

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

This week I notice that our school daffodils are popping up at the front of the school, heralding the brighter days ahead. For those that know me, you will know that daffodils and sweetpeas are two of my horticultural weaknesses and I am of the opinion that one can never have too many of either! Don't get me wrong, this does not mean that I will be donning my wellingtons, daffodils are a flower to be enjoyed from a distance and preferably a warm distance!

I am hoping that my horticultural favourites may feature in our children's flower choices this year as they begin their garden beds when they return after their Spring half term. In the meantime I will be closely watching my daffodils.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Tasting the Curriculum

Here at Brooklands we are great believers in the notion of 'eating our learning'. We know that particular tastes will be remembered for much longer than the event they were part of. Most subject areas and particular themes have a food theme running through them that adds an extra element of interest or novelty.

For example our Ladybirds will remember Chinese New Year because they tasted plain chicken, sweet and sour sauce with plain rice and plain noodles and Prawn Crackers.

Next time you are reflecting on a memorable event what tastes come to your mind?

Suffolk's Most Active Large Village

We are delighted to celebrate Brantham winning Suffolk's Most Active Large Village Award.

Sarah Keys worked with the team on this project, helping to submit the application for this award which recognises the hard work of local people in encouraging others in their community to take part in sports.

Encouraging our children to be active is an important part of life at Brooklands and we aim to provide a wide range of opportunities for our children to take part in sports and activities from squash to street dance. Over the next few months we also hope to offer swimming, water polo and Street Dance.

'50 Things to do before you leave Brooklands'

A huge thank you to everyone who took the time to send in their suggestions for our '50 Things to do before you leave Brooklands'.

Over the coming weeks I will be collating all your suggestions to form our list.

If anyone would still like to contribute ideas there is still time to send them in. Send in your suggestions of things that you feel are important for our children to experience. It could be something simple or a visit to a special place, 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.

So far we have had 123 replies with suggestions that range from visiting London, taking a train journey to sailing a boat. So many of your suggestions feature simple and achievable things that make childhood experiences so memorable.

It takes Imagination

Refurbishment of our Early Year's outdoor area is well underway and over the half term break we have had further work to create an outdoor construction area, rejuvenated raised beds and built a new look-out platform. There is a wonderful smell of freshly worked wood in the area and our children will soon be bringing these areas alive with their creativity and imagination.