

Brooklands Bulletin



9th October 2015



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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

Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again thank you to those who joined us for Curriculum Tea this week. Building a partnership with you is very important to us. Please remember your feedback is always welcome. If you have not yet been to Curriculum Tea there is one last session for Years 1-6 on Wednesday 14th October and Foundation 2 will hold their teas the following week.

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

Fen Street

Wednesday 14th October 5-6pm

Foundation 2, please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> and enter the code DTW8G.

Fen Street

Tuesday 20th October 5-6pm

(Seahorses and Turtles)

Thursday 22nd October 5-6pm

(Dolphins and Whales)

Countess Way

Wednesday 14th October 5-6pm

Tuesday 20th October 5-6pm

(all classes)

Thursday 22nd October 5-6pm

(all classes)

We have been informed that Countess Way will become a 'live road' past the school from approximately 9:30am on Monday morning. The application for temporary traffic lights has been refused but the road is being reduced in width to a single lane, with a zebra crossing. Please be vigilant.

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 19th October is:

Midnight, Sunday 11th 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

Social Media: The administrators of the Facebook class pages and PTA page have asked that those pages be used for sharing school related information only please.

Walton High Open Day: For those of you who are thinking of applying to Walton High at Brooklands for secondary school, they are having an open day this Saturday (10th October) from 10:15am. They also have a link to the Brooklands campus on their website. For more information on the school and the open day, please go to <http://www.waltonhigh.org.uk>. Remember the application deadline is the 31st October.

Healthy Snacks: Just a reminder to please send in a healthy snack with children rather than crisps, chocolate or biscuits.

Thank You: We would like to say a very big thank you to Mrs Johnstone for her help in the preparation for Curriculum Teas. We very much appreciate all your time spent baking with the children.

Flora Lids: We will be collecting lids from special tubs of Flora available from Tesco until the 18th December, for every 50 lids we will get a Samsung tablet! For more information visit <http://www.flora.com/get-involved/tubs4tabs>.

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

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 Fen Street and every Monday morning from 8.30—9am in the community room at Countess Way.



Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do you feel your child's wellbeing is valued?

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:

Unfortunately, due to staff illness only 17 people were surveyed last week and 47% of them voted 4 and 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 12th October 2015 are:

Friday 16th October:

Year 1 (Orange Pin) Eleanor C, Imogen M, Malin F

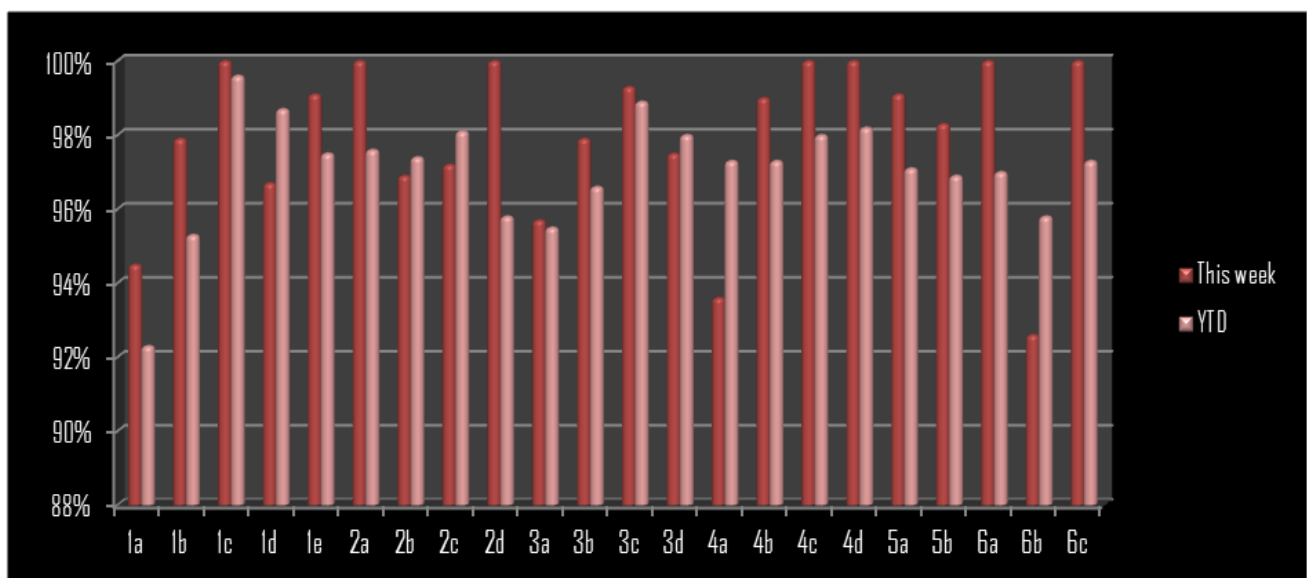
Year 2: (Gold Pin) Lucy W **(Blue Pin)** Philippa W, Kshitij D



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 exploring different types of shapes. We have been comparing the sizes and drawing around them. We have also been using notepads in our role play coffee shop to take coffee and cake orders from our friends. We have had lots of fun in the creative area, making cakes out of play-doh and making all sorts of things in our junk modelling such as aeroplanes!

Next week we start our first project 'you and me' which is all about the children. We will firstly find out about how we are settling in to nursery and how we feel by starting with the first book 'Goat Goes to Play-group'. We would love the children to bring in a baby photo of themselves next week.

Can we please remind you to bring coats and spare clothes into school. Spare clothes can be left on their pegs.

We would also like to remind parents about being prompt for drop off and pick up please.

Infant School

Year 1 have been busy learning all about where they have been around the world and have been determined in their writing and have begun to invent their own stories about going for a walk. The children would like to invite their parents into school on Thursday 22nd October between 8.30-9.00am and 3.30-4.00pm to share their project learning.

Year 2 we have moved onto the invent stage of literacy and have enjoyed writing our own stories about Mr and Mrs Grinling! We have also learnt about Grace Darling as part of our lighthouse project - we thought she was very brave!

Please could you ensure your child brings a coat to school each day as we will still go outside if there is light rain.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been putting the finishing touches to their project this week. We have totally transformed the classrooms into rainforests which has got the children excited and engaged in their learning. We were all really eager for the parents to see the new environments this week during the curriculum teas and would like to thank all the parents who have attended as there was a fantastic community spirit.

Year 3/4 have been igniting our project on Milton Keynes and deepening our understanding of its history and heritage. We've also been learning about particular buildings to aid us in writing information reports. I've been so impressed with the way in which Year 3 and Year 4 have been maturing into the position of role models in the school. I hope they keep it up!

Year 4 have had a busy week. We have been connecting our addition and subtraction knowledge to money in maths. In Literacy, we have been busy writing our versions of the Escape to Pompeii story. Thank you to all the parents for joining us for our curriculum teas, we hope you have found them insightful! Any feedback is greatly appreciated!

Upper Junior

Year 5 have been growing their news report writing and have written a news report all about the Titanic disaster. They have really enjoyed getting started with their new 'accelerated reader' books and are looking forward to completing all the changes set. They have also made some great videos to explain how we do addition and subtraction.

Year 6 have been growing and reviewing their biography writing this week. They have loved being given their new 'accelerated reader' books to use during our drop and read time. Some children have already finished their first book!



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

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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

Spooky Halloween Dance Camp, Wednesday 28th & Thursday 29th October 9am—3pm

@ Monkston Community Centre

A spooky 2 day specialist dance camp for ages 5-12

For more information please contact Lauren Carpenter 07983 877403

lcarpenter@premier-education.com

Star Wars Family Fun Day, Wednesday 28th October 10 to 12 noon.

For more information contact Ruth Maxey at

ruth@mk-communityministry.org.uk