

Brooklands Bulletin

17th April 2015



Brooklands Farm
Primary School
Weaving a learning journey

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Term Dates:

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)

2015/2016

Autumn (1) term begins 7th September

Dates for your diary:

Year 6 SATs: Mon 11th May to Thu 14th May

May Holiday Club: Tue 26th May to Fri 29th May

Year 6 Residential: Mon 1st—Fri 5th June 2015

Inset Day: Mon 22nd June

Sports Day: Fri 26th June - KS2

Sat 27th June - KS1

Year 5 Residential: Wed 1st – Fri 3rd July 2015

We have some very important key dates for your diary:

Year 6 SATs Information Evening Tuesday 21st April at 5pm

Year 6 SATs Parents Meetings (to meet each teacher who teaches your child) Thursday 23rd April from 3:30- 4:30pm

Year 1 Phonics Information Evening Thursday 23rd April at 4.30pm

Year 2 SATs Parents Information Sessions:

Wednesday 29th April 2015 5-6pm Class 2a (Mrs Odell) and Class 2c (Mrs Taylor)

Thursday 30th April 2015 5-6pm Class 2b (Miss Marriott)

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how important is it to learn about the past?

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

Sun Cream & Hats: The warmer weather has arrived! Fingers crossed it stays. Please keep in mind that children may be outside on the playground for up to an hour so please send in a named sun hat and apply sun cream before school on those warm days.

Plastic Bottle Donations: We are collecting empty plastic bottles. We're looking for round ones, like litre soft drinks as opposed to square milk bottles, although we would still like the lids from anything!

It would be great to have as many as possible by Tuesday and we will keep collecting for a few weeks.

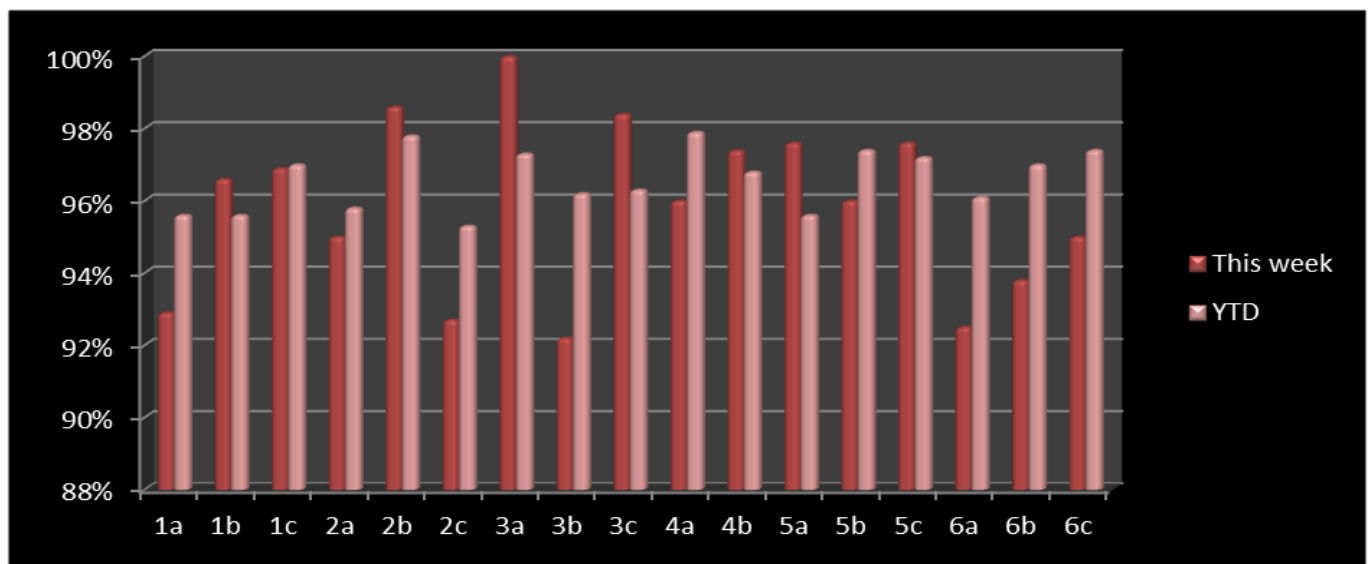
Breakfast Club/Care Club/After School Activities: We now have a new email address for Care Club:

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 20th April are:

Monday 20th Apr @ 8:40: F2 (Gold pin) Louie S, Aran D, Haniya A, Joshua W, Sakina S, Abdourahmane B, Emily B **(Pink pin)** Latoya O, Reyansh T, Jenai A, Imogen M, Malin F

Wednesday 22nd Apr @ 8:40: Year 3 (Gold pin) Yash D, Kurt C **(Green pin)** Ocean G, Alyssa, Shiraz, Freya O, Priyan

Year 4 (Yellow pin) Max H, Anaiya P

Thursday 23rd Apr @ 8:40: Year 5 (Purple pin) Anya E, Lily Z, William W, Aaliyah S, Marcel S

Friday 24th Apr @ 8:40: Year 1 (Orange pin) Adriana G, Austeja P, Agnes P



In Our Community

Upcoming local events:

Meet YOUR Candidates Friday 17th April 7pm at Broughton Fields Primary School

The BIG LUNCH is back on Sunday 7th June in the grounds of Broughton Field School From 12:30pm. This is an opportunities for neighbours to get together, share food and have some fun!

Big Lunch Kids Dance Troupe Rehearsals start Thursday 23rd April 4pm - 5pm @ Broughton Pavilion. Hollywood meets Bollywood in fusion dance for boys & girls 5 years and over.



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

This week children in Nursery have been visited by Lees Reptiles. They got to see, touch and learn about the different animals and foods they eat and how they felt. We had a skunk called Waffle, two Burmese Pythons with different patterns, a Bearded Dragon and a Bosca long-tailed Lizard.

We continue this term's project 'Growing and Changing' with planting activities and our core text is *Jasper's Beanstalk*.

Foundation 2

Thank you so much for growing your beans over the Easter break. The children have come back with amazing language and have been very engaged with our growing and changing topic!

Infant School

Year 1 really enjoyed their trip to the Sea Life Centre. We are looking forward to learning more about the animals we saw there now we are back at school. Thank you very much to the parent helpers that supported us.

Year 1c (Mrs Hover's class) are changing their PE days to Thursday and Friday. Please can all parents ensure their child has a full PE kit in school so they are able to join in with all PE lessons.

Year 2 have had a great first week back learning all about nocturnal animals and becoming fact experts! We are looking forward to using these facts as we continue through our project. On Monday 20th April we will be having some exciting visitors in school who will be bringing along some spectacular nocturnal animals! Please make sure you child has a bottle of water and a hat if necessary as the weather starts to get warmer.

Lower Junior

Year 3 had a great Ignite day exploring a variety of natural disasters through Art and science experiments. The children saw the reaction between Coca-Cola and Mentos—their own little volcanic eruption! In Literacy, we've looked at a story of two children caught up in a tsunami.

Year 4

On Monday, Year 4 were scientists for the day, creating electrical circuits and investigating which materials are the best conductors of electricity. During our new project we will be investigating renewable energy and what could be used to power items in a house. Everyone has been asking fantastic questions and next week we will deepen our understanding by testing out some of these sources of energy in school!

Upper Junior

Year 5 had a fantastic Ignite for their Titanic Project on Thursday. We were very lucky to have a Titanic expert visit us! He brought in lots of artefacts from the Titanic and its sister ship and he answered all of our questions about it. It was an inspiring, motivating start to our new project!

Year 6 have come back after Easter really well and have been very focused. Thank you to those children who joined us in the Easter holidays and for the parents for allowing this to happen.