



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2022

## Anti-bullying & Positive Relationships

As part of our ongoing commitment to anti-bullying and promoting positive relationships, Years 1 to 6 took part in the 'Big Anti-Bullying Assembly' from the Diana Award. We focused particularly on the power of positivity and saying kind things to others. We continue to work with children to understand bullying and relational conflict.



## Smart School Council

We are preparing to relaunch our school council. We have re-designed our approach to develop a Smart School Council. This will mean that ALL children are given a voice and the opportunity to make a real difference in the school community. Following an application process, some pupils in Year 5 and 6 will form our 'Communication Team.' Their role will be to oversee the feedback from each class and help to manage 'action teams' around school. You can watch [this video](#) of a Smart School Council in action in another school. Keep a look out for regular updates next half term and beyond.



## Cross Country—Saturday 1st October

We had a fantastic start to the 2022-23 cross country season on Saturday. A huge well done to ALL our runners who I am incredibly proud of.

We achieved top three places in the following races:

1st Year 1 Girls - Elspeth, 1st Year 1 Boys - Toby, 3rd Year 1 Boys - Laurie, 1st Year 2 Girls - Isobel, 3rd Year 3 Boys - Jaden, 2nd Year 4 Girls - Rosa, 2nd Year 6 Girls - Sophie, 2nd Year 6 Boys - Ben, 3rd Year 6 Boys - Tyler.

Team Places: 1st Year 1 Boys, 2nd Year 1 Girls, 1st Year 2 Girls, 2nd Year 2 Boys, 1st Year 4 Boys, 1st Year 6 Girls, 2nd Year 6 Boys.

The next race is on Saturday 15th October at Ashlands Primary. Please encourage the children to take part. We had some races where we had only three runners. We need four for a team.



## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: William W

R Oak: Sophie W

Y1 Elm: Zara N-F

Y1 Willow: Charlotte H

Y2 Lime: Lucy B

Y2 Maple: Oliver L

Y3 Cherry: Toby L

Y3 Holly: Nile G

Y4 Alder: Finn F

Y4 Ash: Henry S

Y5 Hazel: Freddie C

Y5 Rowan: Alfie G

Y6 Birch: Nancy F

Y6 Sycamore: Euan G



These children were chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and enjoyed a drink in the staff room with school leaders on Monday afternoon.

## Open Days for September 2023 Intake

If you have a child who is due to start school in Sept 2023 and you are interested in sending them to Menston Primary School, please come to one of our open days to see what our fantastic school has to offer:

**Tuesday 8th November 9:30am**

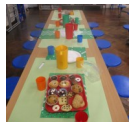
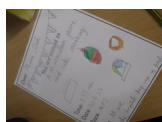
**Thursday 10th November 9:30am**

**Saturday 12th November 1pm**

Visit <https://menstonprimary.co.uk/open-days-for-september-2023-intake/> for more information and to register.

## Macmillan Cake & Juice Morning/Afterschool Sale

A big thank you to everyone who took part in this KS1 event, including those who bought buns, cakes and biscuits after school. Thanks also to FoMPS who helped ensure everything ran smoothly. We raised an incredible £917.35!



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **98.04%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Cherry with 100% attendance.

All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be investigated.

All children should arrive at school by 08:55 am please.

### School Lunches—Next Week's Menu (week 3)

**Monday:** Pork Meatballs/Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry/Panini or Wraps

**Tuesday:** Sausage in a Roll or Halal Rogan Josh/Cheese and Onion Pasty/Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

**Wednesday:** Roast Gammon or Halal Chicken Roll/Quorn Fillets/Panini or Wraps

**Thursday:** Ham & Cheese Pizza/Cheese Pizza/Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

**Friday:** Fish Finger Sandwich/Cheese Pasta Bake/Paninis or Wraps

If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals please contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632.



### 100 miles in October

Max and Tom Ratcliffe have made a fantastic start with their challenge to run, walk and cycle 100 miles in October. They have already surpassed 20 miles and are well on the way to raising £1000 in support of the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service in Bingley. The boys have had lots of support from their friends, who have been running alongside them on our Daily Mile tracks and helping them to keep a tally of their miles. If anyone would like to donate, you can do so via their Facebook page [here](#) or by visiting their website [www.100miles.co.uk](http://www.100miles.co.uk).

### Foundation Superhero Day

Foundation enjoyed Superhero Day. They discovered how to be superhero learners, taking on challenges that gave them super focus, super independence, super team work and super perseverance. They worked with their Year 6 buddies in the afternoon, who were super role models!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Mon 17 October:** Parents Evening, 3:30-6:30pm (face to face appointments in school)

**Mon 17 October:** KS1 Harvest Festival 2:30 pm (please bring donations for the Bradford North Foodbank)

**Tues 18 October:** KS1 Harvest Festival 2:30 pm (please bring donations for the Bradford North Foodbank)

**Thurs 20 October:** Parents Evening, 3:30-6:30pm (face to face appointments in school)

**Fri 21 October:** School closes for Half Term

**Mon 31 October:** School reopens for Autumn 2

**Mon 14—18 November:** Anti-bullying week

**Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates**

### Harvest Festival 2022

This year we are again supporting the Bradford North Foodbank (part of the Trussell Trust) by collecting donations of food, toiletries and cleaning products at our KS1 Harvest Festival Assemblies. The foodbank provides much needed help for local people in our community who are facing financial hardships at this difficult time.

For details of which items are most needed please visit: <https://bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



## FoMPS

For affordable and sustainable second-hand uniform please contact [fompsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:fompsuniform@gmail.com)

### FoMPS dates for your diary:

**Friday 14 October** – Quiz night! Our Annual General Meeting (open to all) will be held, very briefly, at the Quiz night on 14th October at Kirklands, Main St.

**Friday 11 November** – FoMPS film night at Kirklands



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