



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 27 January 2023

Junior Forester Award

This week, children in Year 2 and Year 3 have been planting trees in Porritt's Field as part of the Royal Forestry Society [Junior Forester Award](#). This was the final task in a programme of at least six sessions in which participants complete practical tasks to enhance their knowledge of woodlands and forestry. Our children are amongst the first 7,000 children nationally to complete the award and so will be presented with some special commemorative coins, which will be awarded to them in a special assembly by the Lord-Lieutenant of West Yorkshire, Ed Anderson CBE.



Well done children for Making Our World a Better Place!

Wear Red Day—Friday 3 February

Wear Red Day is a fantastic annual event that generates vital, life-saving income for the [Children's Heart Surgery Fund](#) charity, to support the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit, its patients and their families. 1 in every 100 children are born with congenital heart disease - around 4 to 5 children in each primary school.

On Friday 3 February, children can wear something red along with their normal school uniform in return for a suggested donation of £1 to this worthwhile cause. This could be red socks or another item of red clothing, a red hair accessory etc. This will be a **cash-less** event, please visit our [Just giving page](#) to donate.



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Bradford Schools Cross Country Championship

The girls' team did amazingly well and won first place! In the boys' race Tyler G came 2nd place and Ben R 5th place. All six runners have qualified to represent Bradford schools at the West Yorkshire Championship races in March. Well done!



Parent consultation meetings next week

Children will bring home academic summary reports today so that these reports can be discussed at parent consultation meetings on Monday and Thursday next week. Please book appointments if you haven't already done so through the Arbor portal. The booking system will close at midnight on Sunday 29 January. Please [click here](#) for guidance on how to make a booking. If you require assistance with access to Arbor, please contact the admin team on the office email or by calling 01943 873180.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Fraser M

Y3 Cherry: Dawood M

Y6 Birch: Lacy-Rose B

R Oak: Evie A

Y3 Holly: Edward D

Y6 Sycamore: Amelia W

Y1 Elm: Owain P

Y4 Alder: Rowan M

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

Y1 Willow: Hannah I & Robin M

Y4 Ash: Niall M

Y2 Lime: Alexander N

Y5 Hazel: Finn L

Y2 Maple: Scarlett F

Y5 Rowan: Jessica L



Care Club—Breakfast Provision

Care Club is pleased to report that the new earlier opening time of 7.30am, along with the offer of breakfast cereal served for arrivals up to 8.15am, has been running successfully since the start of November. There are a few vacancies on some days in various year groups, please contact the Manager, Heather Searle or Deputy, Michelle Emsley on 01943 883927 or email Heather.Searle@menstonprimary.co.uk if you would like more information or to request a childcare place. Please also visit the Care Club [page](#) on our website.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was

93.48%

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Oak** with **100%** attendance!

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

School Lunches—w/c 30 January 2023 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 menu please [click here](#) for our school meals web page.

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.

Job Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor.

The hours of work are 11:45am to 12:45pm, Monday to Friday, term time only.

If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please visit our website for more information:

<https://menstonprimary.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>



School Council

Hi! This is the Communication Team, we have plenty to tell you about this week!



During our Communication Team meeting, some volunteers from Menston Community Fridge came and talked to us about their project and plans. The MCF will be opening within the next few weeks and to promote this, they are holding an open day on the 25th February (further details to follow); all are welcome! The Fundraising Team are looking at lots of ways for MPS children and families to get involved.

The Chess Club recently had their first session, and everyone really enjoyed it! They will be running a weekly sign-up so that people from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can have a go should they wish.

Unfortunately, the Drama Club are not able to perform 'Matilda' due to copyright issues but they will be doing a really exciting Ala-la-la-din show at some point in the summer term. The details are being discussed during their Monday meetings with Mrs Wilson.

Many Thanks, The Communication Team.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 30 January: Parents' Evening

Thurs 2 February: Parents' Evening

Fri 3 February: Foundation Sight Tests (re-arranged date)

Fri 3 February: Wear Red Day

Fri 10 February: Wear Your Scarf to School day

Fri 10 February: Foundation Celebration Assembly

Fri 10 February: School closes for half term

Mon 20 February: School reopens for Spring Term 2

Mon 27 March: KS1 Easter Performance 14.30pm

Tues 28 March: KS1 Easter Performance 14.30pm

Fri 31 March: School closes for Easter

Mon 17 April: School reopens for Summer Term 1

Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates

FoMPS

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. All items are priced at £1-£2 each.

We are really grateful for donations of good, clean used uniform but please note that we are only taking school logo items currently. Thank you for your support with this.

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



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