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Brookside Newsletter



Brookside's Old School Building

Our old school building (built in 1879) is a fabulous building, though long overdue for internal improvement.

Many of you cannot failed to have noticed the refurbishment work that is currently taking place within our old school building.

The building will be modernised to 21st century spec to further enhance its community services. The project will be a base for the Surestart Children's Centre and Extended Schools Services, as well as continuing to provide a setting for the Active Minds before and after school club, toddler and play groups and school activities.



School Vegetable Plots

I hope you have had the chance to admire the raised vegetable plots located outside Year 1 to 4. Our aim is to nurture within the children success at growing their own produce and then to use the produce in the school kitchens (and classroom food preparation sessions). Each class has its own raised bed and each class will be able to enjoy its own harvest to share.

I hope the experiences of gardening, growing one's own vegetables and the contentment this can bring will stay with the children in their adult lives.

We have plenty of beans, tomatoes and corgettes, if you have any spare trays, plugs or pots of salads, onions, carrots etc. we'll gladly take them from your hands.

Sweden Day

A reminder that Monday is our celebration of Sweden day. Why Sweden? Well, we would like the children to recognise that within our international community we have many friends and neighbours. Sweden being one of them. We are also fortunate to have Philippe, a Swedish teaching graduate, working alongside us for a number of months.

The children can dress up in any combination of blue and yellow (or as one of the crown jewels of Sweden, Abba). The children will hear the language, learn a few words and take part in some Swedish food tasting.

I'm certain the day will be enjoyable, while also confirming the value of international community cohesion.

May I request that the children bring in a donation of £1. This will cover the costs of the food tasting sessions.



Enjoy the weekend, if you enjoy gardening, I hope you have a good one. If not, why not give it a go!

Gary Kenny (Head Teacher)