

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

Autumn (1) term ends 23rd October

Autumn Half Term Break 23th-30th October

Autumn (2) term begins 2nd November

Autumn (2) term ends 18th December (17th December for Nursery)

Christmas Break 21st December–1st January

Inset Day Monday 4th January

Spring (1) term begins 5th January

Spring (1) term ends 12th February

Half Term Break 15th-19th February

Spring (2) begins 22nd February

Spring (2) ends 24th March (23rd March for Nursery)

Easter Break 25th March-8th April

Inset Day 11th April

Summer (1) term begins 12th April

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May

Dates for your diary:

Deadline for Secondary School Applications: Saturday 31st October

Lantern Festival: Friday 20th November @ Countess Way

Year 6 Residential: 20th-24th June

Year 5 Residential: 6th-8th July

Thank you to all those families that joined us for our first Curriculum Tea session last night. If you have not yet signed up for a session please do so. Foundation 2 Curriculum Tea will be held on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd October for both Fen Street and Countess Way. You will receive a letter shortly that will include your code for booking.

There will be some very important changes to the roads surrounding Countess Way this month. The Salford road will be closed at the traffic lights from Newport road and all traffic coming from Salford will be diverted down Countess Way, past the school.

This will inevitably lead to increased volumes of cars and lorries past the school, mostly driven by drivers who have little or no concern about the safety of the children walking to school, only about getting to and from work.

The road will be busy so please be extra vigilant when walking to school and only use the crossing by the temporary traffic lights (once installed) to cross the road. Parents turning into and out of the school car parks also need to be extra careful.

Once we have more information and dates we will let you know.

Some new signage has gone up at the traffic signals at the intersection of Newport Road and Countess Way. Please use caution when turning at this intersection as the green signal does not indicate right of way when turning.



When dropping off children in the morning at Countess Way, please wait for the doors to be opened by a member of staff. Teachers aren't in their classrooms until 8:20, therefore it isn't safe for the children to come in any earlier.

Premier Sport have started a new initiative called the Golden Mile this week in which KS2 children have walked, run or skipped laps of the MUGA pitch during their lunch break. The aim of the Golden Mile is to have a positive impact on the children's health and fitness. The challenge is for every child to have completed a marathon (180 laps) by the end of the school year. It has got off to a flying start this week and the children participated with great enthusiasm! Even the staff had their go today, well done to everyone!

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 12th October is:

Midnight, Sunday 4th October

To report an absence please phone the school office on 01908 760081 (option 1) by 9am. Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website:

<http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

Care Club contact numbers (available during the hours of 4-6pm): Fen Street—07756 564509, Countess Way—07902 112973

Latest News

Head Lice: Please remember to check your child's head regularly for head lice as they have made an appearance in school already.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Thank you to all those who attended and donated cakes for the Macmillan coffee morning last Friday at Countess Way, we raised £67.30.

Nearly New Uniform Shop/Lost Property: The lovely members of Brooklands Farm Friends will be running a nearly new uniform shop as well as displaying items of unnamed lost property every Tuesday morning at drop-off time in the school hall at both Fen Street and Countess Way.

Curriculum Tea: Please book your Curriculum Tea session if you haven't done so already.

Years 1-6, please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> and enter the code XSMQ4 .

Fen Street

Tuesday 6th October 5-6pm

Wednesday 7th October 5-6pm

Thursday 8th October 5-6pm

Wednesday 14th October 5-6pm

Countess Way

Tuesday 6th October 5-6pm

Wednesday 14th October 5-6pm

Foundation 2, your letter with your code will be with you shortly.

Fen Street

Tuesday 20th October 5-6pm (F2a, F2b)

Thursday 22nd October 5-6pm (F2c, F2d)

Countess Way

Tuesday 20th October 5-6pm (F2e, F2f, F2g)

Thursday 22nd October 5-6pm (F2e, F2f, F2g)

Years 5 Residential/Year 6 Residential: We have secured the dates for both the Year 5 Residential and the Year 6 Residential. We are in the process of planning information evenings for both. We will have those meeting dates for you very soon.

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate our reading education?

Mrs Langford and Mrs Thelwell will be collecting your answers at drop-off on Tuesday at the school gates at Fen Street and Miss McShane at Countess Way.

Last week's results:

122 people answered our question last week and 92% of them voted 4 and 5 for "Do you think languages are an important part of the curriculum?"

Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

Children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 5th October 2015:

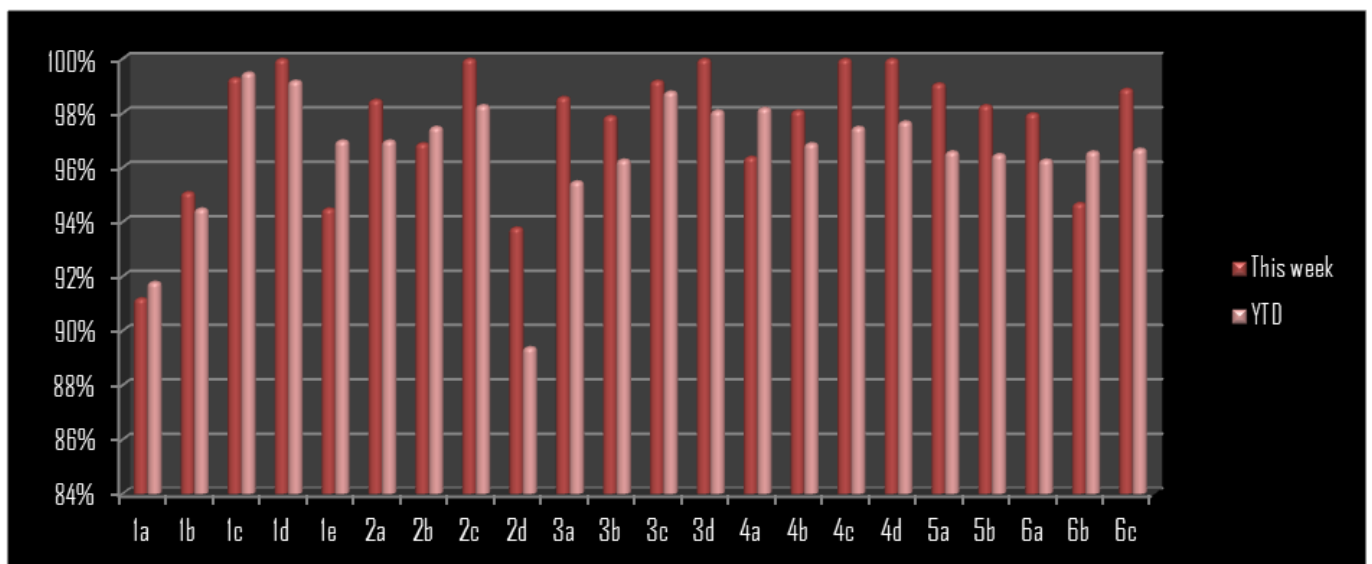
Friday 9th October: Year 1 (Orange Pin) Danielle D, Varsha U



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:





Small School News



Early Years

Foundation 1 have been starting to form little groups of friendships. They have been learning to share toys and play alongside each other. The children have also been showing us their independent skills by buttering their own toast.

Thank you for all your donations to Nursery for our role play area, they have been very much welcomed and the children are already playing with them.

Please can we remind you that the children do need to bring a coat along to school as we do go outside to play.

We hope you have a lovely weekend with your children and we look forward to another fun week next week!

Infant School

Year 1 have been growing their listening skills and we have seen lots of determined learners, especially in maths where we have been growing our subtraction knowledge. Some children have even managed to achieve their 'determined' pins this week! We have loved learning the new Open Grow Believe song and now we know all of the actions too.

Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' and have started to use their knowledge of materials to investigate in Science. We are now trying to find a material that would be suitable for our own lunch basket! We have also been creating lighthouse pictures in art using paint and oil pastels - these are really impressive!

Thank you for remembering PE kits every week!

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been using their research skills to find out where rainforests are in the world. We have also been looking at different plants and the functions of the leaf, roots, stem and petals. Excitingly, we have also begun planning how we are going to transform our classrooms and corridors in to a rainforest!

Year 4 had a great week starting with a very exciting ignite on Monday! We learnt all about Roman foods and became recruits in the Roman military. We were not sure we would fancy being in the Roman Army for a job though!

This week we also focused on the elements of achieve and really looking at our target cards. Hopefully your children will be able to tell you how they can achieve in year 4!

Upper Junior

Year 5 have continued to grow their newspaper report writing and have furthered their knowledge of adding and subtracting, applying their understanding to real life problems.

Year 6 have been planning their project and their create and communicate project outcome, they can't wait to share it!



Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

—Countess Way

Tuesdays: Mums & Tots 8:30-11:00

—Fen Street

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

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

Wednesdays: Polish Friends of Brooklands Farm 8:40-9:40

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. Please book your place by visiting their Facebook page "Brooklands Farm Me Time" or email Hannah at hannahtigue@yahoo.co.uk. Me Time is open to everyone in the community. There is also a crèche available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

Brooklands Farm Friends will be holding their next meeting at Fen Street on Tuesday 20th October at 7:30pm, access via hall corridor door (old Care Club entrance).

All are welcome from both Countess Way and Fen Street campuses.

For more information please contact Sam Vernon at samantha.vernon@sky.com or visit their Facebook page by searching Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

Upcoming Local Events In Our Community

Harvest Festival, Sunday 4th October 3pm @ St Lawrence Church

A chance to sing some traditional harvest songs, suitable for the whole family. There will be harvest collections for MK Food Bank.

Knit, Natter & Sew, Mondays 10-11.30am @ The Broughton

Bring your sewing or knitting, grab a cuppa and join this informal weekly get together.

Social Soup, Tuesdays 12-1pm @ Broughton Pavilion

Homemade soup, good company for anyone 50+

For more information on any of these events contact Ruth Maxey at

ruth@mk-communityministry.org.uk