



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 21th October 2022

As we reach the end of the half-term, we want to say a huge thank you to all of our families for working in partnership with us to support children's learning and development. It has, once again, been a busy half term and we are delighted with how our children have embraced our updated curriculum. The homework menu continues to be popular and we have had some amazing contributions—from Lego models to Power-point presentations, creative art work, written work and videos. Children have also enjoyed the visits, visitors and experience days that have enhanced their learning.

## Year 3 Stone Age Day

To finish off their focus on the Stone Age, Year 3 held a theme day to put into practice all the things they have learned. There were plenty of outdoor activities, including a learning-post quiz, hunter gatherer themed PE on the field, den building in the wooded area, foraging natural materials to make stone age tools and creating cave art animal pictures. They finished the day with fire building and story time around the fire.



## Place2Be Parenting Smart

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting mental health and wellbeing, Mrs Wilson and Mrs Gilmour have attended some training from Place2Be. |Place2Be have shared some fantastic resources for parents and families which can be accessed here: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>. We hope you find these useful.



## Parents Evening

We would like to say a big thank you to our families for attending our first face-to-face parents' evening for a very long time! It was lovely to see so many of you in school again.

## Cost of Living

Bradford Council have asked us to remind all families of the <https://costoflivingbradford.co.uk/> website, which will hopefully be of use during the current cost-of-living challenges that many of us are facing.

## Open Days for September 2023 Intake

For anyone who has a child who is due to start school in Sept 2023 and is 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.

## Harvest Festival 2022

We held our KS1 Harvest Festival assemblies this week, it was wonderful for our families to come into school to see their children perform. We also collected a huge amount of donated items for the Bradford North food bank, part of the Trussell Trust. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this charity.



## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be running a Scholastic Book Fair in school from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November until Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, in the KS2 hall.

This will take place before and after school: 8.15am-8.45am and 3.30pm-4.15pm. We hope to see you there!



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **93.74%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Rowan with 99.33% attendance.

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

## School Lunches—w/c 31st October Menu (week 1)

Monday: **Mascarpone Pasta**; **Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos**; **Panini or Wraps**

Tuesday: **Mild Chicken Curry or Halal Keema & Peas**; **Vegetarian Quesadillas**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**

Wednesday: **Roast Chicken or Halal Chicken Tikka Roast**; **Vegan Cottage Pie**; **Panini or Wraps**

Thursday: **Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Ham and Cheese Pizza**; **Garlic Vegetable Noodles**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**

Friday: **Battered Fillet of Fish**; **Savoury Roll**; **Panini or Wraps**



**Please note that from 31st October the cost of school meals is going up to £2.00 per day or £10.00 per week.**

For details of the full new menu please [click here](#) for our school meals web page.

### Cross Country Success

We had some fantastic running on Saturday 15 October at the Ashlands cross country event. It was lovely to see some new children running who helped us gain team prizes.

We achieved top three places in the following races:

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

Team Places: 3rd, Year 1 Boys, 2nd, Year 3 Girls, 1st, Year 4 Boys, 1st, Year 6 Girls, 2nd, Year 6 Boys.

We need four or more runners in each race to create a team. All children welcome. The next race is on Saturday 12th November at Ghyll Royd School, Burley in Wharfedale.

### 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.

### Dates to Remember:

**Fri 21 October:** School closes for half term

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

**Tues 8 November:** Open morning for prospective parents Reception 2023

**Thurs 10 November:** Open morning for prospective parents Reception 2023

**Sat 12 November:** Open afternoon for prospective parents Reception 2023

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

**Tues 22 November:** Scholastic Book Fair (Weds 23 & Thurs 24 Nov, 8.15-8.45am & 3.30-4.15pm in KS2 Hall)

**Fri 16 December:** School closes for Christmas

**Tues 3 January:** School reopens for Spring term 1

**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](mailto:andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk) The shop will remain active until December 31st.

### FoMPS dates for your diary:



**Fri 11 November:** FoMPS film night at Kirklands

**Sat 3 December:** FoMPS Christmas Fayre at Kirklands

Please support us wherever you can by volunteering to help at events and just coming along and spending your money.

Please get in touch via our [website](#) if you would like to join us.



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