

# Brooklands Primary School

## Newsletter No. 6 - 20th July 2018.

### ***Staff News***

On Tuesday we bid a fond farewell to Foundation Teaching Assistant Mrs McGuckian. Mrs McGuckian has worked at Brooklands for over 24 years, and on Tuesday the Foundation Stage and KS1 staff and children held a special farewell assembly for her. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs McGuckian the very best of luck in her retirement.

I am also delighted to announce that Mr Donnelly is getting married in the Summer holidays to Mr Ben Renshaw. Many congratulations to you both.



We also say goodbye to Mr Price who was teaching in the Nursery covering Mrs Gillan's Maternity leave.

When the school re-opens in September we will be welcoming the following staff to our Brooklands team:

Miss Archer who will teach Year 1, Class A.

Mrs Printy who will teach part time in the Nursery covering Mrs Gillan's maternity leave.

Mrs Conroy who will be a Teaching Assistant in the Nursery.

Mrs Reynaud who will be the Teaching Assistant for Reception Class J.

Mr Crowther who will join the school as a Teaching Assistant to cover classes across the school.

Mrs Gibbon who will join Brooklands as a Teaching Assistant in lower KS2.

Miss Markland who will join the school as a 1:1 Teaching Assistant.

Mrs Oswell who will join the office staff as administrator for the Breakfast and After-School Club.

Mrs Wewer who is joining the Brooklands Midday Assistant team

And last but by no means least look out for our 'New Headteachers for the day' Amber W 4F and Ben L 4F who successfully bid in our PTA Summer Fair.

### ***Thank you PTA***

Our recent Summer Fair was a great success once again. A big thank you to the PTA for all their hard work and effort and making it such a fantastic day for all. Last Friday, saw the return of the very successful 'Brookfest' Thankfully the predicted rain storms held off to make the event another success. Many thanks to all who came along and supported the two fundraisers and to parents for donations and 'manning' a stall and to all the families who supported us at these great Summer events. We are all very grateful for your support.

### ***French Lessons 2018***



With effect from October 2018, KS2 classes will be receiving French tuition from a British Council language Assistant from Paris!

### ***Congratulations to ...***

I am pleased to announce that the following children have been elected to represent Brooklands for 2018 - 19

Head Boy – James S (5A)

Head Girl – Hannah B (5A)

Deputy Head Boy – Alfie B (5V)

Deputy Head Girl – Evelyn W (5V)

The children have officially taken up their roles today and were presented with their badges at the Leavers' Assembly this morning.

It was great to see so many parents and grandparents coming along to support the children at our recent sports days. Special congratulations to Stephanie F 6OK who was this year's fastest girl and joint winners Kemdi I 6OK and Thomas W 6P who were the fastest boys of sports day 2018 and last but no means least the winning house was Gordon. Thank you to all the staff for organising the event and to our wonderful PTA for the refreshing ice pops. Special thanks to Mrs Muldowney for storing them in her freezer!

Congratulations to Zunaira M, Class 5A who recently climbed Mount Snowdon to raise money for the charity Penny Appeal. Zunaira raised £723 which will go towards building an orphanage in The Gambia. An excellent achievement.

Well done to Reception Class J pupil Kushagra S, who along with his family climbed the Ingleborough Peak in the Yorkshire Dales for the Charity SEWA UK.

Hearty congratulations to Louisa B, Class 4F, who has competed in 3 Tae Kwon Do championships this term. She received a bronze medal in the GTI North West Open Tournament, another bronze medal in the T-UK Scottish Championships and a silver medal at the recent Championships in Stratford. Wow!

Well done to Esme R, Class 1Y who ran 5KM in the Race for Life. Esme ran all the way on a very hot day in less than 45 minutes and raised a fantastic £640 for a cancer charity. Esme's parents have asked me to thank the many friends from school who sponsored her for this worthy cause.

Three cheers Year 2 boys, Elijah C, Gabriel O'K and Thomas B who have made great progress at Brooklands Tennis Club. The boys joined at 6 years old. Gabriel and Elijah have played in over 40 matches so next season they will be able to play for the U9's, and Thomas will also reach that landmark very soon.

Congratulations to Olivia L, Class 2W who has achieved another distinction in her Step 2 Piano exam this month. Olivia has achieved distinctions in all 3 of her introductory examinations so far! Wonderful news.

Well done to former pupil Andy Brisdon who is also a passionate tennis player. Andy is now in Y8 at Sale Grammar and is currently 6<sup>th</sup> in the Cheshire County. This year Andy won the Brooklands' Tennis Club Adult Singles Annual Tournament.

Last week the KS2 children held Brooklands' Got Talent with the winning acts awarded to Lower KS2 Molly I, Class 4F, and Upper KS2 An D, Class 5A. Year 4 pupils Anna W, Georgie C and Hannah F wanted to also raise money for the charity Cancer Research and I'm pleased to advise that we raised £89.15. Thank you to all the children who auditioned for the show and to everyone who contributed to the charity event.

### ***2018 KS2 Assessment Outcomes***

This is the third year of this testing regime and the expectations have significantly increased from the old National Curriculum. I have highlighted below the outcomes for our school against the national average for this year, as you will see, the children have done extremely well and they should be very proud of their hard work over the year.

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| Y6 | Writing – 91% National Standard (78%)<br>34% Greater Depth (18%) |
| Y6 | Maths – 94% National Standard (76%)<br>64% Greater Depth (23%)   |
| Y6 | Reading – 91% National Standard (75%)<br>47% Greater Depth (25%) |
| Y6 | GPS- 94% National Standard (78%)<br>69% Greater Depth (31%)      |

*Combined National Standard- 86% (64%)*

*Combined Greater Depth- 26% (9% nationally in 2017)*

\*The figures in brackets are the 2018 National Standard outcomes nationally and national Greater Depth outcomes for 2017. |

Again, a massive well done to all the KS2 children!

## ***Thank you from Mrs McGuckian!***

Since leaving on Tuesday Mrs McGuckian has contacted the school and wished to convey her thanks for all the lovely cards, gifts and wonderful sentiments you have given her for a happy retirement. She's got so many cards and flowers they fill her dining room table! She's hoping to take the advice of the children of things she should do in retirement such as visit the moon, skydive or even put her feet up!

## ***And finally ...***

As the Summer term comes to an end I wanted to thank you for your continued support this term. We have had a busy half term. For parents who follow us on Twitter you will see that we've once again taken part in the Children's University, taken part in a wonderful Choir Concert at Sale Festival and the Year Four children performed a fantastic Brass Concert to their parents. The Year Six have had a fantastic half-term to remember, a great residential visit at Robinwood this week, a leavers' meal at TGI Fridays, performed 'The Lion King', celebrated at a Leavers' disco and finally culminating in our farewell leavers' assembly today. I am sure that you would want to join me in wishing them a successful transition to secondary school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a lovely Summer holiday. I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Matthew Copping – July 2018