

Diary Dates

1st February	Visit to Twickenham Rugby Ground
1st February	Wear a Number Day
5th February	Full Governing Body Meeting– 6.00pm
8th February	School Reports Sent Home
11th to 15th February	Half Term
18th February	Pupils return to school
25th February	Year 5 Parents Evening Subject Teachers
26th February	Year 7 Parents Evening Subject Teachers
27th February	Maths Visit to Bletchley Park
28th February	Year 8 National Enterprise Day

A Big Thank You!

We would like to thank QC Quality Construction for very generously donating a brand new TV and DVD for our Den, a lunch club for vulnerable children. The donation means that the children can use our Wii which will help develop social skills, as well as gross motor skills. We can now also run a film club where the children will watch a film and write a review, helping them with their writing and expressive language.

We are still looking for lots of board games, so if you are having a spring clean, please bring anything you can into school.

SEN Coffee Morning

We had our first coffee morning on Monday, which was incredibly busy. It was so nice to meet so many parents.

Our next coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 7th May 9am to 10.30am. It's an informal way to meet the student support team and talk to someone about your child, if they are being supported in school.



Jazzercise



Monday	7.30pm	Linslade Middle School	Dance Mixx
Wednesday	7.30pm	Linslade Middle School	Dance Mixx
Thursday	7.30pm	Brooklands Middle Sch	Express
Thursday	8.00pm	Brooklands Middle Sch	Strength45
Saturday	9.30am	St Leonards Church Hall	Dance Mixx

www.jazzercise.net/uk-aylesbury/leighton-buzzard/
Contact Keri on 07900 987230 or email jazzercisebbh@jazzercise.net



Fundraiser!

Woodside Football Club and Brooklands School are raising money to purchase two defibrillators, a resus Annie and first aid kits. We are hoping to place one defibrillator outside of the school by the playing fields and one inside the school.

If you shop at Tesco, please can you encourage your family and friends to place their tokens in the Woodside FC and Brooklands collection box. Thank you for all your support and we will keep you all informed of how much we raise.

Royal Albert Hall Trip

An exciting opportunity has come up for our reward postcards to be designed and we would like to open this up to the whole school community. If there are any pupils, parents and staff who would like to submit designs for our Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum postcards, would you please email all designs to the school (brooklands@cbc.beds.sch.uk) or hand in hard copies to reception marked for the attention of Mrs Ashwell by 22nd February 2019.

Music Department

In the last week of the Christmas term Brooklands Choir visited the Carrington Care Home to spread festive cheer to the residents there. This was a lovely opportunity for our students to get involved within the local community and it was great to see all the residents enjoying themselves and joining in.



School Christmas Carol Concert

With a fantastic 100+ pupils taking part and well over 200 parents, family and friends attending, Brooklands Christmas Concert 2018 was a real success. The concert included a combination of solo and group performances, readings and extra curricular performances which helped get everyone into the Christmas spirit. Thanks to your support and attendance we also managed to raise an amazing £150 which will go towards the purchase of a Cajon for the department and other musical equipment.

Steel Pans!

This term I am delighted to say the music department have been loaned a set of steel pans from Inspiring Music – Bedfordshire’s music hub. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to widen their knowledge of world music and play an instrument they may not otherwise have the chance to play.

We will be exploring the history of the instruments and learning to play them in Year 7 and 8 music lessons.

Culture club pupils will also get the chance to play them. Culture club is open to pupils in all year groups and meets on Wednesday after school 3.30pm-4.30pm.



PE Department News

Plenty has been happening in the PE department since our last report. We had our first major success of the year with both the Year 8 boys and Year 8 girls teams winning their Sports Hall Athletics competitions. We look forward to them representing Leighton and Linslade School Sport Partnership at the county finals in January.



Next up it was the turn of the Year 5/6 team for their Sports Hall Athletics competition.

In an extremely close competition Brooklands were competing all the way until the last relay race but eventually finished in 4th place. The Year 7 team fared better where the boys finished 2nd and the girls 3rd.

In amongst the Sports Hall Athletics competitions was our annual Swimming Gala which was held at Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre. As per the trend Brooklands finished in 4th place again! Thank you to



everyone that took part, it really is appreciated!



On the last Friday in November a joint Year 5 and Year 6 football team took part in the MK Dons SET tournament. After being drawn in a tough group Brooklands won two and lost two and finished 3rd which unfortunately wasn't quite enough to see them through to the finals day.

PE Department News

The week after saw the Year 7 boys and the Year 8 girls Basketball teams in action.

Both impressed in their tournaments with some excellent performances throughout. The Year 7 boys finished 3rd and impressively only lost to winners Fulbrook and were involved in two entertaining draws that could of gone either way. They secured 3rd place with a victory over Gilbert Inglefield in their last match. The Year 8 girls team went one better and finished 2nd in their tournament winning two and losing two of their matches.

Since Christmas we have had plenty of success! Our Boccia team won their district competition to qualify for the county finals in March.



This was followed up by our Year 5/6 girls Futsal team who stormed to victory in the tournament held at Brooklands.

They progressed to a Bedfordshire play off against Goldington where they triumphed 4-3. They now have regional finals to look forward to. A fantastic achievement girls!

Incredibly on the same, slightly chaotic afternoon the Year 7/8 girl's Handball team won their tournament and they also have a county finals event to look forward to!

This half term in PE lessons the girls are currently enjoying Health Related Fitness, Gymnastics, Tag Rugby (KS2) and Table Tennis (KS3).

Whilst the boys are enjoying Gymnastics, Handball and Rugby.

Team PE

Show My Homework Logins

Just a reminder that all homework and the words of the week are put on Show My Homework. If your child does not have their login details please ask them to speak to reception.



WW1 Battlefields Visit—Legacy 110 Project

We are delighted that we were invited again to take part in this project. In February two pupils from Year 7 will visit the WW1 battlefields in France and Belgium. We asked pupils to write a letter explaining why they wanted to go and what project they would do as WW1 ambassadors when they returned. We had so many entries and the quality of these was so high, so it was very difficult to choose.

Congratulations to Emily Thomas and Lucas Capitano who were selected to represent the school.

Lost Property!



We still have an abundance of lost property in our Lost Property Corner!

There is a large selection of winter coats there, surely someone is missing in this cold weather. There are also lots of jumpers, jogging bottoms, PE bags, drinking bottles, gloves etc.

All these items are un named, therefore we are unable to reunite them with their owners! Please ensure all items of clothing and equipment are named.

Health and Safety Reminders!

Picking up Children

Please remember that the areas around the gates get very busy at this key time. We ask that all younger siblings who are waiting with you do not come onto the site and run around the grounds and that they are adequately supervised at all times. Cars can be leaving at any time and having the younger ones run in and out of the cars is a worry. Brooklands pupils are also still hard at work during this time and so noise from the younger children can disturb them.

Bikes and Scooters and General Road Safety

Thank you to those families who encourage their children to be responsible with their bikes and scooters. Children are asked not to ride these on the school site as it is very easy to knock into other people. Also, especially with the dark nights and mornings at the moment, we ask that families remind children about road safety and making sensible choices about where to cross roads to avoid incidents.

Parking!

We do ask that cars do not come onto the premises during our busiest times (8.15-8.45 and 3.25-3.45) and we thank you for your co-operation with this. Clearly this does cause issues along Brooklands Drive where dropping off and collecting children occurs for two schools. Please remember to be considerate and polite and avoid blocking driveways and paths. We have asked the council several times to monitor the situation and they do send parking attendants out on a regular basis.



Bad Weather!

Just a reminder as the time of year is upon us where snow features in our weather systems. It is always a really difficult decision when thinking about closing the school for snow. Largely, we make this decision in close consultation with the schools around us and of upmost importance to us is the safety of our pupils, staff and parents. The decision is never taken lightly and we appreciate the hassle it causes when a school does decide to close.



We update the school website immediately after the decision has been made and this should be your first port of call. A Parentmail is also sent out and the SOS website for Central Bedfordshire schools is updated to reflect the closure. The school phone, as you would expect is extremely busy during these times and so you will not always get through to speak to someone personally. Thank you in advance for your patience.