

Brooklands Bulletin

13th March 2015



Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

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Term Dates:

Spring (2) term ends 26th March
(25th March for Nursery)

Inset Day 27th March

Easter Break 30th March—10th
April

Summer (1) term begins 13th
April

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Summer (1) term ends 22nd May
(21st May for Nursery)

Half Term Break 25th-29th May

Summer (2) term begins 1st
June

Inset Day 22nd June

Summer (2) ends 22nd July
(21st July for Nursery)

Dates for your diary:

Inset Day: Friday 27th March

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

Thank you all for coming to parents evening this week. Your continued partnership is extremely important. The new curriculum newsletter was sent out earlier this week, it is also available to view on the website.

Please remember to visit the Headteachers Blog at:

[http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/
category/headteachers-blog/#](http://brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk/category/headteachers-blog/#)

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, do we involve families enough?

Last week's results:

54% of parents voted 4 or 5 for their understanding of restorative practice.

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

Children Walking Home Independently: Children will only be allowed to walk home themselves if written permission has been given to do so. Please remind children how to be safe and aware when walking home on their own.

Holiday Club: Booking forms for Easter Holiday Club are now available. Completed forms must be received by next Friday 20th March in order to plan staff ratio. Payment must be received by Wednesday 25th March.

Website: It has come to our attention that some parents are having difficulty accessing our website on their tablets. Please be sure the page has fully loaded as some pieces take longer to load and therefore may cause the page to 'jump'. If you are still having trouble please see Jill in Reception.

Fen Street: As building continues across Brooklands, please be especially careful pulling into Fen Street as the builder's site access is just at the top of the road.

Cygnets Customer Care Line: Absences must be reported to **01214 575455** by 9am in order to be credited for meals. Please note, you must phone in each day your child is absent.

Able Science Day: Eight children from years 4 and 5 went to the Able Science Course at Summerfield Primary School on Monday and thoroughly enjoyed touching various creepy crawlies as well as learning about their habitats.

World Book Day: The total amount raised for International Book Aid is £249.64, well done!

Red Nose Day: Everyone looked fantastic with their funny faces! Photos will be printed Monday for anyone wishing to purchase one. We will have a grand total raised for you next week.

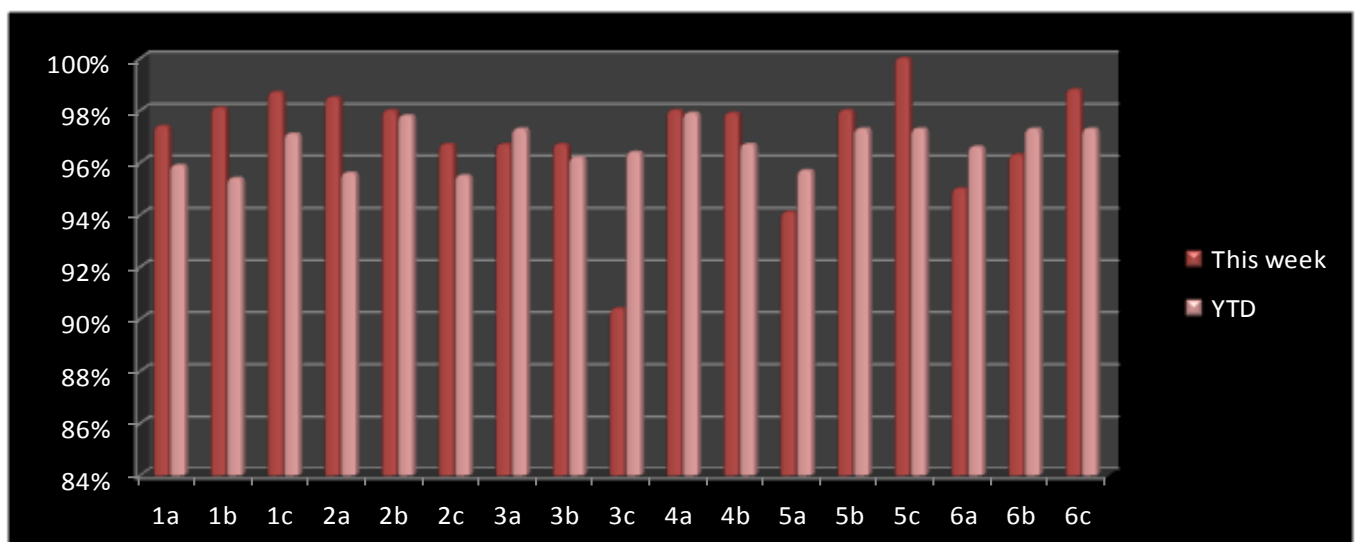
Breakfast Club/Care Club/After School Activities: We now have a new email address for Care Club:

careclub@brooklandsfarm.milton-keynes.sch.uk

Please send all your breakfast club, care club and after school activity queries to this address.

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 16th March are:

Monday 16th Mar @ 8:40: F2 (Gold pin) Noah F, Kylah E, Heshal R, Kayla S, Renee R, Haniya A, Taylor D, Julia S, Lilah B

Wednesday 18th Mar @ 8:40: Year 3 (Green pin) Ethan F, Dominika A, Michael O, Mari J, Ocean G, Ayaan U, Dylan B, Racheal O, Loveleen J **(Green ribbon)** Freya O **Year 4 (Yellow pin)** Sienna B, Mimi A, Isabelle P, Jenna H, Max P

Thursday 19th Mar @ 8:40: Year 5 (Purple pin) Maheen R, Cenyujia W

Year 6 (Red pin) Blessing B, Krystian R, Anthony C **(Red ribbon)** Jayden W, Fatemah B

Friday 20th Mar @ 8:40: Year 1 (Orange pin) Ava R, Charanpreet B

Year 2 (Gold pin) William E **(Blue pin)** Maryam A, Milo L, Millie B, Janelle A



In Our Community

Upcoming local events:

More local events coming soon



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

Thank you to all the parents who dropped in to see staff and share their children's learning journeys. We had a lot of very positive comments from parents about our nursery provision and always welcome parent's feedback.

Next week we will move on to the story *The Great Pet Sale* by Mick Inkpen.

Lastly, a request for resources! Nursery would like to start developing our outside area with plants and flowers. If you have any plant pots, seeds or other gardening equipment that you could donate please bring these into school.

Foundation 2

The weather has been glorious over the past week and the children have had a lot of fun exploring their shadows. We have also been busy making our surprise for our mums.... shhh!!! Happy Mother's Day!

Infant School

Year 1

Permission letters have gone out for our next trip in the new term. We will be visiting Birmingham Sea Life Centre on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April.

Also, please remind children to go onto Mathletics. If they achieve a certificate, we will share it in our year group assembly.

Thank you to Mrs Morris and Mrs Kashyap for coming into Year 1c to read stories to the class. The children have really enjoyed listening to their stories!

Year 2 have enjoyed learning about division in maths and the life cycle of a plant in science. We have also made a good start on writing information reports about vegetables.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have really enjoyed exploring the Peter Parker (Spider-Man) biography. We are now doing research to find out about Bruce Wayne (Batman) following our surprise visit from him in week 2! We have also been collecting data in order to create our own superheroes next week!

Year 4

This week we created designs for a mosaic that we will build with an artist before the Easter holidays! The children have been asking some fantastic scientific questions about states of matter and have now discovered that salt, flour and sugar are in fact solids although they behave like liquids! We saw some fantastically silly faces today in aid of Red Nose Day.

Upper Junior

Year 5 have had a fab day raising money for Comic Relief! This week year 5 have really grown in their writing skills, producing excellent alternative chapter endings for Harry Potter!

Year 6 have been carrying on being very resilient with their revision this week. We thoroughly enjoyed sharing their learning journey with parents at parents evening.