

# Brooklands Bulletin

23rd January 2015



**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:

**Inset Day:** Mon 23rd Feb  
**Easter Holiday Club:** Mon  
30th March to Thursday 2nd Apr  
**May Holiday Club:** Tue 26th May  
to Fri 29th May  
**Year 6 Residential:** Mon 1st—Fri  
5th June 2015  
**Year 5 Residential:** Wed 1st – Fri  
3rd July 2015

## Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how good are we at educating children about healthy living?

Last week's results:

94% of parents scored us a 4 or 5, most people said that they felt comfortable discussing religion and beliefs.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been busy this week visiting Bett, a leading learning technology event in London where we get a look at all the latest technology available for use in our classrooms.

We've also hosted two follow up sessions to our Restorative Practice workshop this week. Thank you to all of those who attended. We feel it's important we share the practices and language we use to restore justice in our school.

You may have noticed our new campus is really taking shape. We have toured the building site over the past two weeks and are getting excited for the finished product. We are told its interior walls will be going up by the end of February!

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 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 number (available during the hours of 4-6pm): 07756 564509

## ***Latest News***

Please notify your child's class teacher or Reception if someone who does not regularly collect your child will be that day by 3pm.

**Nits:** Please regularly check your child's hair for nits and treat if necessary.

**Holiday Club Booking Forms:** Holiday Club forms for the February half term are available at Reception. Completed forms must be received by Friday 6th February and payment must be received by Friday 13th February.

**Nursery End of Term:** Please note that the last day of term for Nursery is Wednesday 25th March.

**Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trips:** Please complete and return the medical and consent form if you haven't already done so if your child will be taking part no later than Friday 13th February.

**Nursery Applications:** The last day to apply for Nursery for the 2015-2016 school year is 28th February 2015.

**Lost Property:** Please look through the lost property box located in the cross corridor near the playground doors for any items your child may be missing as anything unnamed will be discarded the last day of the half term.

## ***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, we do not have attendance figures for you this week.**

### ***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 26th January are:

**Monday 26th Jan @ 8:40: F2: (Gold pin)** Samuel P-D, Ewan M, Rehan K, Henry S, Mia S, Emily S, Latoya O, George P, Jenai A, Peyton O, Rania R, Aleeza S, Megan D, Amelia L, Isabella P, Asia K, Lilianna Z, Noah B, David B, Riya S, Jack Y, Gyasi M, Miami J, Maddie P, Amelia W, Sharanya S

**Wednesday 28th Jan @ 8:40: Year 3: (Green pin)** Nishant R, Oliver F **Year 4: (Yellow pin)** Muhammad B

**Thursday 29th Jan @ 8:40: Year 6: (Red pin)** Gabriele D



### ***In Our Community***

Milton Keynes Libraries are pleased to announce that the newly relocated Kingston Library will open at 12.30pm on Tuesday 27 January 2015.

Upcoming local events:

**Breaking Bread** fortnightly Wednesdays 7pm at St Lawrence Church

**Sacred Space** fortnightly Tuesdays 8pm at Broughton Pavilion

**Café Church** Sundays 25th January, 22nd February, 22nd March 11am at The Broughton Pub

**Dinner Church** Sunday 8th February, 8th March 4:30pm at Broughton Pavilion

For more details on these events visit: <http://www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk/>

**Knit, Knatter and Sew!** Every Monday 10am at The Broughton Pub

**Soup & Sandwich** (for our older community members) fortnightly Tuesdays 12pm at Broughton Pavilion

For more detail on these events please email Ruth Maxey at [mkcommunityministry@gmail.com](mailto:mkcommunityministry@gmail.com)



### ***Brooklands Farm Friends (PTA)***

If you are interested in joining Brooklands Farm Friends please contact Sam Vernon at [samantha.vernon@sky.com](mailto:samantha.vernon@sky.com) for more details.



# Small School News

## *Early Years*

### **Foundation 1**

This week foundation have been acting out the story *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*, painting caves, rivers and muddy puddles.

If you have a copy of *The Gingerbread Man* at home please return this to school on Monday as we are moving on to this text next week.

## *Infant School*

**Year 1** will be having an exhibition of work from our Great Fire of London project that will take place on Wednesday after school from 3.30 - 3.45 and Thursday morning from 8.15 - 8.30.

**Year 2** have been writing some of their own amazing dinosaur adventure stories, creating their own characters and new worlds that are entered through the mysterious door. We have been really impressed and it has been great to see how proud the children are of their writing too!

We have also been looking at habitats in Science ready to make our own.

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** have been making comparisons with their lives to their Victorian counterparts. We have decided we would much rather live now than in those times! Next week we will be investigating shadows with a view to creating our own Victorian shadow puppet theatre.

**Year 4** wrote some fantastic character descriptions about some gruesome pirates this week. We also investigated how sounds are made and demonstrated this using instruments and raisins, check out the website for our photos! Our next step is to design a fair experiment to see how pitch and volume can be changed and which materials are better insulators from sound.

## *Upper Junior*

**Year 5** have been designing wands to use during their Harry Potter project. On our trip to Harry Potter Studios, the children found out that the wands were made out of wood which represented the month of the character's birthdays. So, Year 5 have done the same, researching their birth wood and what it symbolizes and designing their wands to reflect this. The next step will be to make our wands!

**Year 6** have had a strong and powerful week this week and have started to write some fantastic Hobbit stories! They have also been continuing with their Different World project collecting information and evidence to help them towards their end product- a webpage for an iPad! See the website for pictures!