

Brooklands Bulletin



Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

16th 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

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,

We are aware of the issues surrounding the new road layout at Countess Way. Please continue to be vigilant and help by communicating your concerns to your local councillors.

There is also increasing concern at drop off and pick up times at Fen Street. Please keep in mind that the building work continues to grow closer to our school and that the road layout will be changing there as well. We ask that you use caution, be patient and be thoughtful of each other.

Please keep checking class pages for posts and leave comments as the children love getting feedback and it makes the website a more authentic tool for showcasing their learning.

Well done to the Year 5/6 badminton team who have placed fourth at the finals this week. Once again, thank you Mrs Whitaker for the photo.



The Year 4, 5 and 6 cross country team will be competing tomorrow at Stantonbury Campus, we wish them good luck!

Enjoy your weekend.

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 2nd November is:

Midnight, Sunday 25th 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/#>

Latest News

Foundation 2 Curriculum Tea will be held on the following days:

Fen Street

Tuesday 20th October 5-6pm

(Seahorses and Turtles)

Thursday 22nd October 5-6pm

(Dolphins and Whales)

Countess Way

Tuesday 20th October 5-6pm

(all classes)

Thursday 22nd October 5-6pm

(all classes)

Please visit <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk/> and enter the code **DTW8G** to book your session.

Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 10th November 3:50-5:30pm and Thursday 12th November 3:50-7:30pm. Please go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk> and enter the code **4ZNZQ** to book your session.

Secondary School Applications: A reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is 31st October. There are still a number of Year 6's the local authority has not received an application for.

PE Kits: As the weather has turned colder, please remember to send in tracksuit top and bottoms as well as t-shirt and shorts. They will be doing PE both indoors and outside.

Lost Property: All clearly named lost property has now been distributed. If your child is still missing any items please come in and have a look through the unnamed lost property as it will be donated/discarded after the half term.

Local Business Contacts: We are asking parents if they have any contacts with local businesses that would be interested in donating either fireworks or money towards the purchase of fireworks for our Lantern Festival to please notify the front desk.

Dates for Your Diary

Deadline for Secondary School Applications: Saturday 31st October

Residential Meetings for Years 5 & 6: Thursday 5th November 5-6pm

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 @ Countess Way

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.

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do you feel children are given the opportunity to develop their talents at Brooklands Farm?

Last week's results:

60 people answered our question last week and 92% of them voted 4 and 5 for "Do you feel your child's wellbeing is valued?"

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 19th October 2015 are:

Friday 23rd October:

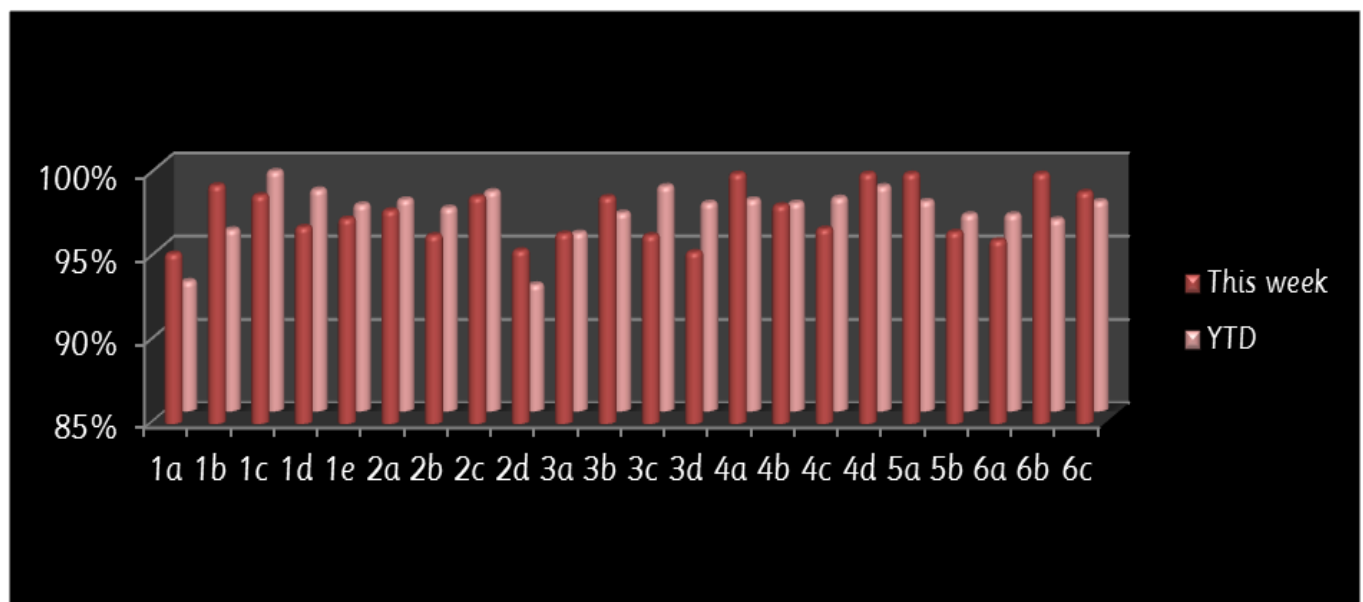
Year 1 (Gold Pin) Sasha-Rae H **(Orange Pin)** Rebecca M

Year 2: (Gold Pin) Shuma H, Nimi A **(Blue Pin)** Alex W, Poppy M, Simran P

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 our new project You and Me and the children have been painting their own portraits. They have been looking carefully in mirrors at their features to help them with this.

We have started to explore phonics this week. The children went on a few little walks around school listening for all the different sounds they could hear.

Thank you for all the baby photos this week we have all enjoyed looking at them! If you haven't already done so, please could you bring in a baby photo for Monday as the children will be discussing their differences and similarities with the rest of their group.

Foundation 2 have had a brilliant week learning about Funny Bones. We have been drawing and labelling skeletons, painting and thinking about all the parts of our bodies! A big thank you to Mrs Perry for coming in to talk to us about what it's like to be a nurse, we loved it! Make sure you bring coats and welly boots next week!

Infant School

Year 1 have been exploring senses in project this week. For taste we have been looking at food that is sour, sweet, salty and bitter. We have also begun "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" in literacy and will soon be going on our own hunt around the school.

Year 2 have been showing they are learning how to be calm by achieving steps towards their calm pin. They have also been showing what they have learnt so far in year 2!

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been very resilient this week as we have been doing lots of independent learning. We have written some fantastic stories and brilliant recounts.

Year 3/4 have been showing great resilience as we've been working through some assessments in Reading, Writing and Maths. This will then show if there are any gaps in their understanding, so I can personalise each child's learning journey. We've also had time to start designing our own Milton Keynes board game!

Year 4 have worked hard during assessment week this week! We have been very proud of their resilience! We hope you enjoyed the curriculum teas, the children certainly seemed to enjoy cooking! Next week we will be moving on to multiplication and division in maths, lots of practice of times tables would really support this!

Upper Junior

Year 5 have been busy growing their learning this week by improving their diary writing skills. In project they have found out lots of interesting information about the Titanic and compared this to a new ship, relating this research to solving maths problems. They have also used their scientific knowledge to experiment different forces acting on objects.

We will be making igloos for our art activity during the ignite phase of our new topic. Please could you save as many 4 pint plastic milk cartons as possible to send in?

Year 6 have shown resilience this week during assessments. We are all very proud of how they have coped with this week and it fills us with confidence for the rest of the year.



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. 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