

# Brooklands Bulletin

5th June 2015



**Brooklands Farm**  
Primary School  
Weaving a learning journey

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## Term Dates:

**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:

**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: w/c 29th June**

**Transition Tea: Tue 30th June**  
**@5pm—KS1 and Upper KS2**

**Thu 2nd July @5pm—Lower KS2**

## Tell Me Tuesday

**This week's Tell Me Tuesday**  
**question is:**

**On a scale of 1 to 5, how well do**  
**you feel you understand assess-**  
**ment at Brooklands Farm?**

**Last week's results:**

**100% of parents scored us 4 and**  
**5 for 'How good are we at teach-**  
**ing healthy living?'**

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an exciting week visiting our new Countess Way campus! Thankfully the weather held out for our 2,300 step walk, well done to Year 1 for counting using my FitBit. We got to look round the new classrooms, hall and even the staff room. We saw how our builders, Willmott Dixon create sample rooms so that we can see what the flooring, tiles, etc. would look like as a completed room before a final decision is made. Thank you to all the parent helpers that came along.

We will be using this visit over the next two weeks to help us build a sense of belonging as we build a community of learners.

Our Theatre for Learning has arrived! You may have noticed a new structure has appeared on the playground. This is our Pass the Parcel gift that will remain part of Brooklands Farm as the Mile of Oak gets ready to move to its new locations.

I am becoming concerned about older siblings sharing content on social media websites with our children. Content such as Charlie Charlie Challenge seems to be trending at the moment which is not age appropriate for primary school children and creates chatter on the playground. I will continue to share any information on any similar content as I become aware of it.

Kind regards,

Maxine Low

## 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

**Transition Teas:** Please mark your diaries for transition tea

Key Stage 1 - Children transferring to Year 1 and Year 2 Tuesday 30th June @ 5pm

Upper Key stage 2 - Children transferring to Year 5 and Year 6 Tuesday 30th June @ 5pm

Lower Key Stage 2 - Children transferring to Year 3 and Year 4 Thursday 2nd July @ 5pm

**Hot Dinner Order Forms:** A number of parents are still turning in their order forms late or not at all. The deadline to return forms is always by **4pm the Wednesday before** the week you are ordering for and no later. Orders returned on Thursday, Friday or even the Monday the following week will not be accepted and you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child that week, this is regardless of whether they receive a free lunch under the Universal Free School Meal scheme or not. Cygnet runs on a **pre-order** system, not an order-on-the-day system. Therefore, even if your child receives a free lunch it still must be pre-ordered.

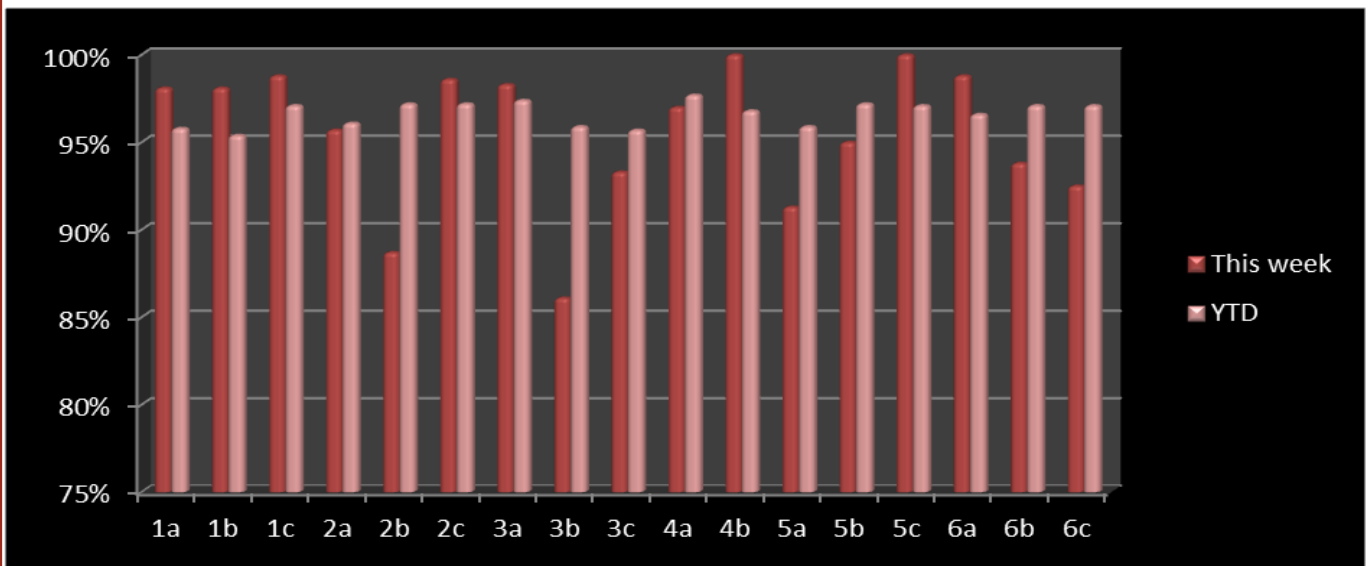
**Hay Fever:** Please be aware that we can only administer prescribed medications. If your child suffers from hay fever we cannot administer over the counter antihistamines. Keep in mind that we have open fields surrounding the school therefore it may be a good idea to keep an eye on the pollen count and dose your child accordingly. We find the following website quite useful: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/weather/2642465>

**Warmer Weather:** Now that the warmer weather has arrived, please be sure children have named sun hats, water bottles and sun cream applied on those sunny days.

**Key Stage 2 Learning Clubs:** After school learning clubs will be continuing this half term. The final week of learning clubs will be the week commencing 29th June. If your child attended a learning club last half term, the day and teacher will remain the same.

## 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 8th June are:

**Monday 8th June @ 8:40: F2 (Pink pin)** Imogen B, Eleanor C, Dhruv S, William J, Joanna K (**Pink ribbon**) Catherine T, Samuel P-D

**Wednesday 10th June @ 8:40: Year 3 (Green ribbon)** Alberte L, Thara A, Aydan P, Ayaan S, Racheal O, Giselle K-P

**Year 4 (Yellow pin)** Alex E-D

**Wednesday 11th June @ 8:40: Year 5 (Purple pin)** Emma M

**Friday 12th June @ 8:40: Year 1 (Orange pin)** Amielia K, Grace W, Daisy L, Noah L, Samuel K, Ruby H

**Year 2 (Gold pin)** Em-Jaye G, Abbas K (**Blue pin**) April H-V, Olivia S, Tiana W-H (**Blue ribbon**) Mar-yam A, Hope D-S, Kayda B



## ***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](mailto:samantha.vernon@sky.com) for more details.



# Small School News



## *Infant School*

**Year 2** have really enjoyed their first week back learning about the Twits! We have been reading the book and enjoyed learning about all the horrid pranks they play on each other. We have also really enjoyed looking at graphs and charts in maths, learning how to gather information from graphs and answer questions about them. A great first week back Year 2! Please be sure your child has water bottle in school each day, especially now that the weather is getting warmer.

## *Lower Junior*

**Year 3** have been looking at persuasive texts to convince their clients to change their minds about their designs. The children have really enjoyed working alongside other year groups!

**Year 4** The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Trust are having a fun day they would like children to donate items for next week. They are looking for donations like chocolate, teddies, books, puzzles, tombola and raffle prizes. They will also be bringing in raffle tickets which children can buy next week.

## *Upper Junior*

**Year 5** have had a fantastic start to their belonging project. We were very privileged to be the first to visit the new school site! We are now busy designing an area for another class using their client brief.

### **Year 6**

The children had an amazing time on the New Barn Residential! Check out the website for details.

Those children who remained in school completed a week long art project, creating a felt display for the school, showing the change in the Brooklands community.