

# Brooklands Bulletin



**Brooklands Farm**  
Primary School  
Weaving a learning journey

4th December 2015



One Community

One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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## Term Dates:

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

Summer (1) term ends 27th May

Half Term Break 30th May—3rd June

Summer (2) term begins 6th June

Summer (2) term ends 21st July (20th July for Nursery)

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have shown such resilience and determination during this busy assessment week. We hope everyone is able to have a much needed restful couple of days this weekend.

Next week, we are excited to begin our annual whole school project 'Tree Week' which will take place over the next two weeks. This includes Foundation 2 visiting Rushmere Country Park where they will pick out Christmas Trees for each small school to decorate!

Please join the community next Friday 11th December for a Community Carol Service at 6.30pm on the grounds outside Broughton Pavilion where our school choir will be performing alongside other local primary schools.

We have met with Chartwells this week to express our many concerns with the Bluerunner online ordering system. We have made suggestions for areas of improvement and look forward to see some changes made. Please help us by continuing to communicate your issues so that we can get them resolved. Please note that the cut-off time for ordering meals is now 2pm the Monday before.

There have been lots of requests for class lists for children to write their Christmas cards. We will be running a lunchtime Christmas card writing club next week at both Fen Street and Countess Way where children are invited to bring in their boxes of cards so that we may help them address their cards to teachers and friends.

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 14th December is:

**2pm, Monday 7th December**

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

**Late Arrivals:** All children arriving late must be signed in on the InVentry screen at the front desk by an adult as they will have missed registration and won't be marked as present. We've had a couple of instances this week where children have arrived late, were not signed in and therefore marked as absent.

**Car Parks:** The car parks at both Fen Street and Countess Way are one way systems. This must be adhered to for safety. Nipping in the wrong way round to get that free space is not safe parking.

**Activity Clubs:** Please be advised that from January, Spring (1) Term, all activity clubs must be paid in full upon booking. These clubs are run through external companies and in order for it to remain viable it will require payments to be made in advance.

**Golden Mile at Fen Street:** Congratulations to 4c for completing the most miles last week. Together they ran a total of 30 miles to win the trophy. As a school we have now totalled over 2000 miles!

**Basketball:** Well done to the Year 3&4 basketball team who achieved 4th place out of the 45 schools that entered the competition!

The children competed in the heats back in November where they successfully secured a place in the finals. The children showed great determination, belief in themselves and amazing teamwork.

Yesterday they were one of 11 schools that took part in the finals. They played 5 matches where every member of the team had a famous Brooklands 'gotcha smile' during every match. They showed the highest level of resilience, teamwork and determination working together to get through to the semi-finals where they were awarded 4th place.

What an achievement to be 4th out of 45 schools in Milton Keynes. We are very proud of them all!



## Dates for Your Diary

**Upcoming Sports Festivals:** 14th Jan—Year 3 & 4 Badminton @ Walton High, 20th Jan—5&6 Indoor Athletics @ Ousedale. Football Fixtures: 18th Nov, 9th Dec and 27th Jan all held at Tattenhoe.

**Restorative Practice Sessions for Parents:** Thursday 10th December at 5pm at Countess Way

**PTA School Disco:** Thursday 17th December

**National Christmas Jumper Day:** Friday 18th December, wear your Christmas jumper to school in exchange for a donation to Save the Children.

**Year 6 Residential:** 20th-24th June, New Barn

**Year 5 Residential:** 6th-8th July, Caldecotte Xperience

## Tell Me Tuesday

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.

Next week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how well do you understand the Brooklands Farm ethos?

## Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend, please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom. If you cannot make the date below, please make arrangements with your child's class for another day.

Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 7th December are:

**Monday 7th December: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin)** Shannon L-S, Philip R, Lilly T, Ameya P, Amelia W

**Thursday 10th December: Year 3: (Green Pin)** Arnav G, Lillia M, Hope D-S, Shahyan G

**Year 6: (Gold Pin)** Emma H

**Friday 11th December: Year 1: (Orange Pin)** Francis A, Riya S, Logan S, Janiah A, Latoya O, Emily B, Nieve M  
Jeffrey K, Gyasi M, Sophie M, Catherine T

**Year 2: (Gold Pin)** Oscar P-B **(Blue Pin)** Ellie H, Lucy W, Kendra E, Dalitso 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:

**Apologies for not having the attendance figures for you this week.**

Congratulations to 2c for 100% attendance this week and also to 2d for a second week of great attendance!!!!



# Small School News



## Early Years

**Foundation 1** children at Fen Street have been discussing feelings and emotions based on our project book- Owl Babies. The children have been having lots of fun making sad and happy faces by practising their scissor skills and cutting around face shapes and sticking them together. They have also enjoyed playing in our baby clinic where they have been learning about how to care for a baby and thinking about what could stop the baby crying! Our new project 'Trees', based on 'Stick Man' will start next week and run until Christmas. Please could we ask if you could collect and bring in different sized twigs/sticks and leaves so we can use them for our learning. Countess Way children have also continued to learn about owls, especially what they eat and how they hunt. We have also been learning some Jolly Phonics. To help your child at home use 'Jolly Phonics a-z -full version' on YouTube. Don't forget to do the actions as well as sing the songs and sounds!

**Foundation 2** have been learning about Owl Babies. We have written letters, sentences and non-fiction books. Next week we are starting our tree project and we are really looking forward to our trip to Rushmere Country Park. Do not forget to wrap up warm and bring your wellies. Please remember to pack your school shoes for when you get back to school. If you have put your name down to help, your teacher will let you know if there is space on the coach for you. We will be decorating our Foundation Christmas tree in pink for friendship. Could you have a go at making some pink tree decorations at home so we can decorate our tree together next week?

## Infant School

**Year 1** have loved their Through The Key Hole Project. This week they have been creating and communicating all of their knowledge through story writing they have also enjoyed building shelters for the three little wolves using materials that are waterproof and windproof. Next week we start our Tree project. We look forward to you joining us on Friday 11th December from 8.30-9.30am for a morning of community fun.

**Year 2** have been creating a final piece for our chocolate project this week. We came up with several questions linked to - If chocolate is bad for us, why do we eat it? We got to choose between creating healthy eating posters, re-creating the lunch menu, writing a letter to stop chocolate production or advertising a chocolate bar. Year 2 tried really hard to re-draft and grow their learning!

## Lower Junior

**Year 3** have been really resilient with their learning this week. They have maintained high learning zones and tried their hardest with all the tasks they have been asked to do. We are seeing much more balance in the children and as they are becoming very balanced Year 3's.

Next week, our tree project will begin. It would be really helpful if parents would be able to help us by bringing in any scrap or 'junk' they may have at home. This could include material, cardboard boxes, shoe boxes, milk bottles and anything else you can think of. This would be greatly appreciated by the whole Year 3 team.

### Year 3/4 (Countess Way)

As our dragon project draws to a close, we've been using our final text type, descriptive writing, to build our vocabulary and use some high level similes and metaphors. We've also shown high levels of resilience during this assessment week too, which has impressed Mr. Gray.

**Year 4** have worked really hard this week and been very focused in their learning. Year 4 are becoming really confident in their drumming skills and have been working together to learn new rhythms and practice their singing! We are looking forward to sharing what we have learnt with the Year 3 classes soon. Year 4 are also getting very excited for tree week next week! Well done for working so hard!

We have noticed that the children are becoming very tired towards the festive season, please help them by ensuring they are going to bed at a reasonable time.

## Upper Junior

**Year 5** have worked really hard, been focused and tried their best this week with different assessments. They have also had a great time creating in different ways an answer to our project question, 'Why is the Arctic/Antarctic a better place to visit than the other?' This has involved pupils making posters, travel brochures, videos, songs etc. to answer the question and we have seen some great learning zones during this.

**Year 6** have been finding the gaps in their learning through assessment this week. We are so proud of how the children have coped in a SATs style mock week. Well done Year 6!



## Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

### Countess Way:

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

**Fridays:** Childminder toddler group (Maths and Literacy) 8:45-11:00

**Thursday every fortnight:** Open coffee morning 8:30-10:00 starting 7th January

### 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

## Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

Our next event is:

**School Disco Thursday 17th December**

As always, helpers needed!

## Upcoming Local Events In Our Community

**Community Carol Service** Friday 11th December 6.30pm  
on the grounds outside Broughton Pavilion

Join your community to gather on the field outside Broughton Pavilion and listen to **Brooklands Farm**, Broughton Fields and Broughton Preparatory School Choirs sing. There will be the usual Christmas mix of traditional carols for everyone to join in and bible readings that remind us what Christmas is all about .

There will also be a collection of NEW toys for the Salvation Army and USED (but good quality) toys for Barnardo's.

After the service everyone is invited to come and warm-up in the Pavilion with a hot drink and mince pie.