

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:

Curriculum Tea: 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th October, 5-6pm. See back page for details.

Scholastic Book Fair: Thursday 2nd October through Tuesday 7th October from 8:30-9:00 and 3:30-4pm.

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, as a school do we do enough to help charities?

Last week's results:

75% of parents think learning languages is an important part of the curriculum.

Foundation 2 children stayed for lunch for the first time this week and have done amazingly well. They already have shown us some lovely manners as well as having learnt the routine.

Today a group of teachers visited Volkswagen Head Office in Blakelands to embark upon our next whole school learning project. We planned and worked alongside mechanical engineers, market researchers and logistical experts to put together an amazing collection of mini projects linking to real life situations at Volkswagen Group. This project will take place in the week beginning 20th October and we will be presenting our learning at Head Office on 12th November – we can't wait! If any parents reading this work at Volkswagen – please come and see us so that you can be involved too! If you would like to help at some of the workshops, speak to your child's class teacher. We hope to build upon the success of our last business driven project at Network Rail.

We have reached the end of week 4 and we are seeing high well being from the children and focused learning zones. We are proud of everyone this week as by 8:40 all children are settled into their learning and are focused for the day. Thank you for ensuring your child arrives at school on time. If you do turn up after 8:40 please sign your child in at the front desk.

We have noticed that the children have been tired this week so plan some restful activities for the weekend!

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom and Elisabeth Morrison

The *Me Time* group would like to say thank you to everyone that helped out today, to those who baked all the lovely cakes and thank you for the kind donation of vouchers.

A huge thank you to everyone that came along and supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Together we have raised a fabulous £261.48!

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

In honour of Harvest Festival we are collecting tinned and long-life food on behalf of the Milton Keynes Food Bank. Please bring in donations to your class teacher throughout the week beginning Monday 29th September.

Please provide a water bottle for your child.

Please continue to tie back long hair and please continue to regularly check for head lice. If we all do this together we stand a better chance against these lice!

Please could parents stop children from riding scooters and bikes across the playgrounds and through the school. Bike parks have been provided so that they can be secured before entering the playground for safety purposes. Please adhere to these rules for everyone's safety.

All PE kits for every year group must be returned to school on Mondays and remain in school all week as PE sessions may change.

Please be aware of your speed in the school car park. We appreciate it is very busy at drop off and pick up times, therefore we must be sure that rules are adhered to for safety.

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.

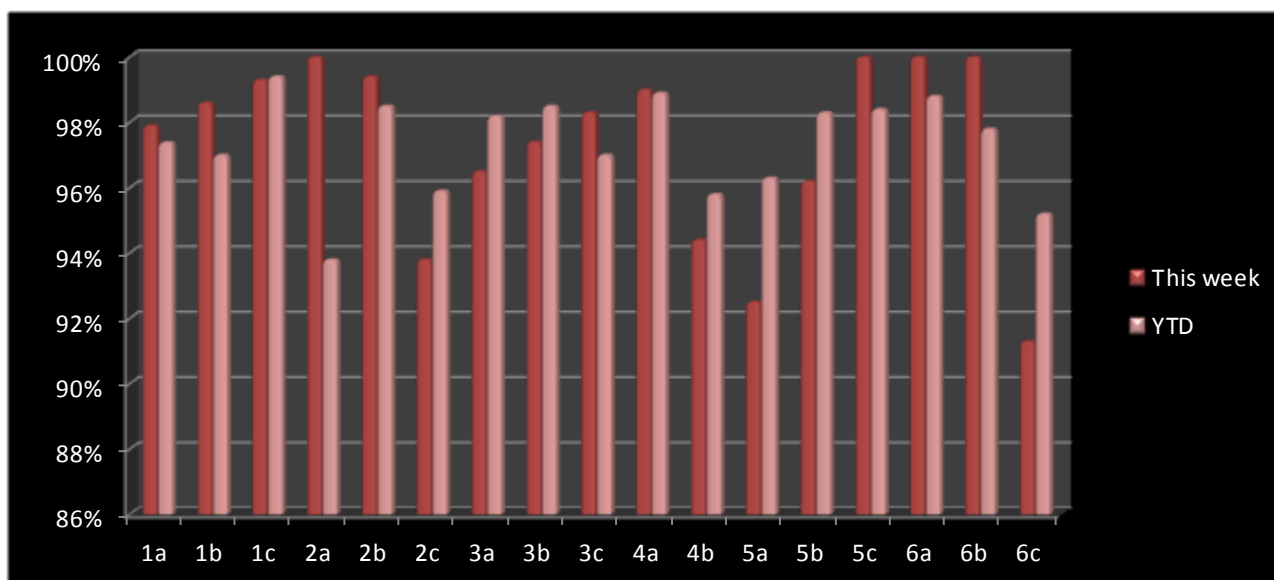
Children that have achieved their pins for week commencing 29th October are:

Thursday 2nd Oct @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin) Richard S, Jayden W, Abid H, Niamh G, Reese Carly M
(Gold pin) Blessing B

Friday 3rd Oct @ 8:40: Year 1: (Gold pin) Leo D, Tristan L, Owen H, Maddox H, Zahraa, Ethan L-M

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 2 have had a great week of high well being and settled children. The children have been brilliant at lunchtime and have shown us some excellent manners!

Everyone has been very curious about all the autumn leaves that have been falling in our outside area. We have been exploring Autumn by making pictures, going on leaf hunts and even making a giant Autumn tree! Next week we can't wait to look at our core book '*Funny Bones*'.

As the weather gets cooler please work with us to teach the children to place their coats on their named pegs when they take them off. Thank you for ensuring all items of clothing are named, this really helps if the coats and jumpers get put in the wrong place.

As a polite reminder, please can you make sure that the children are not bringing in any toys from home.

Foundation children will not be staying after school for their curriculum teas. Please pick them up as normal at 3:30pm and then return with them for their tea at 5pm on their class day.

Infant School

Year 1 have been learning about our families and people who are important to us. We have been thinking about what makes us special and how we are the same and different from others. We are all working hard at reaching our targets to achieve our orange pins!

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been applying their partitioning skills to add this week. We have also been investigating primary sources of historical evidence by looking at the pictorial stories that Greek pots tell us about how the Ancient Greeks live. We have also investigated some weird and wonderful mythological creatures to use in our Greek myths. Our focus this week has been keeping in the correct learning zones.

Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this week to edit, improve and finish their Egyptian stories. They will form part of our 'living tomb' at the end of the half term.

Upper Junior



Curriculum Tea

Thank you for your patience in waiting a little longer for your Curriculum Tea this year. We have now adjusted the format so it is in line with the new government expectations.

99% of parents attend curriculum tea. Feedback tells us that parents enjoy this annual tradition as it allows them to:

Build a stronger bond with the class teacher, ensuring a tighter partnership.

Share expectations of their children over the year.

Meet other parents and build a close community.

Stacy West, our Parent Partner will remind all new parents to the school of our expectations to attend.

This year your children will be baking cakes, breads and biscuits for you. As always, we keep your child until 5pm so that you don't have to come backwards and forwards to school.

Three year group dates have been given to provide flexibility for parents. Attendance is strongly recommended due to the large number of changes to both the curriculum expectation and the removal of levels (e.g. 2a, 2b, 2c).

Monday 6th October 5-6pm	F2a Miss Jasper F2b Mrs Gardner	1a Miss Tate 2a Mrs O'Dell	3a Mrs Humphris 4a Mr Mortimer	5a Mr Peters 6a Miss Snowdon	Children stay in school until 5pm (except F2)
Tuesday 7th October 5-6pm	F2c Mrs Jenkins F2d Mrs King	1b Mrs Notridge 2b Miss Marriott	3b Mr Gray 4b Miss Roberts	5b Miss Courtney 6b Miss Jeffs	Children stay in school until 5pm (expect F2)
Wednesday 8th October 5-6pm	F2e Miss Ormshaw F2f Miss McNearney	1c Mrs Hover 2c Mrs Taylor	3c Miss Kynaston	5c Miss Holloway 6c Mrs Hern	Children stay in school until 5pm (except F2)
Thursday 9th October 5-6pm	New parents to Brooklands Farm in F2	New parents to Brooklands Farm in years 1 & 2	New parents to Brooklands Farm in years 3 & 4	New parents to Brooklands Farm in years 5 & 6	Children stay in school until 5pm (except F2)

The format of the evening:

5:00pm—Arrive in your child's class, enjoy the tea your child's class has have prepared.

5:15pm—Sharing of end of year standard

5:30pm—How will you/we know how well your child is doing?

5:30-6pm—How can I support my child at home each week/across the year.