

Brookside Academy – The Willows

Newsletter – Monday 15th July 2024



The Value we are focusing on this term is **Engagement**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't quite believe we are nearly at the end of the academic year.

There have been some wonderful successes and achievements from the children in Willows during this year. This term has been particularly busy with sports day, Longleat trip, Creative week and Olympic week. The children have not only enjoyed these experiences, but their efforts and attitudes have been outstanding.

We have some exciting things in the pipeline. Firstly, the Robins classroom will be expanding during the Summer holidays so that they have a bigger learning space. We are also having an external door fitted into our spare classroom, so that children accessing this space can explore the outside space.

As you are aware, we are joining BTCT in September. They have sourced us a 16-seater minibus which includes accessible seating spaces. We are very excited about this opportunity as it means that we will be able to take children out into the community more frequently and develop their learning skills in a wider range of contexts.

Staff updates

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Difford who is moving to a different school. We would like to thank Mrs Difford for all her hard work, we know that she will be greatly missed. However, we are delighted to inform you that we have appointed class teacher, Mr Laurence, who will be joining our team in September. Mr Laurence was previously Head of School at Polden Bower and has a wealth of experience in working with children who have SEN needs.

We also say goodbye to teaching assistant Miss Hole who is off travelling. I am sure Miss Hole will have an amazing time and we look forward to hearing about her adventures.

Congratulations to Miss Champion who is expecting her first baby. Miss Champion will return in September and will begin her maternity leave later in the Autumn term.

We would like to welcome teaching assistants Mr Rogers and Miss Reeson. Mr Rogers has been working in Swifts class and will continue to work in the Willows next year. Miss Reeson will be joining the team in September.

More information about which class your child will be in from September will be shared at the end of this week.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and am looking forward to working with you and welcoming our new families in September. I do hope you all have a wonderful Summer.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Nevell
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