

Brooklands Bulletin

6th February 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 effective is the school bulletin?

Last week's results:

100% of parents scored us a 4 or 5 for our reading education.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Keystage 2 have begun their entries for the Radio 2 500 words competition. They have spent the day being authors and have been solving mysteries. They may have brought this home over the weekend to finish...We'd love you to add your ideas in too. The deadline is soon - so let's get writing.

Next week we will be reviewing learning with the children, looking at their learning behaviours and steps in progress. Please support us at home by having similar conversations with them to celebrate successes and think about next half terms focus.

We will be interviewing for new teachers at the end of next week. Once again we will be rigorous in selecting the best teachers to join our team.

Kind regards,

Maxine Low, Katie Higginbottom and Elisabeth Morrison

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

Volkswagen Project Questionnaire: Please take a moment to fill in our Volkswagen project questionnaire at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CIEGu6M-ZbR8n2CvcTy9zjShDQnIB-WfoCHxizKFrI/viewform?usp=send_form
The head of VW will be in on Wednesday and we would love your views.

Farewell: Please join us in wishing Mrs Reeves all the best in her new venture after the half term break. She will be missed.

Smoking: Smoking is not permitted anywhere on school grounds at anytime.

Long Hair: Long hair must be tied back at all times for learning as well as PE lessons.

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

Hot Dinner Forms: Order forms have gone out via ParentMail and are available at Reception. Order forms and payment must be received by 4pm Wednesday 11th February for week commencing 24th February. Please ensure your child's full name and class are printed on the form. Any orders received after this date will not be accepted for week commencing 24th February and you will need to provide a packed lunch for that week.

Please note: the original forms that went out had a misprint on them. Week commencing 23rd March should be a menu week 3.

Care Club/After School Activity Forms: Forms for Spring (2) have gone out via ParentMail and are available at Reception. You must complete a new form every half term.

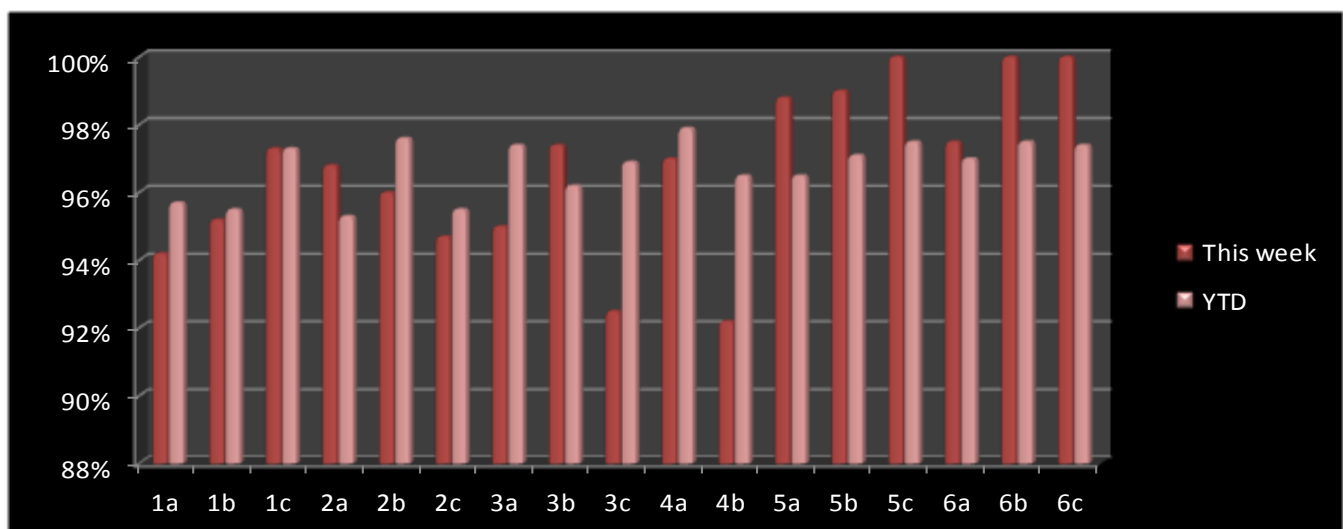
Lost Property: Please look through the lost property box located in the cross corridor near the playground doors for any items your child may be missing as anything unnamed will be discarded on Friday.

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.

Polscy Przyjaciele w Brooklands Farm: Zapraszamy Panstwa do uczestnictwa w nowej grupie, która jest idealnym miejscem nie tylko do spotkania polskich rodzin, ale także dla dzieci w wieku przedszkolnym, do rozpoczęcia przygody z naszą kulturą, literaturą, historią i językiem. Zajęcia są prowadzone przez wykwalifikowaną opiekunkę zarejestrowaną w Ofsted. Grupa jest otwarta w środy od 8.40-9.40am Serdecznie zapraszamy.

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 9th February are:

Monday 9th Feb @ 8:40: F2: (Gold pin) Dhurv S, Freddie H, Daniel D, Joshua W, Nikaiya B, Kylah E, Kylah S, Heshal R

Wednesday 11th Feb @ 8:40: Year 4: (Yellow pin) Rameen R

Friday 13th Feb @ 8:40: Year 1: (Gold pin) Harley B **(Orange pin)** Kendra E, Tristan L, Ellie H, Tillie K, Kshitij D, Isabella



In Our Community

Milton Keynes Libraries are pleased to announce that the newly relocated Kingston Library is now open.

Upcoming local events:

Pancake Party Tuesday 17th February 4 to 6pm at The Broughton Pub (function room)

Family Fun Wednesday 18TH February 10am to 12pm at The Broughton Pavilion

Ash Wednesday Service Wednesday 18th February 7pm at St Lawrence Church, Broughton

For more details on these events visit: <http://www.mkchurchwithoutwalls.org.uk/> or email Ruth Maxey at 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 for more details.



Small School News

Early Years

Foundation 2 have had lots of fun exploring The Three Little Pigs story. We have been making houses and exploring 2d and 3d shapes. The snow this week has been super exciting and has really engaged all of our children with their shape learning.

Thank you for the photos of your children reading, we have really enjoyed looking at them! Keep them coming!

We have now finished the phase 3 phonics sounds, these can be a lot more tricky so lots of practice at home would really support your child's learning.

Next week we will be moving on to capacity in our maths learning.

Letters have gone out for our trip to Woburn Safari Park for the week we return from break. We are aware that some parents have received the wrong letter for their child's class via ParentMail and are working to correct the problem. Paper copies are available at Reception. The dates for each class are:

Tuesday 24th February—Caterpillars and Dragonflies

Wednesday 25th February—Ladybirds and Grasshoppers

Friday 27th February—Butterflies and Bumblebees

Infant School

Year 1

Third time lucky?

Apologies again for the muddle up with our exhibition. It will most definitely be taking place during the last week of half term so we can show you all of the learning we have done this half term. The exhibition will be open from 3.30-4.00 on Wednesday 11th February and 8.00-8.20 on Thursday 12th February. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with you. Once again, sorry for the confusion.

Year 2 have all written fantastic dinosaur adventure stories. We have also started learning about Mary Anning and were thrilled to discover that we had seen some of the incredible dinosaur fossils found by Mary when we visited the Natural History Museum.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have had a wonderful day planning and creating stories for the Radio 2 500 word competition. We have explored a variety of ideas such as land of the dinosaurs, portals, the secret garden, a crime scene and the magic box. We know the end results will be well worth waiting for! Watch this space!

Upper Junior

Year 6 have been very strong and powerful during their assessment week this week. The children have been planning their next steps by analysing their data from their tests so they can close these gaps next week.