



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10 February 2023

Children's Mental Health Week 6-12 February 2023

In school we use the acronym SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) to teach children about positive mental health and wellbeing. As part of Children's Mental Health week we have all worn our scarves to school today. During the week the children have written strategies that they could use to help look after their own mental health and help friends and family. They also made paper chains showing their unique characteristics, beliefs and interests.



Safer Internet Day

As part of our ongoing focus on internet and e-safety, Year 5 and 6 welcomed Dr Rebecca Whittington into our assembly this morning. Dr Whittington spoke about how we interact with the internet, the importance of boundaries in this aspect of our lives and led a discussion on different scenarios that the children might encounter. Our Year 2 children thought very carefully about how to stay safe online, they recapped the rules and designed posters to inform others. Parents can access resources from Childnet [here](#) and UK Safer Internet Centre [here](#).



Mobile Devices in school

In line with our Online Safety policy, please can we remind our families that all mobile devices must be switched off and handed in to class teachers when children enter school each day. This includes mobile phones and smart watches which have the same communication technologies as mobile phones (capacity to take photographs, send and receive messages and make telephone calls). Fit-bits which solely tell the time, track steps & heart rate are permitted. Our online safety policy was shared with families in January and can be accessed on our school website [here](#).

School Council Bake Sale

Today our School Council held a whole-school bake sale in place of the KS2 tuck shop. The children intended to use monies raised to buy playground equipment for school, but in light of international events that have taken place this week, the team are keen to support people in Turkey and Syria who have been affected by the devastating earthquakes. All monies raised from the bun sale and tuck shop sales will be donated to the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#). Total monies raised was in excess of £250.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. Children may come to school dressed as a book character and/or bring in their favourite book. We will be doing lots of interesting reading activities on the day including sharing some of our favourite books.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Freddie H	Y3 Cherry: Zach F	Y6 Birch: Tyler G
R Oak: Freddie G	Y3 Holly: Anya B	Y6 Sycamore: Sophie L
Y1 Elm: Millie R	Y4 Alder: Eleanor H	These children were chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and enjoyed a drink in the staff room with school leaders on Monday.
Y1 Willow: Amelia S	Y4 Ash: Vivienne F	
Y2 Lime: Bremner P-D	Y5 Hazel: Krissy D	
Y2 Maple: Hallie W	Y5 Rowan: Sophie W	

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **95.82%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Oak** with **99.57%** attendance.

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

Menston Community Fridge

The Community Fridge is almost ready to be launched in Menston. This volunteer-led project can be accessed by anyone with the main aim of the project being to reduce food waste. The Community Fridge Team have been busy getting ready for the open morning on Saturday 25th February 9:30-11:30am at Kirklands - everyone is welcome. Check out the Facebook page for updates ([2](#)) [Menston Community Fridge](#) | [Ilkley](#) | [Facebook](#).

The team are working alongside school and will have collection boxes located within school for families to donate any surplus food they have - more details to follow.

In the meantime, the Community Fridge needs a 'Food Waste Hero' mascot. The Smart School Council have decided to run a competition for the best mascot. If any children would like to have a go at designing a character over half term, we will be collecting in entries on Wednesday 22nd February.



School Lunches—w/c 20 February 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.

Leeds Bear Hunt

One shiny, wet nose! Two big furry ears! Two big goggly eyes!.....IT'S A BEAR!!! That's right, we have officially joined the Leeds Bear Hunt 2023 and have our own bear cub sculpture in school for the next 7 weeks. The Leeds Bear Hunt is a large-scale public art trail that will splash its way across Leeds City Centre this summer and we are bear-y excited to be a part of it. Visit <https://leedsbearhunt.co.uk/> for more information.

The cub needs to be given a name and be decorated in a way that best depicts Menston Primary School. And who better to come up with the ideas to do this than our wonderful children; so every child in school will be bringing home a design sheet for half term to have a go at if they want to. Please return any completed sheets to school by Friday 24th February. There will be prizes for the best designs and the winning design(s) will be used when we decorate our bear cub. We would love the final design to be something that every child in school could contribute to when it comes to painting the cub so, please 'bear' this in mind.

The trail will be raising money for the Leeds Children's Hospital and we will be launching our fundraising campaign after half-term to support this. Watch this space for some fa-bear-lous events coming soon.



DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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.

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.

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



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