

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Families and Friends,

Despite this half term being relatively short, it has nonetheless been a busy one!

Our Pathway to Employment team supported students in organising an Employers Afternoon Tea to say thank you to the 70+ local businesses who have supported our students in their preparation for adult life after school whether that be into the world of work or onto Further Education. We celebrate the contribution that employers have made to our unique award- winning Careers Education programme by awarding certificates. We were thrilled to be able to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of these employers, specifically:

<b>Bronze Award</b>	<b>Silver Award</b>	<b>Gold Award</b>
Thames Water	Reading FC	IKEA
AW Cycles	The Oracle	Flint House
Thames Valley Flowers	M&S	Laithwaites
Metro Bank	Sainsbury's	
	Sparklers Pre School	
	Springfield School	
	The Link Cafe	

The schools PE team led by Tor Carter, have organised a wide range of sporting and physical events for pupils of all skills and abilities. These have ranged from supporting families in developing their child's interest in physical activity at home; tournaments with other schools; off sight activities such as swimming, tennis, water sports; onsite activities lead by sports coaches such as golf and tennis or specific inclusive sporting events for pupils. As a result of Tor's leadership, hard work and vision, the sporting and physical outcomes for our pupils have been acknowledged as Brookfields School has just been awarded the GOLD Schools Games Mark. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Participating in this process allows schools to evaluate their PE provision and assists them in developing an action plan for future progress.

Some of our older students went to Blaen Wern Farm in Wales for their residential week. We have been using this location for a number of years now as it is a popular destination in the middle of the Welsh rolling hills. It was a packed week for the staff and students who thoroughly enjoyed the activities. The students who participated in this trip gained from their experiences and all achieved something that they did not think they would. A huge thank you to all staff who were involved in planning and making this trip such a success for the pupils.

Our governors continue to support the work of the school as well as provide us with positive challenges to enable us to continue to provide an outstanding education and provision for all pupils, as well as moving the school forward. Stephen Flint and Anne Murdoch are Co-Chairs of the Governing Board and Anne Rotheron is the schools Safeguarding Governor.

Thank you to our fantastic PTA for organising the Quiz Night which was held last Friday. The hall was packed with 17 teams comprising of families, friends and staff. It was a great evening and one which will be repeated. The PTA work very hard in raising money which directly impacts on the pupils. They are always looking to recruit more members so please do contact the school to find out how you can help and support.

Through the amazing and creative work of our staff team, Brookfields continues to be one of the lead schools in the country in curriculum development, assessment and innovative teaching approaches. We have continued to host a growing range of visitors to the school who want to learn more from our work and what we do. This reflects our commitment to develop partnerships

with other schools in the local area as well as across England. In addition to this, members of the school team have been invited to speak at national conferences about the work of the school – Maddy Bromwich and Sarah Strudley spoke at a conference with regards to our approach to PSHE and RSE. Ellie Davis-Moore spoke about the Food Therapy programme which she and Marnie Osborn have developed at Brookfields.

Those of you who came to support our students who performed 'Flesh' at The South Streets Arts Centre may like to know that the students performed the play in Oxford. Again, the performance was captivating with every member of the cast giving amazing performances. We heard yesterday from the producers of The National Theatre Connections Project that we are not through to the next stage. I am sure you will share in our disappointment that our production of 'Flesh' was not short listed to be performed at The National Theatre. However, everyone involved in the development of our production of 'Flesh' has gained so much, which should be celebrated. I would like to acknowledge and thank the students and staff for everything they have achieved. I would also like to thank you in supporting not only this project but all our other theatre projects - please see <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/brookfieldsdrama> The Creative Arts Team are now busy rehearsing and preparing the summer term production of 'Summer Nights' which has been inspired by 'Grease'!

Some of you may have noticed the beautiful flower arrangements in our Reception area. I would like to thank parent Mrs Rawlings and her florist business 'Georgies Florists' [www.georgiesflorists.co.uk](http://www.georgiesflorists.co.uk) for kindly giving us these wonderful displays.

I would like to inform you that the calendar on our website is not working. We are hoping to resolve this issue as soon as possible but in the meantime here are some dates for your diaries for next half term:

### **June 2019**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** – Back to school

**5<sup>th</sup>** - Coffee Morning – all welcome

**6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July** – Understanding and Managing Behaviour evening course for families

**13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition

**20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>** – Year 6 Residential

**21<sup>st</sup>** – Brookfest (at Brookfields School)

**25<sup>th</sup>** – MOVE Day

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Invictus Games

**26<sup>th</sup>** – Official opening of Pangbourne House

**26<sup>th</sup>** – PTA Meeting

**28<sup>th</sup>** – Leavers Prom

### **July 2019**

**5<sup>th</sup>** - Sports Day

**6<sup>th</sup>** – Family PTA BBQ

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** – For those pupils who will be moving Key Stages next academic year, they will be able to visit their new Key Stage on these days

**16<sup>th</sup>** – End of Year Pupil Progress meeting with families

**24<sup>th</sup>** – Prize Giving and Leavers Assembly

**24<sup>th</sup>** – School finishes at 1.00pm

On behalf of all the pupils, the staff and the governors at Brookfields School, I wish you a safe and happy half term. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**.

Kind regards,



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