

Brooklands Bulletin

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Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

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Term Dates:

Spring (1) term ends 13th February
Half term break 16-20th February
Inset Day 23rd February
Spring (2) term begins 24th February
Spring (2) term ends 26th March
Inset Day 27th March
Easter Break 30th March—10th April
Summer (1) term begins 13th April

Dates for your diary:

Weds 14th Jan Year 3 trip to Holdenby House

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, I feel the community respects me and my beliefs.

Last week's results:

84% of parents scored us a 4 or 5 .

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I was amazed how everyone was on time the first day back and the weekend is ready for us all to sleep well. Viruses have welcomed us back to school. Many children have been sent home with high temperatures this week. We look forward to working in partnership to ensure children learn good habits of hand washing and sneezing in tissues to minimise disruption to their learning.

It has been a busy week with visits to ignite our learning. This term is one when children make accelerated progress. Therefore our heads are down as we will be busy.

This is normally the term when school closures occur due to adverse weather. As a school we have a good track record of never closing and we are planning to maintain this standard. However please ensure you begin to prepare a back-up plan for alternative child care in case it is needed. Our procedures for business continuity are on our website. Please ensure you are aware of the channels of communication the school uses. Whilst social media is helpful please ensure the correct school message is shared, this will often mean waiting a little longer in the morning before emergency decisions are made and reported.

During adverse weather conditions the school always keeps its registers open longer so that children and parents can take their time getting to school safely without fear of receiving a late mark. We will explain this to children and would appreciate your support in sharing this message with them.

Please ensure your child has the correct labelled uniform. Wellies and trainers are not allowed to be worn during lessons. Please, please, please, train your child to keep their belongings together. Hats, scarves and gloves need split seconds in schools before they get lost. Please train your child to store these items in their coat sleeves. As always, I beg you not to buy expensive clothing items as they will get lost!

Kind regards,

Maxine Low

Community groups that meet at Brooklands Farm

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. Childcare is available but should be booked in advance as places are limited.

To report an absence please phone the absence line 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 number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

Latest News

Hot Dinner Order Forms: Please remember that hot dinner order forms must be returned on Wednesdays by 4pm for the following week. Also, please ensure that you print your child's full name and class on the form as we've had a few turned in without names! Any late order forms will not be processed and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child (this includes children in F2 and Years 1 and 2 under the Universal Free School Meals scheme).

New Community Group—Polish Friends of Brooklands Farm: This is a new group that will be a perfect place to meet families in our community and also an opportunity to introduce Polish culture, literature, history and language to your little ones during activities that will be supervised by a qualified child minder. This group is open to everyone on Wednesdays from 8:40-9:40 in the school community café.

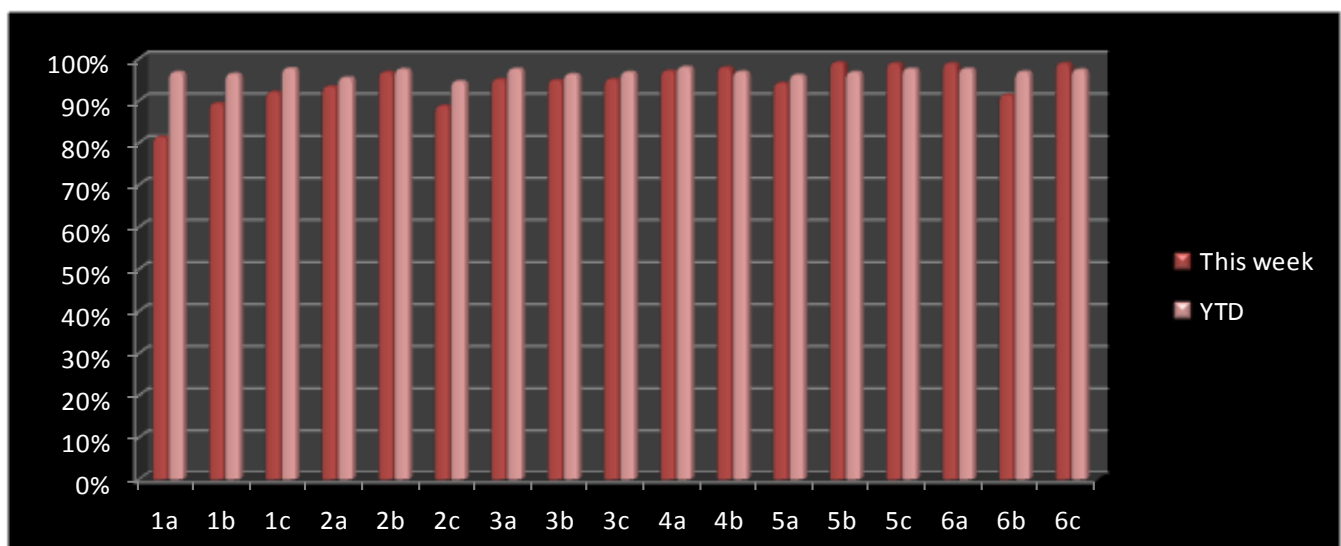
Restorative Practice Workshops: We will be hosting a follow-up Restorative Practice workshop for parents on Monday 19th January at 5pm and Friday 23rd January at 9am. An online sign up form will be sent around soon.

We will be hosting the first introductory session again at a later point in the year.

School Website: Please continue to visit your child's class page for latest news, celebration of work and home learning.

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:



Pin Assemblies

Pin assemblies will now be held in your child's classroom for a more personalised experience as we continue to grow. Parents/Carers are invited to attend but please sign in at Reception and then accompany your child to their classroom.

Children that have achieved their pins for week commencing 12th January are:

Monday 12th Jan @ 8:40: F2: (Gold pin) Jacob W, Eleanor C, Rory M, Rebecca M, Mia W, Imogen M

Thursday 15th Jan @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin) Tanaka M



In Our Community

Watch this space for upcoming events!



Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)

If you are interested in joining Brooklands Farm Friends please contact Sam Vernon at samantha.vernon@sky.com for more details.



Small School News

Early Years

Foundation 1

Welcome back to learning everyone!

Your children have been busy making trains from crates and drawing trains and tracks. They have been particularly keen on selling tickets from the learning loft station.

This week we have sent home vocabulary sheets related to our story for you to use in conversations with your children.

Foundation 2 have had a fantastic time starting off our journeys project with our core book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. We all went hunting for our class bears around the playground and have been really eager to write our own stories. There has been some very scary bear pictures this week too!

Infant School

Year 1 had an amazing day learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children travelled back in time to London in 1666. In the morning the children worked hard completing jobs such as candle making, leather tanning and working at the apothecary. In the afternoon the children had a chance to write by candlelight. Many thanks to all of the adults that came in to help us put on a special day for the children.

Year 2 have come back after the Christmas break and are working in high learning zones already! We had a great 'Ignite' to our Dinosaurs topic with a fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum. We can't wait to use our knowledge to help us in our project. Thank you to all of our parent helpers and school staff who helped throughout the day.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have ignited their Victorian project by spending a day in the life of a Victorian where they learnt about daily routines such as mudlarking, education and coal mining! Our trip to Holdenby House will take place on Wednesday, don't forget to come in costume again on the day and have a disposable packed lunch.

Year 4

On Wednesday Pirates took over year four! We learned about who pirates were and researched some gruesome facts about famous pirates. Navigating the high seas was a little tricky but we have begun to plot the ancient and modern piracy spots around the world. Next week we will begin to think about what a pirate ship must cater for and how we can protect our ears from the sound of firing canons!

Upper Junior

Year 5 had a magical time at the Harry Potter studios. We rode broomsticks, practiced wand skills and tasted butter beer, as well as seeing all the props and going on the sets that were used in the filming of Harry Potter. We were lucky enough to go behind the scenes to find out how the films were made, this included using animated effects and green screen. This ignite trip has provided us with lots of inspirational ideas to use in our creative writing this term.

Year 6 have come back as true Strong and Powerful Individuals. This has meant that they have been able to join new 'aiming for' reading groups. We have also had a fantastic week making our own 'Lake Town' from the Hobbit using wood craft skills. Check out the website for pictures!