

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

Brooklands takes pride in celebrating diversity in its many forms. Valuing diversity and recognising differences is an important part of our children's education and as part of this our Narwhals and Pufferfish enjoyed finding out more about being a Hindu from a visitor to the school. During the visit our children learnt how to play the conch, how to wear a sari and all about the Hindu God of Wisdom, Ganesha.

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year with Ruby, Elliott and Scarlett. Learning to play chinese musical instruments and dancing with a Lion. We are delighted that Ruby's mum will be joining us and answer questions. I am also hoping to pick up a few useful Mandarin phrases!

If you would like to come along and support our children with diversity within our school community, we would love to hear from you.

Kind Regards  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## If at First You Don't Succeed...

Everyone feels 'The Dip' from time to time and our children have been learning about the importance of not giving up and persevering when they are learning a new skill.

You will soon be able to view a series of helpful videos on ClassDoJo. Support your child by sharing examples of when you've felt the dip and how it made you feel.



## The Stick Challenge

It has been great to see so many parents learning alongside their children at home and many examples of these efforts are displayed in our library where you will see lots of fun projects made from sticks. From a stick fairy to a reindeer and several pieces of unusual furniture, including the odd golf club.

Look out for our next outdoor project for February half-term – Mud Face Challenge!

## Being on Time is Important

Children are required to attend school on time. This means that our children need to be on the playground by 8.55am, ready to walk into school with their class and teacher.

I know that it can be challenging sometimes to do this, but instances of lateness have to be recorded and reported to the Education Welfare Officer.

## Congratulations!

We are thrilled to be able to congratulate Lily on achieving her BA(Hons) in Education. Lily formerly received her award at her graduation ceremony held in Canterbury Cathedral today. A special day to remember.

## Welcome to our New Governor

I am also delighted to announce that Katie Puls has joined our Governing body as a new Parent Governor. Katie is parent to Dawson, one of our Sea turtles.

## Safer Internet Day

We will be celebrating Safer Internet Day on 7<sup>th</sup> February with the theme 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'. To celebrate the day our children will be taking part in a range of activities to help them stay safe online.



Why not take a look at our school website where you will find some useful guidance information designed for for parents.

Inside or outside of school, we take online safety seriously and if you have any concerns please speak to Mike Waddell, our Online Safety Lead.