

# Brooklands Bulletin

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

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## Term Dates:

Autumn (2) term ends 19th December

Christmas break 22nd December - 2nd January

Spring (1) term begins 5th January

Spring (1) term ends 13th February

Half term break 16-20th February

Inset Day 23rd February

Spring (2) term begins 24th February

## Dates for your diary:

Non-school uniform Day 14th November for Children In Need

Restorative Practice Workshops Monday, 10th November at 5pm and Friday, 14th November at 11am

Bag2School Collection Day Tuesday, 18th November

Lantern Festival 21st November on the school playground.

Christmas Fayre 30th November 1pm - 4pm in the school hall

Tree Festival weeks w/c 8th & 15th December

## Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it to learn about the past?

Dear Parents,

Thank you so very much for your questionnaire responses today. We received a response rate of 56% which is well above the national average but is down from the last inspection. OFSTED has now introduced a new computer based system for collecting parent surveys that we will have available at parents evening, teas and festivals. We need to ensure we give them a clear message about the strength and dedication of our amazing community.

Our Challenge Partners have quality assured us to the grade outstanding in all areas. We are obviously overjoyed about this audit outcome. As always everyone at Brooklands Farm including children, teachers and parents are the team that have secured this judgement. I thank you all sincerely for your collaboration and commitment. Working in this community is very special and I want to thank you for letting me be part of it.

Whilst this result is to be celebrated, we know there is a spectrum of outstanding and in some areas we exceed and others we just achieve. We will now plan to ensure all areas are exceeding the outstanding criteria. Once I get the report I will publish it as well as the improvement plan so that you know the action we must take to secure the next step in our learning journey.

Once again a huge thank you to both you and your children,  
Maxine Low

## 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. Alternatively, you may report an absence via the website: <http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/reporting-absence/#>

Care Club contact number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

## Latest News

**\*There will be no Arts & Crafts for KS2 with Paul Smith on Tuesday 11th November. \***

**Cold Weather:** Now that the colder weather is upon us, please be sure that children come to school with a warm coat as they may be outside for playtime for up to 45 minutes during the day.

**School Photographs:** A photographer will be in on Thursday 13th November. All children must be in full school uniform. Any younger children not in school you want photographed together with their siblings please come in before school between 8:00-8:30.

**Ignite Payments:** Many of the year groups have had exciting trips and ignite events in school already with many more planned for later this term. Thank you to those parents who have already made their contribution to ignite which has allowed these events to take place. Unfortunately, unless we receive a level of voluntary contributions from parents to support these events some may have to be cancelled. If you have not made a contribution to the ignite events programme yet, I would urge you to do so. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, card or childcare vouchers and you can choose to contribute in full or by instalments (either 7 payments of £5 or 2 payments of £10.00 and one of £15.00).

**Children In Need Non-uniform Day:** Friday 14th November will be a non-school uniform day for Children In Need. Children may come to school dressed in non-school uniform and wearing an apron for a donation of £1. We are also asking the children to bake cakes from their culture at home with their parents to bring in for our bake sale after school that day.

**PE kits:** As the weather is getting much colder, the children will need suitable PE kit for outdoor lessons (jumper, socks, jogging bottoms, trainers or plimsolls).

**Hot Dinner Order Forms:** Please be sure to put your child's full name and year group on the order forms.

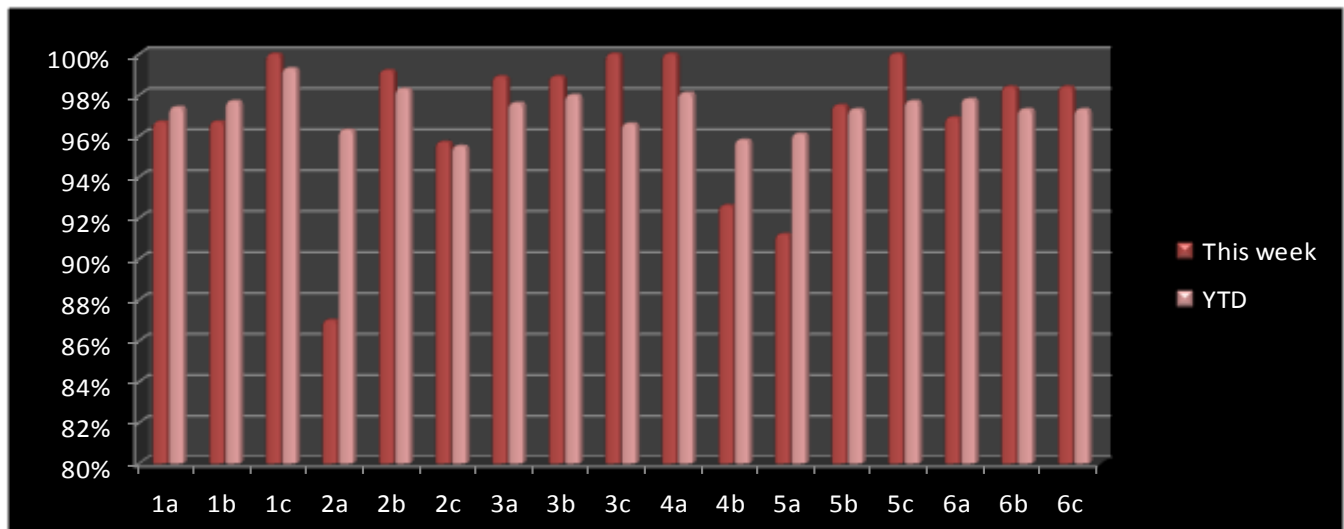
**Internet Safety Information Session:** We will be holding an Internet Safety Session on how to keep children safe online, run by the Safety Centre on Wednesday 19th November at 7pm.

**Restorative Practice Parents Workshops:** Workshops are being held on Monday 10th November at 5pm and Friday 14th November at 11am. Please book at Reception or via this address: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18Lskk5anhBYW7Z4500c4GS4Gs\\_TrvuMLAFM2VScDU9w/viewform?usp=send\\_form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/18Lskk5anhBYW7Z4500c4GS4Gs_TrvuMLAFM2VScDU9w/viewform?usp=send_form)

**World War Memorial Archive:** As a school we will be creating an archive of pictures and stories from our community of our relatives who were touched by the first and second world war with a view to creating a wall of photos and stories. If anyone has photographs of their grandmas, granddads, great grandmas and great granddads for the two war periods, please may the school have a copy with details of that relative's name and war occupation (or what they did at home) on the back so we can create our own memorial archive. Please don't give us photos that are original and precious.

## 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:





### ***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 10th November are:

**Wednesday 12th Nov @ 8:40: Year 4: (Yellow pin)** Tiya G

**Friday 14th Nov @ 8:40: Year 2: (Gold pin)** Maryam A



### ***In Our Community***

#### **Upcoming events:**

**Christmas Family Fun and Christmas Light Switch On** Sunday 30th November 4pm-7pm at the Theatre District. For more details visit [www.theatre-district.co.uk](http://www.theatre-district.co.uk)

**Supper 4 Syria** Saturday 15th November 5-7pm at Broughton Pavilion. For more details email [mkcommunityministry@gmail.com](mailto:mkcommunityministry@gmail.com)



### ***Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)***

The Bag2School collection day is Tuesday 18th November. All proceeds go to Brooklands Farm Friends. The more bags we weigh the more they pay!

The PTA are in need of volunteers for these upcoming events:

Lantern Festival, Friday 21st November

Christmas Fayre, Sunday 30th November 1-4pm

Christmas Disco, Thursday 18th December

For more details, please contact Sam Vernon at [samantha.vernon@sky.com](mailto:samantha.vernon@sky.com)

If you are interested in joining Brooklands Farm Friends to help raise money for our school please pass your contact details to Jill in Reception.

Don't forget to look through the second hand uniform rail in Reception, they may be outgrown but not outworn.



# Small School News

## *Early Years*

### **Foundation 1**

This week children have been busy making jungle habitats, Elmer masks and models. We have also been learning about different types of patterns and tried drawing our own.

Please can each child bring in an empty 2 litre plastic milk bottle for next week so we can create Elmer models.

### **Foundation 2**

Whoosh! Space has really 'sparked' our interest this week. I can't believe the amazing learning that has been happening from our core book 'Whatever Next!'. We have been using our 3D shapes to make rockets, looked at textures to create the planets and even making fact books!

## *Infant School*

**Year 1** had a visit from farmer Nigel this week, who ploughs the fields opposite the school. He told us all about the crops he produces (corn, oil seed, barley and oats) and how he does it. He gave us some seeds to plant in our allotment patch and we are excited to watch them grow over the coming weeks!

**Year 2** have had a superb first week back. They have worked hard to write their own car adverts in literacy and we cannot wait to present these to Volkswagen next week. The letter for our trip to Cadbury's World went out via ParentMail this week, please sign and return this as soon as possible. Thank you.

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** are looking forward to beginning their new rainforest project next week. We will be visiting Birmingham Botanical Gardens to get the feel of what a real rainforest is like on Friday 14th November. Trip letters have gone out via ParentMail today.

**Year 4** have really excelled themselves this week by using all of their learning to create a demonstration of how to answer and co-ordinate a breakdown assistance call. We can't wait for our extreme environments project beginning with our trip to Broughton Brook on Monday. Please be sure children come dressed for the elements wearing old clothes and wellington boots or trainers as they may get muddy. They will also need a disposable packed lunch.

## *Upper Junior*

### **Year 5**

We have been continuing our fantastic learning for Volkswagen week as we start to create our end product. We are very lucky to have had a manager in the Volkswagen group visit us today to look at the work we have completed so far and to give us any extra information so we are ready to present our project at Volkswagen Headquarters next week.

**Year 6** have had visitors from Volkswagen in this week to discuss fuel emissions as well as a fantastic visit to Silverstone Circuit (Home of British Motorsport) where they learned about aerodynamics. It was exciting to see the cars race by and we even got to sit in some of them!