

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

It is tremendously satisfying to see so many parents choosing Brooklands for our new intake in September. Parents of children offered a place to join us will have the opportunity to join us for a further information session in May. In the information session we will be introducing parents to the school in a little more detail as well as providing advice and guidance on how to support your child over the coming months leading up to them joining us.

Parents will also have the opportunity to request a home visit or pre-school visit to give them the opportunity to share information about their child as well as looking forward to the many ways they can get involved in school. Every year we rely on the support of our amazing parents, their commitment, time and energy to help us raise funds and provide support in many ways. What we are able to achieve together, is what makes Brooklands special.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

The Power of Gratitude

Look out for information coming soon on your child's Class Story as this term our children will be learning what it means to express gratitude to others, and why it is so powerful. We will be reflecting on and identifying what we are grateful for.

Photos From Home

Class Story is a great way in which teachers are able to share some special amazing classroom moments with parents and in turn, our children love sharing their special photographs on their Student Story. Being proud of their learning is important.

Why don't you join in the fun and share moments from home through ClassDojo messaging. This is a great way for your children to share with their teacher and friends their achievements outside-of-school.

Roar Like the Gruffalo!

Reading aloud to your child is important in many ways and helps your child to hear how fluent reading sounds. Modelling expressive reading, pausing and changing your tone and pitch within the story makes story time an adventure for your child and enables them to work towards emulating this and builds their pleasure and passion for reading.

Accelerated Reading

We have recently started Accelerated Reading in Year 5 and Year 6. This teaching tool uses a computer programme to assess how much of their chosen book your child has understood. By using a simple quiz based around the content of the book they have been reading we are able to keep an eye on their independent reading.

We're Going on an Alligator Hunt!

Our Sea Turtles headed off to the Forest in search of Alligators this week. Wrapped up snugly in their Forest suites they were lucky enough to make a rare discovery - a giant inflatable green alligator. As you will see from the photo below, they had huge fun slipping down a mud slide on his back. This included Mrs Wines and Miss Glazin!



The Year of the Rooster

Ruby, Elliott and Scarlett will be celebrating the Chinese New Year with their families.

To mark this, Brooklands will also be taking part in a variety of activities on February 6th including: Chinese Lion dancing, learning Mandarin and playing Chinese musical instruments.

There will also be a Chinese New Year themed lunch – sweet and sour chicken or vegetable chow mein with rice. See attached menu.

A huge thanks goes to our Brooklands Friends and Family for supporting this event and funding what plans to be an exciting and fun celebration.