

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

Over the next few weeks our Falcons will be ticking off many of their remaining '50 things to do before you leave Brooklands'. From eating something they have grown to visiting the science museum in London; performing on stage in the Year 5 and Year 6 performance to listening to live music at the Brooklands music festival; undertaking their Bikeability training to identifying some dreams for the future.

Our Ducklings meanwhile, will be starting to tick things off their list as they head off to Wrabness to visit the beach as part of being a Beach School; kicking some new goals on our football pitch and enjoying a fun picnic lunch with their parents in the woodland; posting letters at the village Post Office to discovering things as they pond dip; cooking up mud pies in the kitchen to stretching out and swimming a length of the outdoor pool. It is inspiring to see our children trying all these new things.

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## **BIG Award (Bullying Intervention Group)**

Our Anti-bullying Ambassadors have worked hard to create an Anti-Bullying Charter, policy and procedures. In addition to raising awareness across the school through activities such as our Anti-Bullying week and I am delighted to be able to report that Brooklands has achieved the BIG Award in recognition for excellence in bullying intervention. A big congratulations to all those that have helped gain this award.



For information on how to report bullying incidents and the steps that will be followed please refer to the details on our website.

## **Philosophy**

Jason Buckley commented on the quality of our children's thinking, reasoning ability and level of participation when he visited Brooklands last week to explore philosophical questions linked to their topics.

There were some very interesting debates had, including Year 5's discussion considering whether Henry VIII made a good or bad king?

## **Dyslexia Friendly books**

We know that Parents want their children to become a reader and every teacher wants their pupils to make the jump from learning to read to loving to read.

To help us achieve this aim, we have recently purchased a large collection of dyslexia friendly books. They are all specifically written to help dyslexia readers enjoy reading. The books are interesting whilst being relevant to their age.

## **Marathon**

Running an impressive 9 minute mile on average, Pippa Cresdee recently completed the gruelling 26.2 mile course of the London Marathon raising money for CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably). If you have still not had time to donate and would like to you can donate online via [justgiving.com/JaffaMark](http://justgiving.com/JaffaMark).

## **Try New Things**

On the 24<sup>th</sup> June Brooklands will be hosting a 'Club Market' where local clubs of all kinds from Brownies to Karate will be sharing what they do. We hope that this will encourage our children to try something new.

If you know a club who may be interested in becoming involved ask them to contact the School office.