

Brooklands Bulletin



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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,

Thank you to all those who attended parents evening this week. If you were unable to attend, please make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

The children have had a super day dressed as superheroes for Children In Need! A BIG thank you for all the cake donations, we will have a total amount raised for you soon.

Next week is anti-bullying week and therefore will be our focus in PSHE alongside our regular use of Restorative Practices, including anti-bullying workshops for Years 5 & 6.

Please remind children to dismount their bicycles, scooters, etc. at the school gates. They should not be ridden across the playground or courtyard.

Also, please discourage children from bringing special toys or trinkets from home into school. This often causes disagreements when they share them with their friends.

Well done to the Year 5 & 6 basketball team for placing 4th yesterday! Thank you to Mrs Johnstone for the photo.



Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 23rd November is:

Midnight, Sunday 15th 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:

Latest News

Positions Available: We are looking for 2 x Midday Supervisors to join our lunchtime teams on each campus of Brooklands Farm Primary School. Hours are 11.00am – 1.30pm, Monday – Friday, term time only. If you are interested in this position please contact hr@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk. Closing date for applications is noon Monday 23rd November 2015.

Lantern Making Workshops: We will be holding some creative sessions for lantern making next week in preparation for our Lantern Festival on Friday. If you would like to attend a session please fill out a slip available at the front desk.

Sessions will be held on the following dates for **Fen Street**:

Monday 16th November

Morning sessions – Years 1 & 2

9.30am-10.30am

10.30am-11.30am

Afternoon sessions – Years 5 & 6

1.10pm-2.10pm

2.10pm-3.10pm

Tuesday 17th November

Morning session- Year 3

9.30am-10.30am

10.30am-11.30am

Afternoon session – Year 4

1.10pm-2.10pm

2.10pm-3.10pm

Sessions will be held on the following date for **Countess Way**:

Thursday 19th November

Morning sessions - Year 1 & 2

9.30am-10.30am

10.30am-11.30am

Afternoon sessions – Year 3/4

1.10pm-2.10pm

2.10pm-3.10pm

Shirt Donations: We are looking for donations of old shirts for messy lessons, preferably ones that will cover their arms and bodies. If you have any at home you are able to donate please bring them into your child's class teacher.

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 at our Countess Way campus. You may sign up for the sessions at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12hjMi65SP2HpZtljSxvPM9-dEDeVpHbTqIVl8tej59I/viewform?usp=send_form

Medical Appointments: Please can any medical/dental appointments be made either after school or during the holidays. When this is unavoidable, please make early morning or late afternoon appointments so that learning isn't disrupted too much. The school must be informed of upcoming medical appointments where possible and copies of the letter provided to the front desk.

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: 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.

Lantern Festival: Friday 20th November 5-6pm Fen Street Playground, remember Years 1-6 will stay in school until 5pm.

PTA Xmas Fayre: Sunday 29th November, 1-4pm in the Fen Street school hall

PTA School Disco: Thursday 17th December

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 are we doing with anti-bullying ?

This week's results:

Unfortunately, we do not have this week's results for you, our apologies.

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 16th November are:

Monday 16th November:

Year 1: (Orange Pin) Hannah G, Jack M

Year 2: (Blue Pin) Zofia P, Phillippe K

Year 3: (Green Pin) Oliver U, Raaid D

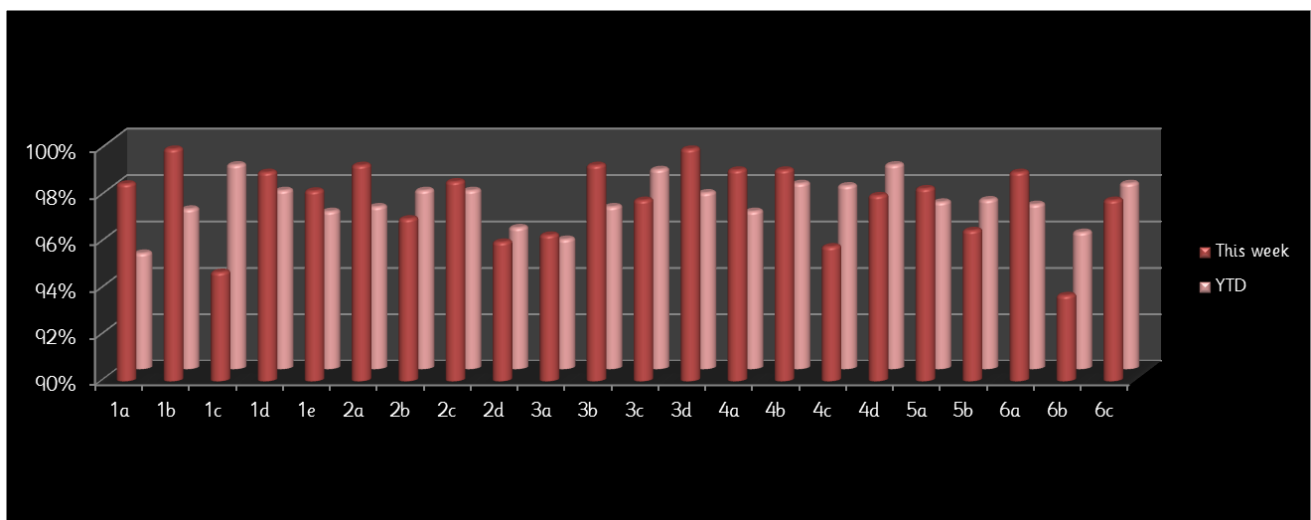
Year 4: (Gold Pin) Sam W **(Yellow Pin)** Angad J

Year 6: (Red Pin) Asadullah K

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 started their new project based on the book- 'Whatever Next'. The children have been learning all about the moon and exploring different ways to get to the moon. We have had lots of ideas from rockets to magic carpets. Their imaginations have been running away with them! As part of the project we will be having a picnic on the moon on Thursday 19th November. Please can children bring to school their teddy bear for the picnic. Can we also ask that all teddies be labelled with their child's name?

The children will be making cheese and jam sandwiches for the picnic. Please can you let the nursery team know if you do not wish for your child to have any of the sandwiches.

Foundation 2 Fen Street children have been very excited about their new project - Space. We have been learning about the things that we would take to space and even managed to write a list. We have been practising writing our letter sounds, please continue with this at home too! Next week we will continue our project on space and will be focussing on some more writing and number activities.

Children on Countess Way had a great time on Wednesday for our Pjama Day, learning about the night time. We have been learning about non-fiction books and next week we will be learning about space and looking at the story Whatever Next.

Thank you to all the parents who have attended parents evening this week, it was lovely to see so many of you and to begin working in partnership with you. Thank you for all your donations for Children In Need. The children have really enjoyed dressing up and being superheroes for the day!

Infant School

Year 1 Fen Street children are now at the innovate stage of our Samuel Pepys diary, writing from the viewpoint of the baker who started the fire. In maths we have been looking at groups of for multiplication. Next week we will be starting division. As the lantern festival is nearing, we have been practising all of the songs.

Countess Way children have been rehearsing for the lantern festival as well, we can't wait to share our hard work with you next week. It was fantastic to see all the superheroes for children in need and thank you to all the parents that donated cakes to our bake sake.

Year 2 have had a really exciting visit this week from a chocolatier! We learnt about the journey of chocolate, tasted unusual chocolate flavours and made our own chocolate!!! We are now chocolate experts!

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been learning all about information reports this week. We have been finding out all about specific natural disasters in order to be able to write our own information report. In maths we have begun learning division and the children have shown great resilience when doing this. Also, we have been practicing our songs for the Lantern Festival, which we cannot wait for you all to hear.

Year 3/4 (Countess Way) have been in a fantastic learning routine. We've deepened our understanding of fractions, we've been constantly reviewing and improving our literacy and we've finally got the dragon up and hanging in our classroom! See the website for some pictures!

Year 4 have been connecting their division and multiplication learning this week. They are beginning to show a good understanding! We have begun to explore our science learning. We will be looking at pitch next week and what different features of an object affect this. The children are enjoying engaging in practical investigations.

It was great to meet you all at parents evening. Thank you for your feedback.

We look forward to seeing you all again next Friday at the Lantern Festival! The children are looking forward to showing you their dance and songs they have learnt.

Upper Junior

Year 5 have had a great week developing their knowledge of multiplication and division. We have also looked at our story text 'The Snow Leopard' and have grown our understanding of our frozen planet topic.

Year 6 have started to grow their understanding of multiplication in Maths. In Literacy, we have been using clips from The Hobbit to inspire writing setting descriptions.

We are finding more and more children bringing bags into school which are not school book bags or PE bags, causing a problem with the amount of space being taken up on coat trolleys and in PE boxes. Please can children use school book bags and PE bags as part of the uniform policy? We simply do not have the space to accommodate bulky rucksacks and other bags.

