



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th October 2022

Harvest Festival 2022

This year we are again supporting the Bradford North Foodbank (part of the Trussell Trust), who provide 3-day emergency food parcels to people in crisis in the North of Bradford, Baildon, Shipley, Yeadon, Rawdon and Guiseley. Harvest Festival is a key time for receiving donations for emergency food parcels and last year local churches, schools and businesses donated 18 tonnes of food – 30% of the annual donation total. This contributed to the 2,083 food parcels they distributed during the 2021 – 2022 year, feeding around 1,867 adults and 1,320 children. 41% of the people they help to feed are children.

We will be collecting and displaying donations at our KS1 Harvest Festival assemblies on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th October. For details of which items are most needed please visit: <https://bradfordnorth.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>



Outdoor Day

Year 4 had a fabulous outdoor day. In the morning, they went on a walk to Burley Moor where they drew the landscape and made sketch maps with contours to show relief. In the afternoon, they cooked bread twists on a campfire. They were delicious! They also worked collaboratively to construct free-standing mountain shelters. Finally, they used mud to create miniature model mountains to match contour maps. What a fantastic day they had!



Cost of Living Support & Warm Spaces Scheme

Bradford Council have launched their Cost of Living Support & Warm Spaces Scheme for families living in the Bradford and Craven areas. They have provided a booklet with all the details, a copy of which will be emailed to families or you can visit <https://costoflivingbradford.co.uk/> for more information.

Tom and Max Ratcliffe's 100 Miles Challenge has been featured on BBC news! Please [click here](#) to read the article. Well done to everyone who ran with the boys when Look North visited yesterday. Keep going boys—we're all behind you!

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Lauren M

R Oak: Finley H

Y1 Elm: Oliver C

Y1 Willow: Archie B

Y2 Lime: Art W

Y2 Maple: Olly N

Y3 Cherry: Alfie J

Y3 Holly: Myla G

Y4 Ash: Autumn L

Y5 Hazel: Brody G

Y5 Rowan: Lottie H

Y6 Birch: Zachary B

Y6 Sycamore: Eddie N

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.

Fire Engine Visit to Foundation

Foundation have met some real life superheroes! The children were so excited to meet the firefighters from Rawdon Fire Station and explore the fire engine!



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **96.66%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Alder 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 1)



Monday: Macaroni Cheese/ Vegetarian Spaghetti Bolognese/ Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: Homemade Beef or Quorn Burger/ Cheese and Broccoli Quiche/ Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Wednesday: BBQ Chicken or Halal Chicken Tikka Masala/ Quorn Balls in Tomato Sauce/ Panini or Wraps

Thursday: Cheese Pizza or Halal Keema Roll/ Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers/ Vegetarian Quesadillas/ Paninis or Wraps

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

My British Hero Competition

Our local MP, Philip Davies, is inviting all children in the district to enter a competition called **My British Hero**. The competition is designed to promote integration and celebrate diversity. Children are invited to write about or create a piece of art about a figure in British history that they admire and say why they admire them. Any child who would like to enter this competition should create their entry on A4 paper/ card and can bring their entry (labelled with their name and age) into school on Monday 31st October for us to submit. Entries will be judged by a panel and winners will be invited to a prize giving event before the Christmas holidays.

Quick Sticks Hockey

Our Year 5 team have been taking part in the Ilkley Grammar School Quick Sticks coaching programme along with other schools in the Wharfe Valley. The children work together to warm up, improve basic hockey skills of clubbing, passing and controlling the ball, whilst developing personal skills of team work and leadership.

Once they've honed their skills the children will compete against the other schools in matches. We will share the results once they are in!



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

Ordering School Photos

Please click on [Menston Primary Photographs](#) and enter the access code from the sheet sent home with your child.

Discounts are available for orders placed before Thursday 27th October and will be processed as one batch, then returned to school to be sent home with children. Orders placed after this date will require postage paying and will be delivered to your home address. If you prefer to pay using cheque or cash and order direct please email andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk. The shop will remain active until December 31st.



FoMPS dates for your diary:

Friday 14 October – Quiz tonight! Kirklands Community Centre. Doors 7pm, tickets can be bought on the door, or from www.fomps.org.uk. A brief AGM will be held at 7:30pm before the quiz starts. Kirklands, Main Street.

Friday 11 November— FoMPS film night at Kirklands



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