovators

We are delighted that Mike Waddell our IT guru was able to attend this year’s BETT Conference in London. BETT is a significant technology event enabling teachers to discover the latest advancements in teaching and learning technology. Mr Waddell has come back with many ideas including Purple Mash software to support links across the curriculum. We have also just purchased 30 Lenovo Yoga Touchscreen Thinkpads (laptops).

It is reassuring to know that we are already leading the way in our IT with established use of a number of products that appeared as BETT Award finalists this year such as Mathletics, Reading Eggs, Switched on Computing, and Stitched on Science and LearnPads.