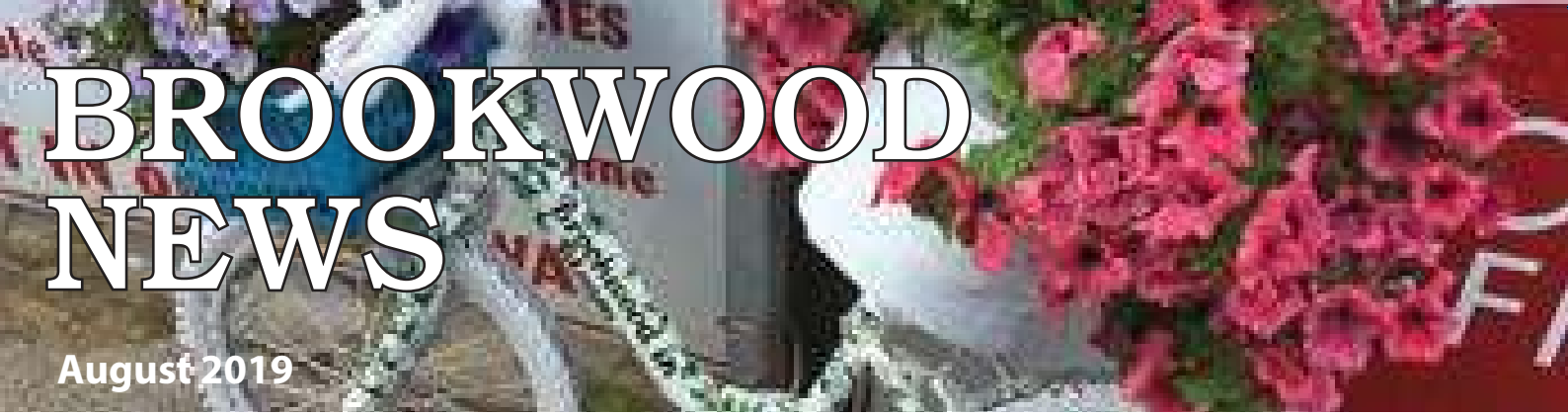


BROOKWOOD NEWS

August 2019

EDITORIAL

Farewells and thank yous

It is becoming a tradition that we hand over the August Newsletter to the Village School and I am really grateful to Yr 5+6 pupils in Owls Class for contributing most of the articles inside this issue. I wouldn't be at all surprised if one of them were to come back to the village as a journalist in a few years' time! We wish them well as they leave Brookwood School and move on to secondary education confident that they have been well prepared by their teachers and all the staff at the school.

Mrs Green is also leaving us this year. Her article speaks for itself in showing what has been achieved under her calm and gracious leadership. As all gardeners know, green is the colour of growth and flourishing; it is the sign of a healthy plant. I am sure the 'Green Era' of Brookwood School will be remembered precisely for these attributes, both by the pupils and the village as a whole. We offer our warm thanks to Jo Green for all she has done for our children over the last eleven years and wish her well for her next challenge at the Bourne Education Trust. And come the autumn, we will be Gunning for even more success under the new headteacher!

Happy holidays to all

Judith Male – Editor

END-OF-YEAR SCHOOL REPORT



We have had an extremely successful, if busy, year at Brookwood School. It started with an Ofsted Inspection on days 5 and 6 of our term, and frankly, hasn't stopped since.

Our teachers have planned and delivered vital core English and Maths lessons each morning so that the children become highly proficient in the extensive curriculum which they now face in primary schools. Afternoons are then handed over to broader aspects of learning where we link the additional national curriculum subjects into projects. These projects are wide ranging, and challenge the children to question, explore, investigate, interrogate, negotiate and communicate as they learn more about particular topics. I am sure that many readers will have seen our children around the village as part of our Forest School, a vital part of our curriculum in which every child participates every year. Throughout, we develop the knowledge, skills and values which robust learners need to ensure success in their education beyond our school, and which equip them as local, national and global citizens. This is a huge challenge, one to which we rise on a daily basis. Ofsted agreed – acknowledging that the school delivers a great education to every pupil, particularly in the quality of our Early Years provision, in Personal Development and Welfare and in Behaviour – all of which were judged to be Outstanding.

As with all schools, we face challenges in managing within the increasingly tight budgets set by the Government. We are told that there is more money than ever being spent in education, but on the front line schools have seen a huge increase in baseline costs and an average real-terms decrease of 8% in funding. At Brookwood, we choose not to ask parents to 'top-up' our funds, preferring to live within our means. I am very pleased to say that, as an academy, we have to, and can, prove that we remain viable for a full 5 years.

As with all things, change is inevitable – and there are changes to note in school. After 11 years in post, I will be leaving at the end of term to take a role within the Executive Team at the Bourne Education Trust of which Brookwood School is part. Mr David Gunning, the current Deputy Headteacher, will be the new Head of School. He has exciting plans for the future – so watch this space! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the Governors, staff, pupils, parents and friends of Brookwood School over the past years, but I leave the school in robust health academically, financially and in terms of its broader community. I am sure that Mr Gunning will feel as much a part of village life as I have. Thank you to you all for your support for me and the school.



Jo Green, Headteacher

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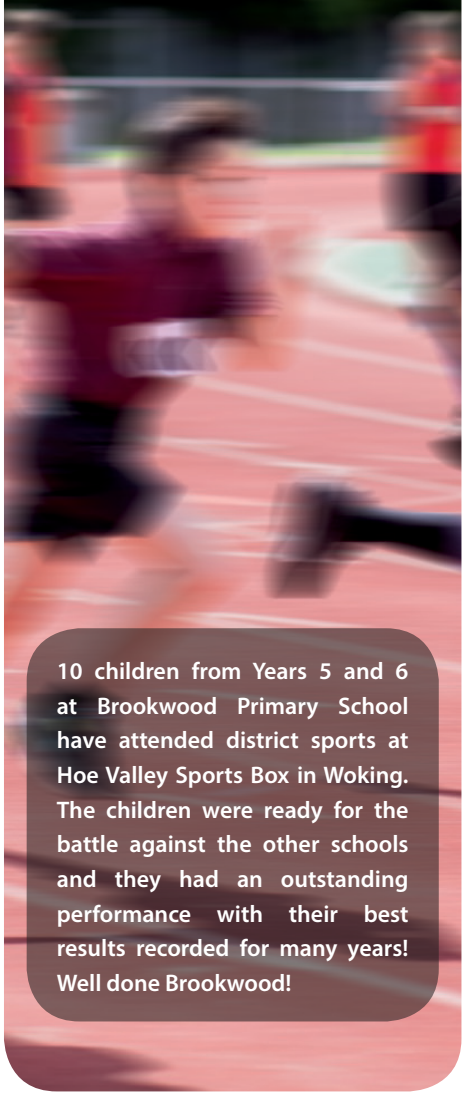
Brookwood Primary School thought it would be a nice way to celebrate the Women's World Cup by making their own. It was set on the Brookwood field all the way up to the semis and final (which was played at the school summer fair). It was a tough battle for all the countries, however, only four could go through. The countries that fought their way up to the semi-finals were: Ghana, England, Italy and Australia. The teams that made it to the final were Ghana and England. Again, it was a tough battle for both teams but England snuck a couple goals in and won the tournament.



SUMMER FAIR

The Brookwood summer fair took place on the 22 June 2019. Most children attended the fair on Saturday arriving from 12pm. There were many stalls and activities and they were very enjoyable. In addition, there was a raffle stall with great prizes. There was loads of entertainment for all ages. Food and drinks were also served at the summer fair for great prices and high quality!

DISTRICT SPORTS 2019!



10 children from Years 5 and 6 at Brookwood Primary School have attended district sports at Hoe Valley Sports Box in Woking. The children were ready for the battle against the other schools and they had an outstanding performance with their best results recorded for many years! Well done Brookwood!

PRIMARY MUSIC DAY 2019

On 25 June 2019, a group of children with musical experience in Years 5 and 6 as well as many other schools travelled to Winston Churchill School for a day of music! They participated in musical activities such as: singing, playing guitar, drums, piano/ keyboard and many more. At the end of the day they performed an amazing concert for staff and parents and all really enjoyed it!

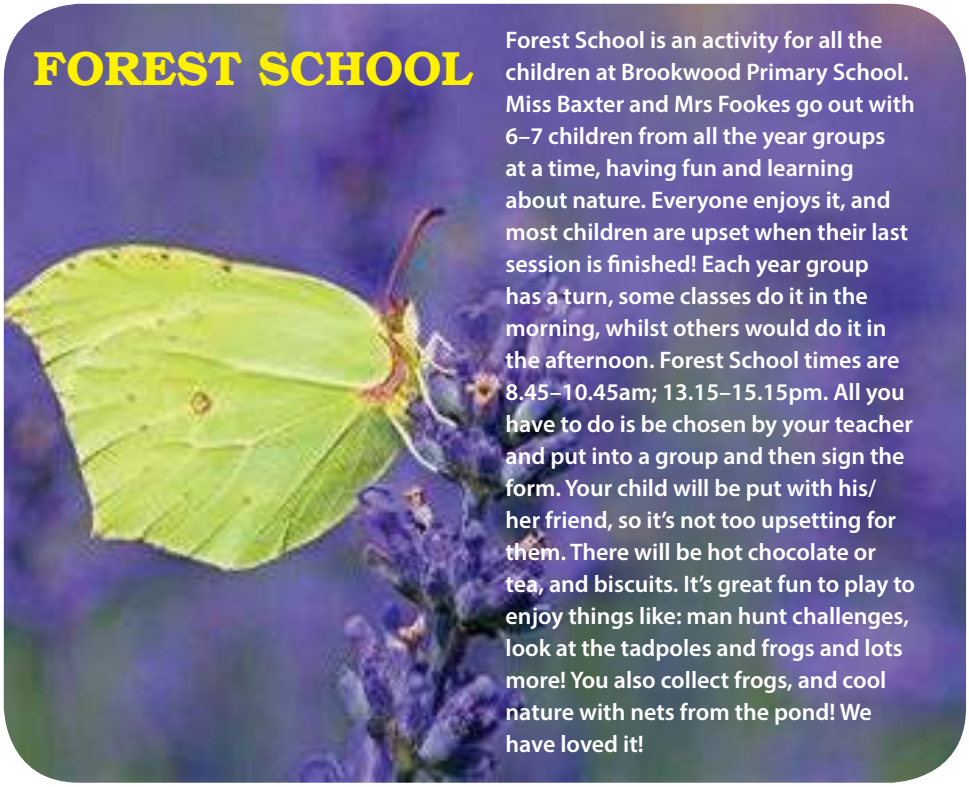
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LET THE GAMES BEGIN – SUMMER PRODUCTION 2019



This year the Key Stage 2 children from Brookwood Primary School delivered a show-stopping performance of 'Let the games begin'. The story has a great background where 3 teenagers discover teamwork. The children have to face three different obstacles which include: monopoly, cluedo and chess. Furthermore, the three girls are obsessed with technology and then they find a seven-sided dice and bad luck keeps on coming their way! Well done to the children involved and a big thank you to Mrs Coe for directing the entertaining show.

FOREST SCHOOL



Forest School is an activity for all the children at Brookwood Primary School. Miss Baxter and Mrs Fookes go out with 6–7 children from all the year groups at a time, having fun and learning about nature. Everyone enjoys it, and most children are upset when their last session is finished! Each year group has a turn, some classes do it in the morning, whilst others would do it in the afternoon. Forest School times are 8.45–10.45am; 13.15–15.15pm. All you have to do is be chosen by your teacher and put into a group and then sign the form. Your child will be put with his/her friend, so it's not too upsetting for them. There will be hot chocolate or tea, and biscuits. It's great fun to play to enjoy things like: man hunt challenges, look at the tadpoles and frogs and lots more! You also collect frogs, and cool nature with nets from the pond! We have loved it!

RUNWAYS END RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Children from years 4, 5 and 6 visited Runways End Activity Centre for their annual residential. Runways End had activities such as: rock climbing, caving, low ropes and the best of all team work. We slept in luxurious pods and Brookwood were actually the first school to sleep in them - they were very spacious. Despite some torrential weather, we all had a great time and we are already looking forward to next year's.



BROOKWOOD WI

Brookwood WI had an enjoyable evening on Tuesday 16 July, even with a last minute change! Unfortunately our planned speaker had to cancel, so one of the members offered to step in and talk about her travels around the world and their culinary delights. We all left feeling a little peckish! Our next meeting is 17 September. If you are interested in coming along please feel free to join us on the third Tuesday of every month, Brookwood Memorial Hall 7.30 for a 7.45pm start. Please call Mary on 01483 831832 or just turn up!

On a slightly separate note, we are looking for a volunteer who might be able to help us before our meetings setting up the tables and chairs, and to put them away again afterwards. There may also be occasions when we are having a special event that we would appreciate a hand setting up and down again. If you are interested, please call Mary on 01483 831832.

LIVING WELL WITH ARTHRITIS

The Friends of Pirbright Surgery are holding an open evening of Living Well with Arthritis in Lord Pirbright's Hall at 7pm on Thursday 26 September. This is an opportunity for arthritis suffers and carers to hear inspirational speakers, and talk to experts on such subjects as nutrition, exercise, pain management, benefits and financial support and more. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.

AND MORE GREEN SUCCESS

We are delighted to hear that the Allotment Society (GPAS) on Sheets Heath Lane has been awarded third place in Woking Borough's Tunis Cup, the highest ranking ever received by the Society and a very considerable improvement on last year.

GPAS allotment-holders came first and second in the new plot-holder category. John Arkinstall was third in the 'Best Plot by someone over 70' category and he also won (again) the best plot title in GPAS's own internal competition.

Congratulations to you all.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARK

Congratulations to Mark Kenny who graduated this week from Birmingham University after achieving a Masters with Merit in NHS Leadership and Management. He worked very hard for 2 years, whilst working full-time, to complete the course. Jackie and Mark are very proud of him and being able to share the day with him.



AT THE STATION

We are told that the plan is now to start work at Brookwood Station on 5 August for a six-week period. During this time a press-button access gate will be installed on the cemetery side of the station and four full-access gates (including a wide one) will be installed on the village side in the ticket hall. Whilst work is in progress South Western Railway will endeavour to run a normal service from the ticket office – it is not going to be easy for Tony the Ticket. Please be kind to him!

VILLAGE DIARY DATES

(also see the village website at www.brookwood.org.uk)

Friday 2 August	Whist Drive, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
Saturday 3 August	Bingo. Eyes down, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Sunday 4 August	Woking People of Faith event from 1.45pm in Brookwood Cemetery
Saturday 17 August	Okey Dokey karaoke, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Saturday 24 August	Tom's Sister, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Saturday 7 September	Bingo. Eyes down, 8.30pm, Brookwood Club
Thursday 26 September	'Living Well with Arthritis', 7pm, Lord Pirbright's Hall

PROGRESS ON VILLAGE WELCOME PACK

We are delighted that two lovely people have taken on the task of assembling a welcome pack for new residents. Now we are also looking for a sponsor to fund the pack. It is not a huge amount – about £250 would get it started. Please contact the newsletter email address if you have any ideas.

In the meantime we were delighted to receive this note from new resident, Sue:

I was interested to read about the welcome to Brookwood pack you are putting together. We moved here a year ago. It is certainly true there is a lot going on. We have gradually discovered more and more walks and have explored the canal by bike too. We joined the Brookwood Club straight away and have been to some great things at St Saviour's Church. Our road had a street party a few weeks ago which was lovely. Over the year I have got to know a great group of people at the Zumba class in the Memorial Hall. It is a slow process settling into somewhere new and the more you can do the better. I think the welcome pack is another fantastic Brookwood idea. Sue

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