

# Brooklands Bulletin



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One Community

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

Curriculum Tea dates, full details to follow...

### Fen Street

Thursday 1st October 5-6pm

Tuesday 6th October 5-6pm

Wednesday 7th October 5-6pm

Thursday 8th October 5-6pm

Wednesday 14th October 5-6pm

### Countess Way

Tuesday 6th October 5-6pm

Wednesday 14th October 5-6pm

Foundation 2 perspective parents information evening dates are now available on the front page of the website.

Well done to the Year 5/6 Badminton Team for placing 2nd in their tournament yesterday and making it through to the finals!



(photo credit Mrs Whitaker)

The cut-off for ordering school dinners for week commencing 5th October is:

**Midnight, Sunday 27th September**

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

**Year 3 Trip Update:** We understand that Year 3 parents have only received yesterday's text updates regarding the coach's return trip today. Our apologies, there was a technical issue on ParentMail's part.

**Coats:** Please be sure children are bringing a coat into school everyday as the weather is changeable and we will go out even in drizzle.

**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 both Fen Street and Countess Way.

**Bottle Collection:** The Create & Communicate team are in need of empty, large pop bottles and water bottles.

**Foundation 1 Items Needed:** The Foundation 1 team are looking for donations of unwanted items such as old phones, hair dryer, straighteners, empty shampoo bottles, shower head and hose, wigs, hair rollers, spare clothing, glasses/cases/sunglasses, shower cap, shoes/shoe boxes, empty notebooks/diary/shopping lists, keyboards, baby/doll clothes, baby bath, changing mat, unused nappies, scales, mixing bowls, paper cases, baking trays. The team will inspect all items and remove any electrical cords before use.

**Nut Free School:** A reminder that Brooklands Farm is a nut free school, therefore please ensure that any food which is bought in by children is nut free. This includes morning snacks and packed lunches.

**Bicycles, Scooters and Skateboards:** Please remember that bicycles, scooters, skateboards, etc. should not be ridden across the playground or courtyard. They should be parked in the bicycle racks near the school gates. Please remind children to walk their bikes and scooters to the gates before riding them.

**Countess Way Car Parks:** You may use both car parks at Countess Way for drop-off and pick up.

**ParentMail/ParentPay:** Our main lines of communication for parents are our website and email. If you are not receiving emails please see Reception for a ParentMail (Fen Street) or ParentPay (Countess Way) registration code.

## Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do you think languages are an important part of the curriculum?

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:

99% of parents voted 4 and 5 for How effective was transition in supporting your child to settle in these first two weeks?

## Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will be held in your child's classroom. Parents/Carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

Watch this space for children who have achieved their pins... coming soon.



## 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:

**Apologies for not having attendance figures for you this week.**

Last week's attendance superstars were 4b and 1e, well done!

4b receiving their award





# Small School News



## Early Years

**Could all Foundation 1 and 2 children bring in a pair of named wellies to be worn in our outside spaces?**

**Foundation 1** children have been settling in really well. They are becoming familiar with where their coats and bags go and where their group space is.

We are all making really good friendships and have had a great week getting to know the children and meeting their families.

Can we please ask that you bring in a spare change of clothes?

Can we also ask that the children bring their coats in every day as it's getting cold and we do a lot of outdoor learning.

Have a great weekend, we are looking forward to seeing you all next week!

### **Foundation 2**

Thank you for staying and having lunch with us this week. You have all grown in confidence. We are beginning our 'You and Me' project next week and we will be looking at families. Please remember not to bring toys into school and make sure your lunchbox is full of healthy food to help you to focus on your long day next week.

## Infant School

**Year 1** ignited their All About Me project this week by going on a local walk around Brooklands. Thank you to all the parent helpers that joined us!

Countess Way children will be visiting Fen Street before going on their local walk on Monday. Fingers crossed the weather stays nice.

**Year 2** had a really exciting day on Wednesday where they came in dressed ready for the beach. We did lots of fun activities including playing in the sand pits, making Seagulls and collaging characters from 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. This has ignited our learning about lighthouses and we look forward to where the topic takes us!

## Lower Junior

**Year 3** have had a very exciting week as we have started our new topic, the vanishing rainforest. To ignite our topic, we visited the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. We were lucky enough to be able to learn about the variety of plants in a rainforest as well as stroke and hold some animals.

**Year 3/4** have been starting their project on Milton Keynes: A legacy. We've grown our knowledge of what Milton Keynes was like before it was a large town and have learnt about when the Romans were here.

Today we turned a classroom into a recording studio and recorded our school song! You'll hear it soon!

**Year 4** have had an exciting week exploring the Romans! We cannot wait for our ignite trip on Monday! Look out for photos on the website! Please could the children make sure they bring their lunches in a disposable bag.

We have been exploring the formal methods of subtraction this week, some of us have found this challenging, but we were proud to see their determined attitude showing a real growth mindset!

Please could we remind you if somebody else is picking up your child, please inform us before hand.

## Upper Junior

**Year 5** have had a fascinating week growing their learning about their new topic the Titanic. We had a great time on our Ignite day and have been able to research further interesting information about the historic tragedy. We have also continued using our mathematical problem solving skills to answer questions and started looking at news reports in literacy.

**Year 6** have ignited their Nelson Mandela project this week! We have created comic book style time lines of Mandela's life. We are also looking forward to sharing our take one picture learning with the parents who booked a slot on Thursday!



## 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). A crèche is 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](mailto:samantha.vernon@sky.com) or visit their Facebook page by searching Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

## Upcoming Local Events In Our Community

**Forest Church, Sunday 27th September 10am @ The Well at Willen and then Salcey Forest**

Breakfast, worship & walk! Bacon butties and kids cereals, then a simple reflection & prayer and off to Salcey Forest for a walk together and a chance to meet God in the beauty of nature.

**Knit, Natter & Sew, Monday 28th September 10-11.30am @ The Broughton**

Bring your sewing or knitting, grab a cuppa and join this informal weekly get together.

**Harvest Festival, Sunday 4th October 3pm @ St Lawrence Church**

A chance to sing some traditional harvest songs, suitable for the whole family. There will be harvest collections for MK Food Bank.

For more information on any of these events contact Ruth Maxey at

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