

parents newsletter



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Dear Parents

With the holidays fast on our heels, it is a good time to remind you all how much we love to hear what our children get up to outside of school. Whether it is a trip that has been planned or an event we would love to know about it. These experiences take on even more meaning when we hear how some of our children who might find subjects challenging at school, come to life in other activities. The value of providing our children with opportunities to try new things means we can build on the potential of those whose strengths lie elsewhere. Furthermore, our '50 things to do before you leave Brooklands' aims to provide our children with many opportunities beyond the main curriculum to develop a love of other things like sport and the arts.

I am reminded of a quote by Einstein who remarked that "Everyone is a genius...but if you judge a fish on its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it is stupid." Each of us have exceptional qualities but we need to experience and try new things to find them.

Christine Davy
Headteacher

Wellies at the Ready

We are looking forward to introducing our Year 1 to Year 6 children to our new forest site in July (see reverse for dates). Our new Forest Site is in Pattles Fenn in Brantham, which is a short walk away from school.

Charlie Goddard and Harry Legg look forward to joining our established Forest Leaders Megan Glazin and Mike Waddell in planning exciting and memorable visits to the forest.

I am thrilled to be able to report that the new academic year will see regular visits for all year groups throughout the year once again. Very few schools are able to offer children from all year groups the opportunity to take part in Forest School throughout the seasons.

Off to the Beach!

Our Early Years children are lucky to also enjoy visits to Wrabness as part of Beach School. We are the only school in Suffolk to be recognised as a Beach School which is something we are extremely proud and pleased to be able to offer. Our Early Years children have recently enjoyed paddling in the sea and foraging for sealife to make ark work.



Inspirational Photography

Charlie Goddard, who studied photography at university has been sharing his love for this medium along with his inspirations and examples of his work with the children.



Charlie has also led staff training on the use of the App: Photoshop Express developing their subject knowledge on a range of editing tools that we have available to us on the school iPads.

We hope that for many of our children they will be keen to take up photography as a new interest outside of school and we would love to hear from you if this is a particular area of interest for your child.

Who Are You Today?

Many parents have requested a copy of our 'Who Are You Today?' posters (see attached) which support our good manners and politeness initiative. We hope that these posters will support parents in modelling and reinforcing these behaviours at home as well as helping our children.