



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4 November 2022

## Smart School Council of Menston Primary School

Hi! We are the new Smart School Council of Menston Primary School. Weekly, we will deliver a newsletter to you (like this one). This week, we have chosen our communication teams, including the core team. We are very proud to announce that we have formed our first action team; a group working together to create our very own healthy snacks tuck shop for children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6. Often children forget to bring their snack into school, but from next week, this will no longer be an issue with our tuck shop. Snacks will be priced from 25p - £1.00. There will be a maximum of 2 items per person, and all the proceeds will come back to the school, providing money for improving general facilities. We look forward to changing our school in the best way possible. Many thanks, The Communication Team.

For information about our school council please follow this link to our website [School Council | Menston Primary School](#).



## Poppy Appeal 2022



We are pleased to be supporting the Poppy Appeal in school again this year. From Monday 7 November we will be selling poppies to children in all year groups for a small donation. In addition, we will also be selling other products including keyrings, snap bands, wrist bands, zip pulls etc. all with a recommended minimum donation of £1.

## Year 6 Outdoor Survival Day

Our Year 6's outdoor survival day tested their skills against the elements. The weather was perfect with all four seasons in one day meaning they had to adapt and use their ingenuity to combat nature. They learnt about survival of the fittest and the delicate balance of food chains by playing games such as octopus tag and capture the flag. They assessed their local environment to locate the best place to build their shelters using sticks, tarps, lashings and pegs. The children then created nature art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, learnt about water filtration in our pond area and lit fires for cooking apples and pears. By the end of the day, they had all earned their stripes for mastering fire, water and shelter. What a day!



## Year 2 House Brochure Designs

Pop in to Ribston Pippin or the old Newsagents to see Y2's fabulous properties for sale. Children designed their own houses and produced brochures to advertise and persuade potential buyers!



## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Adeline B  
R Oak: Freddie M  
Y1 Elm: Margo B  
Y1 Elm: Oliver C  
Y1 Elm: Isaac V-B  
Y1 Willow: Thomas A

Y2 Lime: Lara G  
Y2 Lime: Rory H  
Y2 Maple: Hamish H  
Y3 Cherry: Harriet C  
Y3 Holly: Louie T  
Y3 Holly: Nora K  
Y4 Alder: Oliver A  
Y4 Ash: Ezra M

Y5 Hazel: Amelia A  
Y5 Hazel: Jessica M  
Y5 Rowan: Noah T  
Y6 Birch: Isabelle N  
Y6 Sycamore: Alfie 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

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 8 November 9:30am**

**Thursday 10 November 9:30am**

**Saturday 12 November 1pm**

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

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **97.04%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Alder with 99.38% attendance.

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

School meals are free for all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2.

For Years 3 to 6, the cost of school meals is £2 per day / £10 per week.

Please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children.

If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals please contact Facilities

Management on 07973 841632.

#### School Lunches—w/c 7 November Menu (week 2)

Monday: Meat Lasagne or Halal Lasagne; Vegetable Lasagne; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Tuesday: Meat Chilli Taco Boat or Halal Chilli Taco Boat; Cheese Pasta Bake; Panini or Wraps

Wednesday: Roast Pork Loin or Halal Roast Chicken Breast; Vegetable Roll; Savoury Roll or Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers; Vegetable Pakora; Panini or Wraps

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



#### Parent Support Group—Raising Yorkshire Puddings

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. For an invite, please email: [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com)

Next Parents Support Group:  
Tuesday 15 November 2022

Topic: "Supporting your child:  
Navigating Mental Health Services  
in Bradford and Craven – THRIVE"



#### Lost Property

Again we have accumulated a large amount of lost property in the foyer of the main school entrance. There are huge numbers of jumpers, cardigans, coats and water bottles to name just a few.

The lost property box will be placed outside the main school entrance every day next week for families to take a look. All unclaimed, unnamed uniform in good condition will be donated to FoMPS at the end of the day on Friday 11 November.



#### Scholastic Book Fair

We will be running a Scholastic Book Fair in school from Tuesday 22 November until Thursday 24 November.

This will take place before and after school: 8.20am-8.45am and 3.30pm-4.15pm. We hope to see you there!

To find out more please [Click here](#).



#### Dates to Remember:

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

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

**Sat 12 November:** Open afternoon for 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

FoMPS has a very affordable and sustainable second-hand uniform selection. We have uniform and PE kit in most sizes including some new with tags, so please get in touch at [fompsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:fompsuniform@gmail.com). All items are priced at £1-£2 each.



#### 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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