

Brooklands Bulletin

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Brooklands Farm

Primary School

Weaving a learning journey

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Term Dates:

Autumn (1) term ends 24th October

Half-term break 27th-31st October

Inset Day Monday 3rd November

Autumn (2) term begins 4th November

Autumn (2) term ends 19th December

Dates for your diary:

Lantern Festival 21st November on the school playground.

Christmas Fayre 30th November 1pm - 4pm in the school hall.

Tree Festival weeks w/c 8th & 15th December

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do you think we value children's wellbeing?

Last week's results:

95% of parents scored us a 4 or 5 for teamwork.

Thank you to all who attended the curriculum tea events this week. We had a great turnout! 95% of parents attended in all year groups which shows a great commitment to your child's learning this year. The children have really enjoyed preparing the food and more importantly sharing it with their families. Please download the curriculum booklets for your child's year group from the website and begin using some of the resources.

We have already received some positive feedback about the new website. Please keep visiting your child's class pages and leaving your comments.

As we will be sharing your child's learning quite often on the website. It is important that you read through and return the blue copy of the Consent Form For Using Images of Children for the website as soon as possible. If you have received a white copy please see Reception for the updated blue version and clearly indicate either yes or no to the four questions.

As the weather is changing please be sure children come to school prepared with coats, hats, etc. especially as the children will sometimes be learning outdoors.

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom and Elisabeth Morrison

Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

Mondays: Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

Tuesdays: Child minders & Tots 8:45-11:15

Thursdays: Mums & Tots 8:45-11:15

Fridays: Me Time 9:00-11:00. A fun group just for you! Try something different, make friends and find your creativity. Childcare is available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

To report an absence please phone the absence line on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am.

Care Club contact number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

Reminders

It's that time of year! If your child has had sickness or diarrhoea they need to be kept home from school for 48 hours.

Birthday Treats: When sending in treats to hand out for birthdays please be sure they do not contain nuts as some children may have a nut allergy.

Care Club/Activity Clubs: The school has grown over the last couple of years to a size which no longer allows us to be able to accept on-the-day bookings for Breakfast Club, Care Club and activities. A letter went out in the Summer term explaining this change and our terms and conditions also clearly state that bookings must be provided to the school by Monday lunchtime for that week's wrap around care.

Hot Dinners: The new order form for next half term has gone out via ParentMail. The menu has not changed. Please can you ensure that all orders and payments are handed into Reception by 4pm on the Wednesday for the week ahead. Your child's name and class must be written on the order form. Children in Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2 that are receiving free meals through the Universal Free School Meals scheme, please be aware you still need to complete an order form by the Wednesday so that Cygnet can order appropriate numbers for the following week.

Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will now be held in your child's classroom for a more personalised experience as we continue to grow. Parents/carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

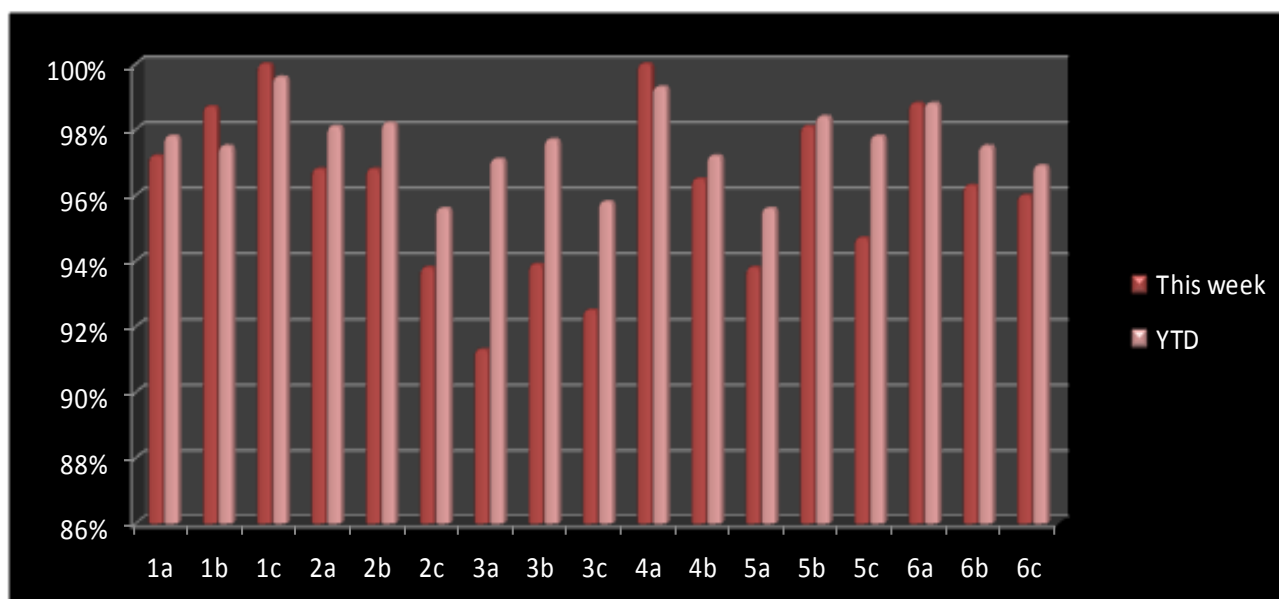
Children that have achieved their pins for week commencing 13th October are:

Thursday 16th Oct @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin) Farrell Y, (Gold pin) Mriidul R

Friday 17th Oct @ 8:40: Year 1: (Gold pin) Asia N, Samuel C, Jayden B-S

Attendance

The national expected level of attendance is 96.5%. We take attendance very seriously at Brooklands Farm and expect to achieve this level with your partnership. This week's attendance is:





Early Years

Foundation 1 children have enjoyed reading 'Goat Goes to Playgroup' this week and have begun to connect the story to activities we do in our own nursery. We will be continuing with this story next week and request that parents support children by choosing from the suggested activities we sent home last week.

All Foundation children have been given a precious core book to look at and read at home. Please take the time to read these books with your children as many times as they want. This will help them to develop their story language and vocabulary. We have asked the children to look after these by not eating or drinking over them to keep them in a good condition. Your child can change this for a new book when they bring it back.

Foundation 2 have had an exhausting week with all the fantastic learning that we've been doing. Everyone has been busy learning the *Funny Bones* story and exploring 2D shapes. Even the teachers are tired now!

Infant School

Year 1

Please bring in a pair of named wellies and a named waterproof coat for your child for rainy days so that we can carry on learning outside whatever the weather.

We can keep the wellies in school on the bottom of the coat trolleys if you'd like us to keep them in school.

Year 2

Thank you to everyone to come along to the Year 2 curriculum teas! They children thoroughly enjoyed baking and being able to share the food with you. Keep looking on the school website for updates on our learning and remember to leave a comment! Next week a letter for our trips to VW and Cadbury's World will be sent out, please return your reply slip as soon as possible.

Lower Junior

Year 3 will be re-creating the Ancient Olympic Games on Tuesday 14th October on the school MUGA (weather permitted). Parents/Carers are invited to attend. Please can children bring a costume with them to school. It doesn't need to be anything elaborate, just a white t-shirt with a ribbon in their team colour or a coloured t-shirt.

3a Girls - Crete (white)

3a Boys - Sparta (red)

3b Girls - Ithica (green)

3b Boys - Corinth (gold)

3c Girls - Athens (purple)

3c Boys - Thebus (blue)

Year 4 are beginning to work up to their living tomb next week and cannot wait to show it off to their parents. They have been focusing on measures this week and would love some help with learning about time this weekend.

Upper Junior

Year 6 have ignited their new 'Borrowers' project this week and are excited about producing their Stories!