

Dear all,

Although the weather was a washout we always shine at Brooklands!

Our Year Five girls visited The Long Eaton School this week for a very special "This Girl Can" Conference. The girls experienced a range of activities, including trampolining, aimed at showing girls anything is possible when they try. The girls came back with a very positive outlook and renewed energy for learning.

As you are aware our Year Four children have been learning how to play the clarinet with the Wider Opportunities Music Partnership, whom the school work closely with. All year the children have learnt to play notes, chords and read music. I had the pleasure of being with children in Owl class for one their lessons and the sound that came from their instruments was truly amazing. This morning they have gone off to join 200 other young musicians and the Halle Orchestra in Derby for a celebratory concert. We are very proud of their achievements and hope to see some of the children choosing to continue with their musical tuition in the future. A big thank you has to go to our Music Subject Leader – Mrs Harby – for organising this wonderful opportunity for our talented youngsters.

This week has been busy for Year One children. Phonic screening checks have taken place for the majority of children now, with only a few more to complete the task today. We had a surprise visit from the Local Authority to support our administration of the tasks. We are pleased to say that this went well and we are very proud of how well our children dealt with the check. Once we have collated the results we will share their success with you. Next week sees Year One heading off to Roliston Nature reserve to extend their Science skills.

We introduced the NSPCC "Pants" campaign to the children in KS2 last week. If you have time please have a look at the website; it has some really good information on how to open discussions with young children on the issues of Child Abuse – in particular the sensitive subject of Sexual Abuse. By talking to children about these issues we are giving them the skills they need to be able to keep themselves safe from abuse, either in person or online. I personally have used the information with my own seven year old daughter and had a really interesting discussion. I used the advice given and we both felt very comfortable.

Recently, I have dealt with lots of issues around social media with our older children. Please be aware that social media sites are not appropriate for children of primary age. Most of these have a thirteen year old guideline. Some of our children have unwittingly been involved in

incidents online and this has caused other children, parents and myself a great deal of concern. These sites are difficult to manage for parents - even with the greatest parental control - comments and photos can still slip through the net.

Thank you to all those parents who supported our pop up shops this week and successfully purchased our new school uniform. The next opportunity to buy uniform at school will be next Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

Local business leaders came into school this week for our "Business Leaders Forum." Our children asked questions and learnt about the world of work and how the skills they are currently learning can be applied to life outside of Brooklands. Years Five and Six discussed how resilience and problem solving skills can help to build a successful career, whichever path they choose for their future.

If your child is starting school with us in September you are invited to a parent's information afternoon on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 1:30pm. A letter is on its way to you with details. Here you will meet up with the Senior Leadership Team, receive an information pack about school and have the chance to talk about your child or ask questions. We are looking forward to sharing with you our transition arrangements including story sessions, lunch with your child and visits to the classrooms. We look forward to meeting with you!

The link to see our 'Stars of the week' for this week is:

<http://www.brooklands.derbyshire.sch.uk/news-events/stars-week>

Please look carefully at the following dates for after half term and the rest of the school year:

New dates:

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 Mini-games at The Long Eaton School

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Long Eaton School Transition Days

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Maths Problem Solving Day.

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July - Y5 performance of A Midsummer Night's Dream (2pm and 6pm)

Upcoming events:

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June - New parents' meeting for nursery parents - 3pm.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Uniform Pop-up shop 3-4 pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Phonics screening week - Year 1

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - New parents' meeting for nursery parents - 3pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June - Uniform Pop-up shop 3-4pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Y4 Halle Orchestra Concert, Derby

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Long Eaton Carnival day!  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Reception New Parents afternoon – 1pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Reception Sports day – 2pm  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Uniform Pop-up shop – 3-4pm  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July – School closed – INSET day.  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Reception school trip to Attenborough Nature Reserve.  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage 1 Sports afternoon – 2pm  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Uniform Pop-up shop 3pm – 6pm  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July – HT Coffee morning  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Music Evening 5.30pm  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Sports Day – 9.15am  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – School reports out to parents  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Open evening to meet the new class teachers (from 3.15 – 4.30)  
Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 performance – afternoon  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 performance – morning  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July – End of School Term  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Staff Training day  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September – New term starts

Thanks for all your on-going support for the school.

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