

Brooklands Bulletin



Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

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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,

What an amazing night last Friday was! The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves—the smiles on their faces as they paraded, sang and danced lit up the playground nearly as much as those incredible lanterns. This year's Lantern Festival took a special effort in planning as this was our first whole school event bringing together both Fen Street and Countess Way but it has certainly paid off as it was wonderful coming together as one Brooklands Farm family for the event. Thank you to everyone involved!

We are aware not everyone had a clear view of the performances and appreciate your feedback. Thank you to those who have been in contact. We've taken all of your comments on board which will help us in our learning of how to deliver future events. We are working on getting some photos and video posted to the website in case you missed any of the action.

A massive thank you Mr Sanderson who generously provided us with sandwiches for every child to have a snack before the Lantern Festival in which we are very grateful for!

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We have been in touch with Davis Wilson Homes to discuss a risk assessment for the current building work taking place next to our Fen Street campus as you will have noticed it is very close to our boundary line.

Finally, a reminder to our Countess Way parents to please not park in the bus lanes on Countess Way when collecting children as it is potential danger. There is plenty space in the school car park, please take advantage of it.

Enjoy your weekend.

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

Midnight, Sunday 7th December

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

Well done to the Year 3&4 Basketball team for making it to the MK finals which will be held next Thursday! They finished second in the qualifying round. Thank you to Miss Winsborough for the photo.



School Photographs: We have had confirmation from the School Photograph Company that they will be collecting orders by courier on Tuesday. Please return orders no later than Monday 30th November if you are wanting them delivered to school postage free. You can also order online but to take advantage of the free postage to school option, this also must be done by Tuesday.

Christmas Lunch: This year Chartwells will be serving Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 9th December. If you would like to order for this date the cut-off will be **midnight this Sunday 29th November**.

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/12hjMi65SP2HpZtIjSxvPM9-dEDeVpHbTqIvI8tej59I/viewform?usp=send_form

Sickness/Diarrhoea: Just a reminder that children should be kept off school for 48 hours following any sickness or diarrhoea to reduce the spread of illness, especially during these winter months.

Chewing Gum: We have noticed that chewing gum is being discarded on the ground outside the Year 5 & 6 entrance. Please remind children that chewing gum is not allowed in school and should be disposed of properly in a bin.

Cake Donation Containers: We still have some containers yet to be claimed left over from the Children In Need bake sale at Fen Street. They will be available at Reception to collect until the end of next week. Any unnamed, unclaimed containers will be then donated to our staff room.

Dates for Your Diary

Upcoming Sports Festivals: 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.

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

Deadline for Residential Deposits: Monday 30th November

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:

Apologies for not having your Tell Me Tuesday question.

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 30th November are:

Monday 30th November: Foundation 2: (Gold Pin) Eve G, Jake F, Faith J, Lilly-Mai W, Leo L, Amelie M, Alfie S

Year 3: (Green Pin) Ruby L, Mia B, Maryam A, Risheet S, Nicole E-D

Thursday 3rd December: Year 4: (Yellow Pin) Racheal O, Antosia Z,

Year 5: (Gold Pin) Saraya R-W **Year 6: (Red Pin)** Asadullah K, Jack P, Kritika S-K, Lily Z

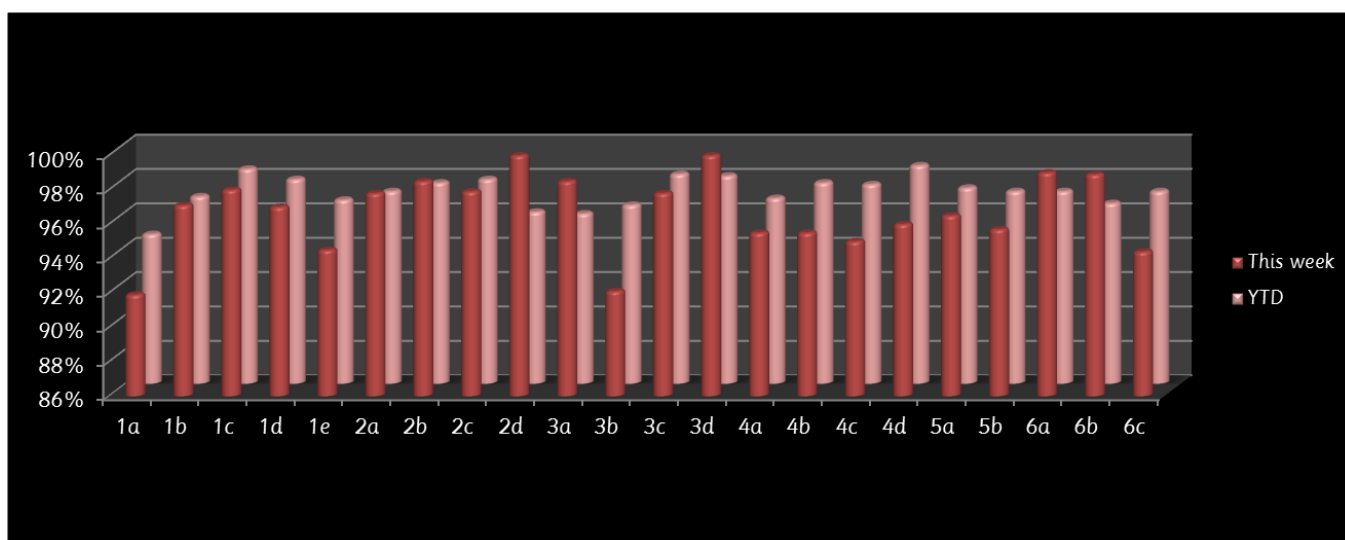
Friday 4th December: Year 1: (Orange Pin) Rehan K

Year 2: (Blue Pin) Damien G, Jaime C, Elysee N, Ahad Q, Erin E, Lenny O

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 learning the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell.

Children at Countess Way have enjoyed gathering twigs and leaves to make nests and acted out the story using lolly stick puppets. We will be continuing our learning about owls next week. We will make some owl models out of recycled materials or clay.

Fen Street children loved coming into nursery dressed in their pyjamas and learning all about nocturnal animals. They have been busy making owls using leaves and straw and finding out how their feathers keep them warm and help them to fly.

Please can we remind you that the children still need to bring in a set of spare clothes to nursery. They can leave them here on their pegs.

Infant School

Year 1 have been very determined and have started to peer review their learning. They have been busy at the review station checking their learning against their success criteria and working together in their learning trios to grow their learning. Next week the children will be designing and creating their own shelters to create and communicate their project learning. Please can you bring in any junk modelling and recycling materials you have at home to help the children with the building stage.

Year 2 have been working really hard on their writing this week! We have written a recount of the Lantern Festival which we all really enjoyed. We are also writing a character description of the character we made for homework last week. In maths we have been looking at fractions using pasta, pizza, string and cubes to help us. They have also enjoyed their learning in Project lessons. They have been extremely engaged in finding out how to be a healthy eater and the life cycle of a frog! Keep up the great learning Year 2!

Just a couple of reminders to please write in your child's Reading Record book after reading at home so that we can see how they are progressing and please may we ask that the children only bring in fruit for their morning snack. Thank you.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have been working really hard on writing their final draft of their information text. It is brilliant to see how much knowledge we have all gained throughout our Natural Disasters project. In maths, we have been learning more about division and connecting our knowledge to word problems. I hope you all enjoyed the Lantern Festival as much as we did, it was fantastic to see you all there.

Year 3/4 (Countess Way) have been consolidating lots of their learning this term in maths to create their own problems using the 4 operations. These have been challenging and have shown a deep understanding of +, -, x and \div with particular focus on fractions too. In project, children are using their literacy skills to communicate a new character to eventually be sent to Dreamworks Studio! Keep up those learning zones!

Year 4 have finished connecting our multiplication and division skills and moved onto learning about fractions! We have also been doing some wonderful writing this week, delving into the lives of pirates and inventing our own pirate diary entries. The children have been working really hard to grow their learning and achieve! In music this week the children have continued to develop their singing skills as well as creating their own rhythms on drums. Keep up the hard work!

Upper Junior

Year 5 have worked really well in their literacy this week, learning about play scripts and acting out a script. They have also grown their knowledge of cubed, squared and prime numbers and used their division and multiplication understanding to solve different problems in maths.



Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

Countess Way:

Tuesdays: Mums & Tots 8:30-11:00

Fen Street:

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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)

A HUGE thank you to all those who helped at the Lantern Festival on Friday, your help is very much appreciated. Together we raised a fantastic £308 selling glow sticks, well done!

Thank you to all the parents for your very generous donations today, the collection for the Food Bank was incredible!

Our next events are:

PTA Christmas Fayre Sunday 29th November 1-4pm Fen Street school hall.

School Disco Thursday 17th December

As always, helpers needed!

Upcoming Local Events In Our Community

Christmas Family Fun & Christmas Light Switch On Sunday 29th November 4-7pm at the Theatre District

Robin Hood, The Pantomime Friday 4th December 5:30pm & 8pm & Saturday 5th December 2:30pm & 7pm at The Hub Theatre @ The Open University Campus

Tickets on £5—Free for under 5's

For bookings call 01908 664311 or email opentheatre@outlook.com

www.theopentheatre.org.uk

Community Carol Service Friday 11th December 6.30pm on the grounds outside Broughton Pavilion

We will gather on the field outside Broughton Pavilion and listen to Broughton Fields, Brooklands Farm and Broughton Preparatory School Choirs sing. There will be the usual Christmas mix of traditional carols for everyone to join in and bible readings that remind us what Christmas is all about .

There will also be a collection of NEW toys for the Salvation Army and USED (but good quality) toys for Barnardo's. After the service everyone is invited to come and warm-up in the Pavilion with a hot drink and mince pie.