



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3 February 2023

## Children's Mental Health Week 6-12 February 2023

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. We will be sharing assemblies and lessons to help raise awareness and understanding of children's mental health. This year's theme is, 'Let's Connect.' You may wish to look at these [parenting 'top tips'](#) from Place2Be. There are some lovely activities which you could complete as a family.



In school we use the acronym SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) to teach children about positive mental health and as part of Children's Mental Health week we will all be wearing our scarves to school on Friday 10 February.

## Safer Internet Day

It is Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 7 February** with the theme 'Together for a Better Internet'. Our digital leaders have been preparing assembly presentations and classes will be revisiting some of the ways that we can all stay safe online. Parents can access resources to use at home from Childnet [here](#) and the UK Safer Internet Centre [here](#).

## National Storytelling Week

Inspired by this week's book, The Snail and the Whale, and as part of National Storytelling Week, the Foundation children have made their own storytelling snails. The children were inspired to tell their own versions of the story, this is "the tale of the tiny whale and the great big rainbow giant snail!" We are having a lot of fun storytelling together.



## School Council update

Hello from your Communication Team! There are some exciting events coming up this week to tell you about. Since it is the end of term next week, it was agreed that Snack Bites Tuck Shop will sell pupil-made baked treats! Pupils from Year 6 can bring in home-made baked goods to be sold at the Tuck Shop. We will consider allergies and ensure allergenic ingredients are stored separately. All year groups will be given an opportunity to visit the tuck shop on this day and the money raised will continue to be used to purchase new playground equipment. The two weeks following half term is Fairtrade Fortnight. Miss Lain will be setting up an Action Team promoting Fairtrade and the team will be working towards an award in the next 2 years. This team include children from all across school.



## Wear Red for Children's Heart Surgery fund— Thank you

Thank you to our children and families for participating in our Wear Red Day. So far we have raised a super £321 for the charity! If you would still like to make a donation please visit our [JustGiving](#) page.



## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Barnaby H

Y3 Cherry: Sam G

Y6 Birch: Megan H

R Oak: Ruben W

Y3 Holly: Jaden S-T

Y6 Sycamore: Zoe M

Y1 Elm: Devon D

Y4 Alder: Harris 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.

Y1 Willow: Toby S

Y4 Ash: Bea W

Y2 Lime: Sarah A

Y5 Hazel: Harrison B

Y2 Maple: Cecily T

Y5 Rowan: Jack W



## 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](mailto: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 **95.6%**

The class with the highest attendance for the second week running 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 06 February 2023 Menu—Week 2

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



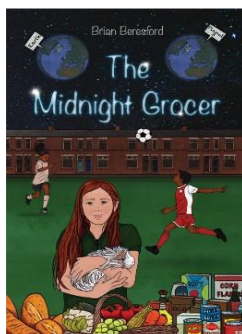
For details of the full menu please [click here](#) for our school meals web page.

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.

### Author Visit

This week Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a visit from author Brian Beresford. The children loved hearing excerpts from his new book 'The Midnight Grocer' and they learned and sang the lyrics to the song 'Midnight Grocer Who Are You?'

This amazing workshop has inspired the children to write their own stories!



We are bear-y excited to welcome the newest member of our Menston Primary family, who will be joining us next week! Watch this space for news about this exciting school project.....

### Job Vacancy

The closing date for our Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy is 12 noon on Tuesday 7th February 2023

If you are interested in applying, or know someone who might be interested, please visit our [website](#) for more information.

## 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](mailto: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.

### Events coming soon:

**Fri 17 March** - Disco night at Kirklands 6-7pm Foundation, 7.30-8.30pm Years 3 & 4.

**Fri 24 March** - Disco night at Kirklands 6-7pm Years 1 & 2, 7.30-8.30pm Years 5 & 6.

A Google form to book your child's place at the disco will go out after half term.

**Sat 1 July** - Ladies walk (the WoMP) - more details coming soon.

**GOLFERS PLEASE!:** We are looking for a golf enthusiast to organise a Golf tournament day. This has been an amazing fundraising activity in the past and a lot of fun for those taking part. Support will be given. Please contact [chair@fomps.org.uk](mailto:chair@fomps.org.uk) if you think you could help.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Fri 10 February:** Wear Your Scarf to School day

**Fri 10 February:** School closes for half term

**Mon 20 February:** School reopens for Spring Term 2

**Mon 27 February:** Moorlands Learning Trust Parent Presentation 6pm

**Thurs 2 March:** World Book Day

**Mon 13 March:** Y6 National Childhood Measurement Screening—School Nursing Team

**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**



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