

# parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

A very warm welcome to all of our new children starting school soon. Over the last few weeks I have been getting to know our recently named Dragonflies. Our new children have also been spending time in their classroom with Megan Glazin and Lyn Wines. Next week we will be joined by our 3 new teachers Charlie Goddard, Harry Legg and Rhian Brighton and all of our children will meet their new teachers and choose their new, insect themed class names.

I look forward to seeing you all at our Summer Music Festival where a Robbie Williams tribute will be singing on our outdoor stage. It would be great to see our new families enjoying the festival. With something for everyone including the lure of a bouncy castle, ice cream van, and inflatable instruments. Bring a picnic and a blanket and keep your fingers crossed for glorious weather!

Best wishes  
**Christine Davy**  
Headteacher

## John Muir Award

Proud to display our John Muir Award in our entrance.  
Our Year 5 children also recently received certificates for their environment work at our Forest site including learning about coppicing, designing and installing new boundary posts, using pyrography decoration (wood burning) and a range of camp fire techniques.



## Inspiring Maths

Following the successful introduction of Maths Inspire in Key Stage 1 we will be extending its use into Key Stage 2 from September with our current Year 2 children continuing with this approach in Year 3.

Maths Inspire is a maths programme that supports a mastery approach to mathematics. Cleonie Ward has recently completed a 5 day training programme and Charlie Goddard hopes to attend this training next year.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Accompanying this newsletter are details of this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Designed to encourage children to read 6 library books of their choice, this year's theme is Animal Agents.

## Can you guess what it is?

As Lily Loveday nears the end of her first year at Brooklands we are helping to support her development towards leadership. With this in mind, from September, you will see Lily leading art and music throughout the school.

Lily has a number of projects she looks forward to implementing including introducing learning to play a musical instrument in Key Stage 1. Next year our Year 1 children will learn to play the ocarina (see below). We are pleased to be able to provide all our children with an ocarina to play and take home to practice learning their tunes.



## Phonics Results Shine

88% of children in Year 1 achieved the expected standard in the phonics screening check. This is above last year's national figure of 81%.

Children start learning phonics (the relationships between letters and sounds) in Early Years using the Read, Write Inc programme and we will soon be holding an information session for new intake parents in the Autumn term (see reverse).