

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

Brooklands takes great pride in being able to share what we are doing with other schools whilst also constantly learning from others. Lily Loveday, for example, (our Newly Qualified Teacher) has been visiting a range of schools in Ipswich as part of her induction and hopes to be able to visit St John Green in Colchester soon. Meanwhile, Cleonie Harris and Pippa Wake have worked with Holbrook Primary School to learn more about the Maths Inspire Programme. Pippa and Mike Waddell have also been sharing their wealth of teaching experience with primary schools. But, it is not just our teachers that are learning from others in the region, our Year 5 and Year 6 children have been taking part in squash, rugby and football tournaments with other schools in Suffolk and Essex and I am also thrilled to be involved with mentoring newly appointed Headteachers in the region.

It is energising to see Brooklands' talent being inspired and motivated from their shared experiences and wonderful to see that others recognise what we doing at Brooklands is more than a little special.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Springing into Action

Following staff training in gymnastics with Pipers Vale Gymnastics Club, Brooklands' Friends and Family (BFF) have added to our equipment this term with their purchase of two springboards. All our classes are taking part in gymnastics this term and are thrilled to now have regular use of vaulting equipment thanks to BFF.

It has been great to see so many parents new to the school showing an interest in supporting BFF. If you would like to become involved in supporting the school to organise enjoyable events for our children, whilst raising funds for the school please speak to Maxine Milton (Chair of BFF).

Whatever the Seasons Throw at Us

Our next BFF project is creating a mud room (basically a room where they can get changed into their forest suits or strip off when they get back covered in mud). It will also be a central place to store our Forest School and Beach School equipment, welly racks, pegs to hang suits, photo boards of our children's outdoor adventures.

We also hope that the room will be multi-purpose for after school clubs such as football.



From Small Acorns Grow...

It is hard to recall the school without our Woodland now. Over a short number of years we have successfully planted hundreds of trees. Each child now has planted and labelled their own tree from hazel, hawthorn, birch, apple, rowan to holly and you will be able to join them in watching it grow as they go through the school.

ClassDojo

It's been wonderful to see so many of you viewing and liking on Class Story. What is really wonderful is when parents take the time to comment. It is great for our teachers and your children to be able to read them back in school.

Our Key Stage 2 children are also enjoying adding pictures of their work to their 'Student Story' and your comments and likes are making an impact.

Anti-Bullying Week

This Anti-Bullying Week we have been encouraging the children to consider all the different forms of bullying that take place. Our children have been learning about what to do if they experience bullying face to face or online.

As part of range of activities this week we have elected our new Anti-Bullying Champions and welcomed a visit from the NSPCC.

Our Anti-Bullying Charter will soon be displayed prominently in our school hall providing a helpful reminder to our children of what to do if they think they are being bullied.