

Brooklands Brainy Bulletin

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Term Dates:

Summer (1) term ends 22nd May

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 Residential: Mon 1st—Fri 5th June 2015

Class Photos: Thu 18th June

Inset Day: Mon 22nd June

Sports Day: Fri 26th June - KS2

Sat 27th June - KS1

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

Community Festival: Wed 15th July

Transition: Mon 6th—Wed 22nd July

Tell Me Tuesday

This week's Tell Me Tuesday question is:

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

We have had a brain-packed week, learning all about our brains! We have learnt about the different parts of our brain and how each one affects our body as well as how to keep to keep them healthy. We have partnered with the Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust (BIRT) to learn how an injury can affect our brain and how recovery from a brain injury is both physical and emotional. A very big thank you to Mrs McCarville for making this happen!

Please check the website for all of our brainy posts to see our amazing learning this week.

Our next whole school project is 'belonging'. Please can you discuss with your children what belonging means to your family over the half term? We will also be visiting our Countess Way campus in the new half term to build upon the theme of 'One community, One primary school, One localised plan for success'.

Have a lovely and well rested half term break. See all back on Monday 1st June.

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

Year 6 Residential: Year 6 will be on their Residential the first week back from Monday 1st—Friday 5th June. Those children attending the residential will need to be in school by **8:00 Monday morning**. You can find the packing list on the website under Parents > Year 5 & Year 6 Residential Trip Information. Please make sure your email address and mobile numbers are up to date on ParentMail by logging in to your account.

Head Teacher's Blog: Please visit the Head Teacher's blog on the website which can be found under About Us > Our School > Headteachers Blog.

Our Amazing Brain: This afternoon we made the shape of a brain on our playground with our coloured tops:



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 for not having 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 1st June are:

Monday 1st June @ 8:40: F2 (Pink pin) Eleanor M, Rory M, Dhruv
(Pink ribbon) Amelia S

Friday 5th June @ 8:40: Year 2 (Blue pin) Tawana M, Hussain S,
Ruby L **(Blue ribbon)** Naomi L, Risheet S



In Our Community

Upcoming local events:

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

Big Lunch Kids Dance Troupe Thursdays 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 have had a wonderful time looking at and handling the chicks this week. A few even asked if they could take a chick home. Don't worry we didn't say yes! We also had great fun feeling what the brain might feel like in our discovery box.

When we return we will be thinking about how we belong and will start with how we belong in our families. Please can you provide your children with a picture of the family so that children can talk about their family on the first week back.

Foundation 2 have been working their brains hard! We have been looking at how brains work and the food that we use. The children have been working on their growth mindsets! We can do it!! It has also been exciting to see our newly hatched chicks this week. We were very careful when we held them.

May we ask that children bring in a shoe box or any other boxes that we could use for the 'Belonging' project? Please take some time over the half term to talk to your children about the word belonging. A labelled photo of your family would be lovely to share as well. Please include which languages you speak at home and your family beliefs so we can discuss those too.

Infant School

Year 1 have been learning about the difference between the right and left side of our brains. We learnt that the left side helps our reading and writing and the right side helps our imagination and singing. We also learnt that each side of our brain controls the opposite side of your body!

Year 2 have worked very hard this term and have produced fantastic nocturnal animals writing! Over the last week, they have been learning all about how to keep your brain healthy. Enjoy your half term and we look forward to learning about *The Twits* when we get back!

Lower Junior

Year 4 have worked so hard this week to develop a growth mindset and discover what kind of learner they are. The learning zones have been high all week and they've produced some fantastic writing. Well done everyone, we are really proud of your achievements!

Upper Junior

Year 5 have had a fantastic brain week! We have been investigating the effect endorphins have on our well being and learning zones by eating chocolate and doing lots of exercise. We enjoyed sharing our learning with the rest of the school today! Have a lovely half term!

Year 6 has been learning all about brain injury. They are looking forward to creating visual/musical presentations to communicate everything that they have learnt!