



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 11 November 2022

## Armistice Day service at Kirklands

All this week our children across all year groups have been buying and proudly wearing their poppies, wristbands and zip-pulls in support of the Royal British Legion. Earlier today group of children represented our school at the Armistice Day service at the Kirkland's Community Centre.



## Anti-bullying week

Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA). It will take place next week from 14 to 18 November and has the theme **Reach Out**. We will be starting the week with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 14 November**, where adults and children can wear odd socks to school to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Learning to understand and manage conflict is an important part of growing up. Bullying is not simply a 'falling out'. Research shows that experiencing bullying can have a significant impact on a child's life well into adulthood. To ensure we are able to prevent bullying, act quickly when it takes place and avoid misidentifying bullying, it is vital that we have a shared definition of bullying. This should be understood by the whole school, including parents, young people and all staff. The ABA definition that we teach to the children is that **bullying is the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face to face or online**. Please visit the ABA parent page [here](#) to find out more information and download a parent pack.

## 100 Miles in October Challenge

Congratulations to Tom and Max Ratcliffe on completing their fantastic fundraising challenge. Max and Tom, supported by many of their wonderful friends, exceeded their target both in terms of the distance that they ran, walked & cycled and in their fundraising target. The boys themselves achieved a total distance of 163.5 miles, which included lunchtime runs at school and running, walking & cycling after school, at weekends and in the holidays. 40 children and parents joined the Ratcliffe family at the Brownlee cycling track in the half-term holiday, collectively cycling 451 miles in just one hour! The boys have raised a whopping £4503.75 for the [Down Syndrome Training and Support Service](#) in Bingley.

Thank you to everyone who sponsored and supported the boys.



## Keighley and Craven School Cross Country

On Tuesday, some of our Year 6 children represented Menston Primary School in the Keighley and Craven School Cross Country event at Lund Park. They all ran their socks off and did us proud. The boys' team came in 1st place with an individual 2nd for Tyler G. The girls' team came in 2nd place with an individual 3rd for Sophie L. Amazing results, well done everyone!

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Fletcher R  
R Oak: Clara J  
Y1 Elm: Margo B  
Y1 Willow: Jaycee-Violet J  
Y2 Lime: Sam D  
Y2 Maple: Ethan S

Y3 Cherry: Myla C  
Y3 Cherry: Hattie C  
Y3 Holly: George S  
Y4 Alder: Theo C  
Y4 Ash: Ivy M  
Y5 Hazel: Anya I  
Y5 Rowan: Jacob A

Y6 Birch: James E  
Y6 Sycamore: Aurelia R

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 our open afternoon to see what our fantastic school has to offer on **Saturday 12 November 1pm**

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

A huge thank you to our Y6 Ambassadors who have shown families around this week. You have been an absolute credit to our school.

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **95.4%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Alder** with 98.13% attendance.

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

### School Lunches—w/c 14 November Menu—Week 3

Monday: **Sausage in a bun or Halal Sheesh Kebab**; Mexican Burrito; Panini or Wraps

Tuesday: **Cheese and Onion Pasty**; Italian Tomato Pasta; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Wednesday: **Roast Chicken or Halal Chicken Pie**; Quorn Meatballs in Gravy; Panini or wraps

Thursday: **Sticky Chicken Pizza**; Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Jacket Potato or Sandwiches

Friday: **Fish Fingers**; Southern Fried Quorn Burger; Panini or Wraps

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



### Layla-Rose and Frankie's Bun Sale

Layla-Rose and Frankie in Year 5 held a bake sale at home to raise money for the Samaritan's Shoe Box appeal. Lots of their friends bought their delicious cakes and the girls raised over £120! Well done girls for Making Our World a Better Place!

### Smart School Council

Hi, it's the Communication Team again! We have lots to inform you about. First of all, we have had our very first council-led assemblies; we also have had our first school council surgery (not the medical sort!) at lunchtime. We can barely count the number of applicants for action teams at the surgery, all are very willing to help change our school for the better. The Tuck Shop is very successful. Fresh fruit will now also be sold there, for only 10p! They have raised a very good profit, considering it's only been active for 5 days. Each class took part in a class meeting; a survey with multiple choice questions. This week's question was 'Would you like more special days at school? If so, what kind?', a good debate for the classes. Students on the council led the meetings, and the adults just supervised. The progress board is now up, thanks to our team of helpers and will be updated weekly. We look forward to changing the school in the best ways possible!



### Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 9 December we are supporting Save the Children by holding the annual Christmas Jumper Day in school. All children and staff can wear a Christmas jumper along with their school uniform trousers/ shorts/ skirt and donate £1 (or more should you wish). Please do not feel you have to go out and buy anything new for children to wear, you could decorate an old jumper or perhaps swap one with friends. Donations will be cashless and can be made via our [JustGiving page](#).

### 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:

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

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

**Mon 14 November:** Odd Sock Day

**Tues 22 —Thursday 24 November:** Scholastic Book Fair 8.15-8.45am & 3.30-4.15pm in KS2 Hall)

**Fri 9 December:** Christmas Jumper Day

**Fri 9 December:** School Christmas Lunch

**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**

### Christmas Fair



**Saturday 3 December 1-4pm at Kirklands Community Centre**

This fantastic whole community event is just around the corner, please sign up for **Santa tickets** on our website <https://fomps.org.uk/>. If you can volunteer to help at the fair, please fill out this [Google form](#). Each family should have received a book of **raffle tickets**, if you need more, please collect from the school office. Raffle tickets will be collected in 28 Nov-2 Dec at school drop off & pick up. Donations to the fair will be collected Friday 2 Dec at school drop off: Mince Pies (Foundation), Cakes (KS1), Jolly Jam Jars (KS2). We look forward to seeing you at the fair.



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