

Brooklands Bulletin



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One Primary School

One Localised Plan for Success

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Term Dates:

2015/2016

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

Easter Break 25th March-8th April

Inset Day Monday 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)

2016/2017

Autumn (1) term begins 5th Sept

Autumn (1) term ends 21st Oct

Half Term Break 24th—28th Oct

Inset Day Monday 31st October

Autumn (2) term begins 1st Nov

Autumn (2) term ends 16th Dec (15th December for Nursery)

Christmas Break 19th Dec—2nd Jan

Inset Day Tuesday 3rd January

Spring (1) term begins 4th January

Spring (1) term ends 10th February

Half term break 13—17th February

Spring (2) term begins 20th Feb

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been visited by a review team from Challenge Partners. This included three Head Teachers and an Ofsted inspector. They have thoroughly checked out our teaching and learning. Their feedback has been very positive; they have praised the children's behaviour and attitude to learning as well as the outstanding team we have who support the children to achieve aspirational outcomes. Well done Brooklands!

We've also had a fantastic week of dressing up for World Book Day. On Monday we dressed up as our favourite book characters; Harry Potter and Where's Wally seemed to be the clear favourites. And what a way to end a busy week by coming to school in our pyjamas, we saw lots of high wellbeing throughout the school!

Please join us in congratulating Mr Gray and his wife Beki on the arrival of their baby boy this week. We hope to meet baby Ezekiel very soon.

Next week is Year 6 Assessment week and we will be structuring the week like the SATs week in May so that children get used to the timetable. Assessments will be every morning from Monday to Thursday. As well as them being well rested, it is very important the children are in school on time each day so they have time to settle in before starting their assessments.

We look forward to seeing you all for parents evening next week on Tuesday and Thursday.

Enjoy your weekend.

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

9am, Thursday 10th March

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/#>

Latest News

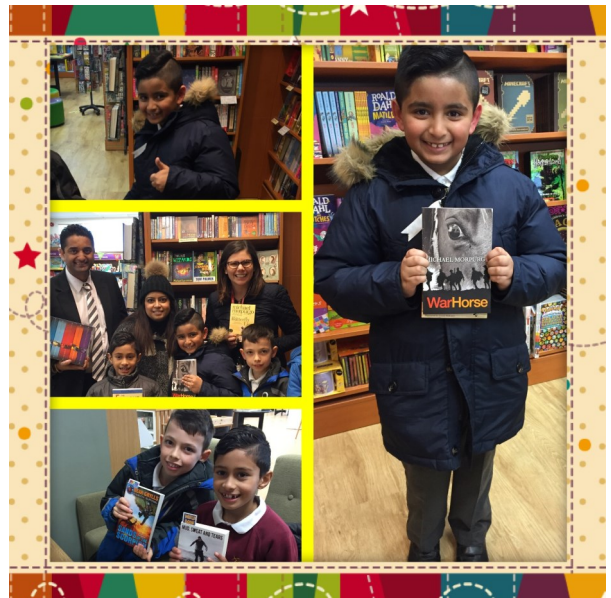
Early Years Hub Meeting: We will be hosting a network meeting for anyone that works with children under 5 such as childminders, nurseries, schools and children's centres on Wednesday 9th March 5:45-7:15pm at Countess Way. This meeting's focus is on communication and language ideas with a look at Leuven scales of well being and involvement.

Parenting Pickles Unpicked: We will be hosting a new weekly support group every Tuesday from 1:45pm to 3pm at Fen Street in the community room opposite Reception hosted by Family Support Social Worker Sharina Nabi. Since there is no definitive 'how to parent' guide, come along to this reflective, open-minded space to meet other parents/carers where we will share ideas and useful tips to become more confident at parenting.

Foundation 2 Fen Street Donations Needed: The Foundation team at Fen Street are looking for donations of toilet roll tubes, bottle/jar lids, cardboard egg cartons and soil.

Year 5 Ignite: Just a reminder that Year 5's stone age - iron age ignite will take place on Thursday 10th March. Children will need to come to school in their costumes, wearing their accessories they made for homework.

World Book Day Competition Winner: Hopefully you've all heard the wonderful news that Aydan in Year 4 has won a prize for his entry to the World Book Day competition that we set as homework a couple of months ago. Yesterday, we took a trip to Waterstones so that Aydan could choose how to spend his £500! We are all very proud of Aydan and very grateful for all our new books!



Dates for Your Diary

Upcoming Sports Festivals: Year 3 & 4 Netball – 24th March, Tennis – 17th May
Year 5 & 6 Rugby – 16th March, Rounders – 12th May, Tennis – 13th May, Cricket – 8th June

Parents Evening: **Tuesday 8th March, 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 10th March, 3:50-7:30pm.**

Year 1 Phonics Assessment Parents Meeting: 14th March @ Countess Way 5-6pm, 17th March @ Fen Street 5-6pm, 21st March @ Fen Street 5-6pm. Please attend whichever evening suits you, on either campus.

KS1 Assessment Parents Meeting: 16th March @ Fen Street 5-6pm, 23rd March @ Countess Way 5-6pm. Please attend whichever evening suits you on either campus.

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

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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. Results are now published on the school website.

Next week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do you feel you understand restorative justice?

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 March are:

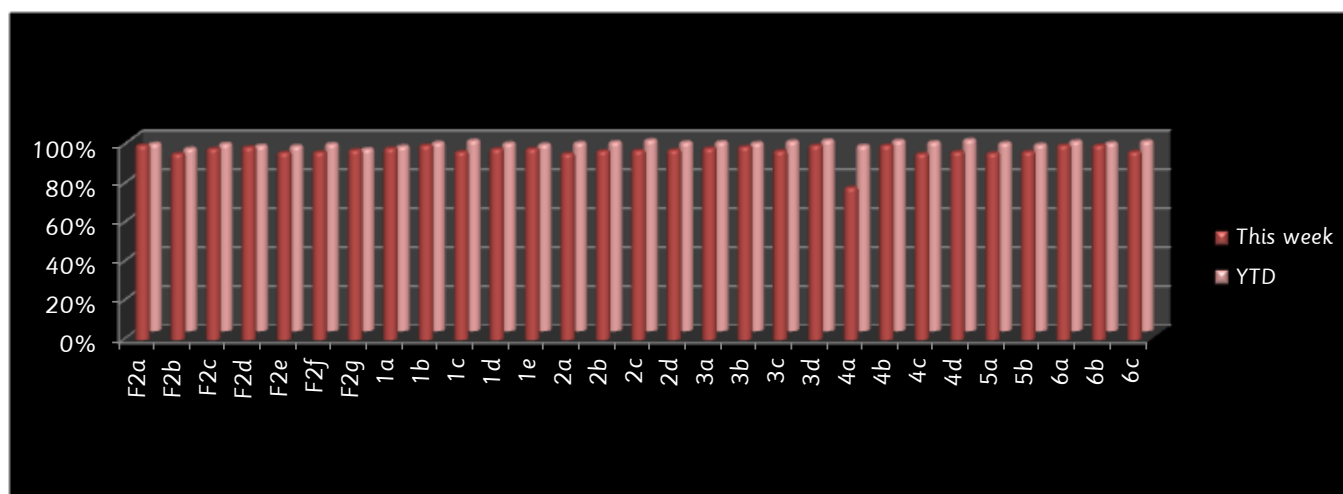
Monday 7th March: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Jaydon K, Borys S, Joshua A, Arya P, Adrian Z **(Pink Pin)** Niamh C, Shannon L-S

Thursday 10th March: Year 3: (Green Pin) Kenzo M, Tiana W-H, Charlotte K, Katie K, Daisie B, Abbas K, Faizaan H, William E **Year 4: (Yellow Pin)** Kurt C, Sophie G-H **Year 5: (Purple Pin)** Isabelle P, Oliver B, Esther K, Alice K **Year 6: (Red Pin)** Carmel A

Friday 11th March: Year 2: (Blue Pin) Aleena F, Julius H, Shuma H, Finleigh C, Lewis W **(Blue Ribbon)** Nathan W, Dakota Y

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:



The winners of the attendance trophy this week are 1e Miss Holloway's class again at Countess Way and we have 5 classes at Fen Street who have had 100% attendance: F2a Miss Nash's class, 1b Miss Pinder's Class, 4b Miss Russell's class, 6a Miss Snowdon's class and 6b Mr Peters' class!

Congratulations!!!