

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

Government rule changes back in 2011 resulted in amendments to policy regarding regular monitoring of schools graded as outstanding and it is testament to everyone's hard work at Brooklands that 8 years on from our last Ofsted inspection we continue to be assessed as a top performing school. It is often easy to overlook the strengths and achievements of Brooklands when focussing on the future which is why the rigorous external validation processes and working closely with Ofsted inspectors who provide external audits of all aspects of our work, in addition to routine visits from the Local Authority reviewing our strengths, priorities and plans for continuing development, highlight just how well we are doing not just in terms of our children's test results but across all aspects of their learning and education.

My role as a mentor for newly appointed headteachers, Pippa's role as a Specialist Leader of Education, Megan's work as a Key Practitioner and the many frequent requests the school receives from other schools to observe our practice are testament to how highly Brooklands is regarded within the community.

Every now and again it is good to pause, take in the view, recognise the journey, listen and appreciate how much we achieve as a team.

Kind Regards
Christine Davy
Headteacher

Amazing Results!

A huge congratulations to all those who worked so hard towards their SATs. As you will see from the table below these results show just how well our children are working.

	School	National
Achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics	67%	61%
Achieving the expected standard in reading	79%	71%
Achieving the expected standard in writing	88%	76%
Achieving the expected standard in mathematics	83%	75%
Achieving the expected standard in grammar, punctuation and spelling	88%	77%
Average scaled score in reading	107	104
Average scaled score in mathematics	106	104
Average scaled score in grammar, punctuation and spelling	109	106

Chair of Governors

Alison Cole has been elected as Brooklands new Chair of Governors and begins her term of office with immediate effect. In addition to her role, Alison is also working towards a recently introduced award known as the Chair of Governors' Leadership Development Programme which aims to develop effective governance leadership, and school improvement.

Alison has extensive experience in education, business and leadership and we look forward to her sharing these skills as she supports Brooklands' leadership and development.

Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo)

Mike Waddell will be our SENCo from September.

Leading Parent Partnership in Suffolk

Following a six hour verification visit, Brooklands has become the first school in Suffolk to be awarded the prestigious Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA) in recognition of our approach to parent engagement. Jeanne Le Bars was so impressed that she reported 'Brooklands is a model of excellent practice in its partnership with parents.'

We look forward to displaying our framed certificate in the school entrance.



A Tougher Line

The Local Authority have challenged the school to take a stronger position on the issuing of Penalty Notices when a child has been identified as having 2 sessions (a session being a morning or an afternoon) of unauthorised absence in an academic year. The reason this has been insisted upon is to promote strong school attendance and consequently, we have been instructed that if the school is aware of any child's absence that is unauthorised, a penalty notice must be issued.