

# Brooklands Bulletin



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

6th November 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,

As you will have noticed, Fen Street has been opened up to traffic through to Broughton Grounds Lane which has increased the flow of vans, lorries and building site vehicles past the school as there is an industrial estate at the end of that road. We have been in contact with the council as we were not given notice of this change and additional barriers have since been installed for pedestrians, providing a safer route for you to walk to and from school. Please be patient and remain vigilant as the road layout surrounding both our campuses will continue to change as our community grows. You can help too by communicating your concerns to your local councillors.

Also, please watch your speed in the Fen Street car park. We all have busy lives but not so much so we need to compromise the safety of others.

We've had a very busy week this week igniting our learning! We've been on trips and have had workshops on site. We've created some amazing environments relating to our projects through Art.

We will continue with more artwork and lantern making in these next couple of weeks. Therefore, if you have an old shirt that could be used for our art lessons, preferably adult sized to cover their bodies and arms, we would be very grateful if you could send that in with your child.

We are looking forward to seeing you for parents evening next week. Sessions are on Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not booked a slot, please see your child's class teacher for their remaining availability.

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 16th November is:

**Midnight, Sunday 8th November**

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

**School Photographs:** A photographer will be in on Thursday 12th November at both Countess Way and Fen Street. If you would like your children photographed together with younger siblings not yet of school age, please come in for 8:30 am. Those families with children on both campuses, you may have them photographed together during this time as well—please speak to a member of staff at Reception to coordinate this.

**Non-uniform Day:** Children In Need is next Friday 13th November. We would like children to come dressed as super heroes in exchange for a donation to Children In Need. We will also be holding a bake sale again this year. We would love children and parents to bake cakes at home and donate them on the morning of the 13th to their classes. This can be anything from fairy cakes to Victoria sponge to baklava.

**Lantern Making Workshops:** We will be holding some creative sessions for lantern making on the 16th, 17th November at Fen Street and 19th November at Countess Way. You will receive a letter to sign up for these session via ParentMail.

**Restorative Practice Sessions for Parents:** We will be hosting two workshops to introduce parents to the restorative practices that we use at school on Thursday 3rd and Thursday 10th December at 5pm (Countess Way Campus). You may sign up for the sessions at:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12hjMi65SP2HpZtljSxvPM9-dEDeVpHbTqlVI8tej59I/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12hjMi65SP2HpZtljSxvPM9-dEDeVpHbTqlVI8tej59I/viewform?usp=send_form)

**School Dinners:** We have received a new menu from Chartwells which was changed for week commencing 2nd November through till March. If you have pre-ordered the rest of this term you may want to login to your Bluerunner accounts to check that you're happy with the selections as they will have changed.

**Bottle Collection:** The Create & Communicate team are in need of more empty, large pop bottles and water bottles (no milk bottles please). Bottles may be brought in to class teachers or the front office.

## Dates for Your Diary

**Upcoming Sports Festivals:** 12th Nov—Year 5 & 6 Basketball @ Walton High, 16th Nov—Year 3 & 4 Basketball @ Denbigh High, 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.

**Parents Evening:** Tuesday 10th November 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 12th November 3:50-7:30pm

**School Photographs:** Thursday 12th November

**Lantern Festival:** Friday 20th November 5-6pm @ Fen Street

**PTA Xmas Fayre:** Sunday 29th November

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

**Year 6 Residential:** 20th-24th June

**Year 5 Residential:** 6th-8th July

## 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 important is it to learn about the past?

This week's results:

116 people answered our question "How safe does your child feel at school?" and 95% of them answered 4 or 5.

## 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.

Those children who have achieved their pin for assembly week commencing 9th November are:

**Monday 9th November: F2: (Gold Pin)** Leah Q, Freya M, Leo W

**Wednesday 11th November: Year 3: (Green Pin)** Reece P, Millie B, Vinnie R **Year 4: (Yellow Pin)** Loveleen J, Aydan P, Ali-Hasan S, Dominika A

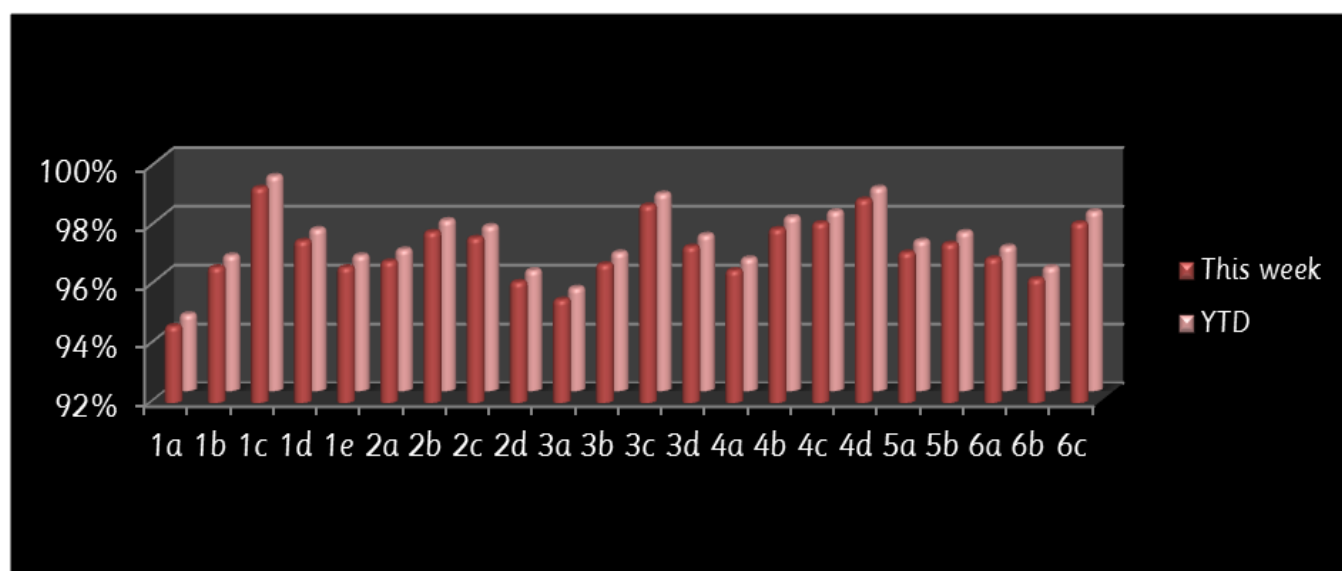
**Thursday 12th November: Year 5: (Gold Pin)** Anns M **(Purple Pin)** Tiya G **Year 6: (Red Pin)** Jaime M, Aliecia, K, Je'Meisha F

**Friday 13th November: Year 1: (Gold Pin)** Rylee B, Kiera W **(Orange Pin)** Henry S, Georgina U, Kylah E, Lilah B, Jenai A **Year 2: (Blue Pin)** Ethan P, Aaron C, Tyler P, 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:





# Small School News



## Early Years

**Foundation 1** have been learning about fireworks. We have been reading about Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate bonfire night. The children have also been learning about firework safety. We have all had great fun experimenting with different materials to make rockets and using lots of different colours to make firework pictures!

**Foundation 2** Fen Street children have come back and settled straight back into the routines of school. Well done. We have begun our project on big sparks this week looking at fireworks. We have made painted fireworks in lots of different ways with our hands, marbles and brushes. We have also made rockets and even made our own firework show. Next week we will begin our project on space. We will be sending home a box of key words and letter sounds for you to practise with your child. Please ensure this box is kept in your child's book bag everyday. We will look together at these key words when your child does their reading. Please practise these at least once a day. Some of these words you cannot sound out, the children will need to learn these by sight. We will also begin changing for PE next week (Fen Street) so please bring in your PE kits for Tuesday. Please can you also remember to send your child's reading books and records with them every day.

Countess Way children have had a fantastic first week! The children are energized and ready to learn after their week off. We have done some amazing learning on owl babies and firework night. The children have enjoyed making fireworks and putting on their own displays. We will continue our brilliant learning next week.

## Infant School

**Year 1** Countess Way children have had a fantastic start to their Great Fire of London Project. We enjoyed doing some big art of flames and houses to create an amazing display in our project area. It was lovely to see all the children dressed up for our ignite day, where we did lots of activities from the Stuart Era including candle making and sewing!

Fen Street children also stepped back in time to 1666 to discover how The Great Fire of London began. We have loved creating our scenes of the burning buildings and experiencing daily activities from the era as well as looking at Samuel Pepys diary in literacy.

We will be collecting empty cereal boxes to make Tudor houses. Also, if anyone would like to donate their Fire of London costume, we are going to set up a costume box for Year 1.

Please could you have a look at home for our small wooden hearts? Some of them may have gone home as they are kept safe in pockets throughout the day.

**Year 2** have had a really exciting start to the half term due to them turning their classrooms into the journey of chocolate! We have created a jungle area to show where cocoa beans come from as well as a shop to show where we get chocolate from! We have really enjoyed this and hope that you will come and see it!

Please make sure that when you read with your child, you record it in their books so that we can see their progress.

## Lower Junior

**Year 3** have excitedly begun their new project, natural disasters. Our art day was a great success and we have gained lots of new knowledge about earthquakes, volcanoes and tornadoes.

**Year 3/4** have been igniting their new project 'Dragons!' We've been creating our own huge willow dragon with the help of Mrs. Broome, and we've used the film How to Train Your Dragon to help us in describing dragons and writing diary entries. In maths we've been honing our skills in division, in particular chunking!

**Year 4** have had an exciting start to the half term igniting their Pirate project this week! All of the children dived straight in to character on Monday morning, thank you to all the parents for supporting us and your children to get into character - there were some fabulous costumes! We all had a great day finding out lots of facts about the lives of pirates, completing a treasure hunt and making musical instruments! We have also been busy this week creating our pirate themed classroom environments and the children have been getting creative with their art skills. In Maths we are continuing with multiplication and division, so keep up the times tables practise!

## Upper Junior

**Year 5** have had their frozen planet topic ignited by an amazing art day where they created animals, igloos, snowflakes, ice cubes etc. We also had a really insightful visitor explain all about the Arctic and Antarctica and watched some clips from the Frozen Planet series by David Attenborough, which really captivated everyone. We have also started our new descriptive story text, 'The Snow Leopard' and have continued to improve our multiplication knowledge.

**Year 6** have had a busy week- we went to Oakgrove for a Maths morning, which was excellent! We watched The Hobbit movie on Wednesday and have decorated our classrooms themed to our Hobbit project using inspiration from the film!



## 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](mailto: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)

>>>>>>>>>>Volunteers needed for the Lantern Festival, Friday 20th November <<<<<<<<<<<<

Brooklands Farm Friends will be holding their next meeting at 7:30pm on 24th November at Fen Street in the community room next to the hall.

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

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

## Upcoming Local Events In Our Community

### **Act of Remembrance, Wednesday 11th November 10:45 to 11:15am @ St Lawrence**

A simple act of remembrance including 2 minutes silence at 11am (so not suitable for children) held in St Lawrence. Following this short service we have been invited to the Pavilion for a cuppa and cake to warm up....St Lawrence is not heated!

If you are busy in the day then in the evening at 7pm it will our usual Breaking Bread @ St Lawrence. This is a simple communion service but with a remembrance theme.

Looking ahead....

Advent Houses are happening in Broughton & Brooklands. A great chance to get to know your neighbours in the lead up to Christmas. If you would like to host an Advent House then get in touch, you can host anytime of day....a coffee morning midweek, a evening get together at the weekend! You choose. Check out the website for more information but please note the weekend dates go VERY quickly!

<http://www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk/advent-houses-2015/>

### **Residents Christmas Party, Friday 3rd December 7:30pm @ The Broughton Pub**

A great opportunity to come and meet your neighbours in a social and relaxed environment. Enjoy a 3 course meal at the amazing price of £13.99! This is an 18+ only event and there are a limited amount of tickets. Book online at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/residents-group-christmas-party-tickets-19099481062>