

Brooklands Bulletin

1st May 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

Transition: Mon 6th—Wed 22nd July

Headlines

We have had several children in Foundation 2 come down with chickenpox this week. If your child has chickenpox they should remain off school until all the spots have crusted over. For more guidance please visit <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

School will be closed on Monday 4th May as it is a bank holiday. Have a lovely long weekend and see you on Tuesday 5th May.

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

On a scale of 1 to 5, how often do you walk to school?

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

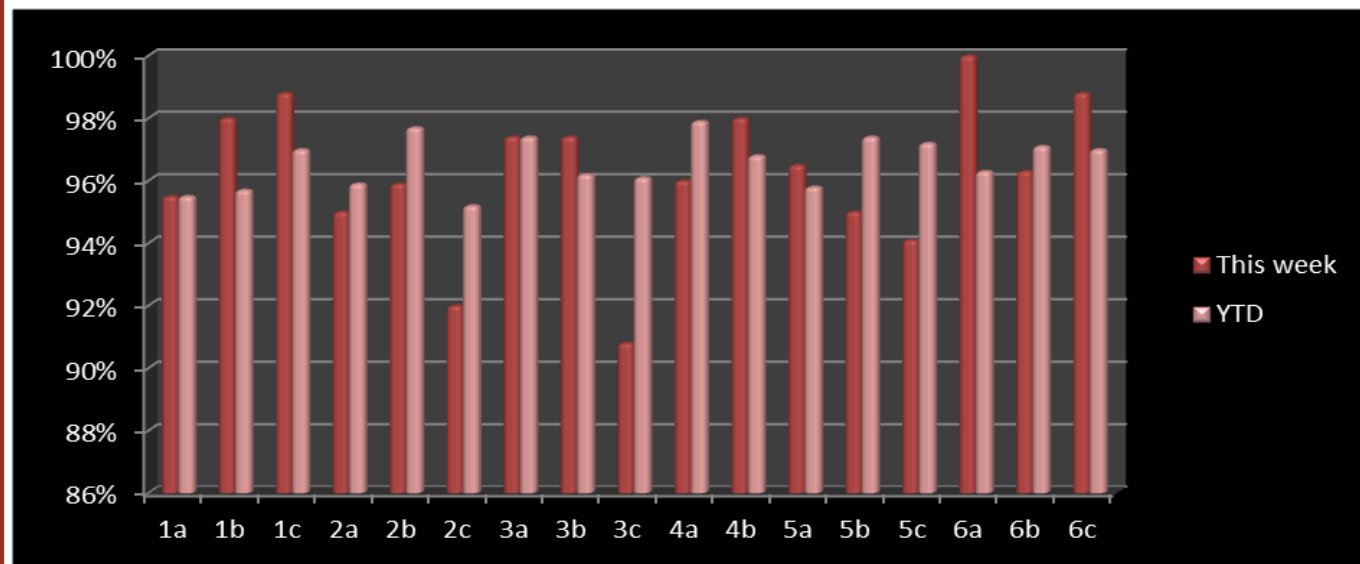
Ignite Payments: Please continue to make your £35 contributions for Ignite if you haven't already done so. We have offered several exciting activities so far this year but as these are reliant on your voluntary contributions, we may have to cancel the remaining trips if we do not receive a sufficient amount to cover the costs.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Payments: If your child will be taking part in this year's residential, please remember to make your payments via the front office. The total cost for Year 5's trip to The Caldecotte Xperience on the 1st – 3rd July 2015 is £140. The total cost for Year 6's trip to The New Barn Field Centre on the 1st – 5th June 2015 is £280.

Late Arrivals: If you have missed the gates in the morning, your child will have to be signed in by an adult. Please do not drop them off at the door. This also applies to those children returning to school from appointments.

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 5th May are:

Tuesday 5th May @ 8:40: F2 (Gold pin) Maddox L, Foday K **(Pink pin)** Jake S, Logan S, Francis A, Ruthie G, Luca W, Louie H

Thursday 7th May @ 8:40: Year 5 (Purple pin) Lachel S, Louie B, Jack P

Friday 8th May @ 8:40: Year 1 (Orange pin) Martyna S, Jake C, Tilly L, Nathan W

Year 2 (Blue pin) Katie K, Shahaan H, Lorian K, O McEwan, Abubakr B, Zain K **(Blue ribbon)** Chloe B



In Our Community

Upcoming local events:

Curry Lunch Wednesday 6th May @ Broughton Pavilion 12.30 to 1.30pm

A Fundraiser for the victims of the earthquake in Nepal. £2.50 minimum donation, take-a-way available, children welcome. All money raised will go to the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee)

This an opportunity to raise money for the disaster in Nepal as well as eat some fantastic curry cooked by the wonderful Srishti Rattan, one of our parents here at Brooklands Farm.

For more information contact Reverend Ruth Maxey: 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 1 have really enjoyed retelling and acting out the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We continue to watch our plants and seeds grow.

As part of our learning next week we would like the children to either bring in a baby picture to share with their group or a picture of a family event so we can talk about these in school.

Foundation 2

We've all had great fun in Foundation over the last week learning about the Hungry Caterpillar. We have been going on bug hunts and acting out the story using Miss Jasper's sleeping bag as a cocoon! Thank you for bringing in your baby photos. It was great to talk about how we have changed as we have grown up. Next week could children bring in any labelled photos of them having a meal or celebration as a family? This will help us learn about special clothing, food and family celebrations.

Infant School

Year 1 have been learning about non-fiction texts. We have been writing all about hammer head sharks and are now learning some amazing facts about jellyfish!

Year 2 have had another busy week with lots of learning. We have seen great learning zones, particularly while the children have been working hard on their reading comprehension. The whole year group have started some relaxation techniques after lunch and this has been great for getting us ready for afternoon learning.

Also, we would like to thank all of the parents who attended the SATs meetings this week. If you were unable to attend please let your class teacher know so we can send some information home for you.

Lower Junior

Year 3 have had a brilliant week. We've got into the routine of swimming and Mr Gray's group can go from the coach, to the changing rooms, to the poolside in under 10 minutes!

Year 3 have been aware of the tragic earthquake that has happened in Nepal and have tried to comprehend what it would be like to be one of the children affected.

We have continued to learn more about the causes and effects of natural disasters on the landscape and on people.

Year 4

This week we investigated whether we could use solar energy to purify water as we were stranded on an island with only salt water to drink! We discovered that evaporation and condensation were the key to success. Make sure you come and see our amazing mosaic which is now hanging proudly in the year 3/4 corridor!

Upper Junior

Year 5 have been applying their knowledge of the Titanic to start writing non-chronological reports this week in Literacy. We have also been researching more about the flaws in the Titanic's design to explain the impact it has had on maritime safety today.

Year 6 have just successfully finished their final mock SATs week. The children showed positive attitudes and resilience towards the tests. They are working hard to achieve their Year 6 strong and powerful resilience targets and are enjoying choosing their own rest and relaxation activities at the end of the week, including cooking, sports, board games and Art. Only one more week of revision left to go, just keep going!!!!