



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3 March 2023

## Leeds Bear Hunt—Beards for Bears

We are bear-y excited to be launching the first fundraising campaign linked to our school bear cub. We are looking for willing Dads, Grandads, Uncles etc. to hide the razors and embrace their wilder side by growing a 'Beard for Bears'. The challenge is to grow or style a beard for the month of March and get sponsored for doing so. The money raised will go to the Leeds Children's Hospital as part of the Leeds Bear Hunt trail.

We already have some enthusiastic dads on board but it is not too late to join them. We are also lucky to have the wonderful Mr Bowering, Mr Thompson, Mr Davison and Mr Frost in school giving it a go as well. To encourage them to persevere through the stubble phase you can donate via our Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/menston-primary-school-bear-cub>. We look forward to seeing those happy, hairy faces in the classrooms and coming through the gates over the next few weeks!



## Junior Forester Award

In the summer term of 2022 KS1 classes took part in a special edition Junior Forester Award in partnership with the Queen's Green Canopy for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The final part of the award was planting trees in our community which could not take place until the winter, so in January this year, the now year 2 & year 3 classes, went to Porritt's field in the village to plant some Woodland Trust tree saplings. The field has recently been taken over by Menston Area Nature Trust to improve this community field for the benefit of wildlife. The children each planted two saplings to create a mixed hedgerow and a small copse area. To celebrate this the children were all presented with a commemorative 50 pence piece from the Royal Mint. The presentation was made this morning in the KS1 assembly by the Vice Lord Lieutenant of West Yorkshire.



## World Book Day

Thursday's World Book Day was a huge success. Many of our children and staff came to school dressed as a character from a book. Each year group participated in reading activities, sharing and discussing some of their favourite books.



## Safe and Respectful Parking Around School

We have recently received some complaints from our neighbours in the local area regarding inconsiderate parking by parents and carers at school drop-off and pick-up times. We would like to remind our families to please park safely and respectfully during these times and where possible park a little further away to avoid congestion.

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Myla B

R Oak: Zac P

Y1 Elm: Matilda S

Y1 Willow: Inka P

Y2 Lime: Will L-R

Y2 Maple: Summer I

Y3 Cherry: Alexa H

Y3 Holly: Hugo R

Y4 Alder: Michael M

Y4 Ash: Lucas D

Y5 Hazel: Sophie L

Y5 Rowan: Emmeline P

Y6 Birch: Toby N

Y6 Sycamore: Alfie B

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



## Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for a **KS2 Teacher** on a fixed term contract to cover a Maternity leave and **Lunchtime Supervisors** on either a permanent or casual basis.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please [click here](#) to visit our website for more information.



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **97.24%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Rowan** with **99.68%** attendance.

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

## School Lunches—w/c 6 March 2023 Menu—Week 1



Monday: **Mascarpone Pasta**; **Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos**; **Panini or Wraps**

Tuesday: **Mild Chicken Curry or Halal Keema & Peas**; **Vegetarian Quesadillas**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**

Wednesday: **Roast Chicken or Halal Chicken Tikka Roast**; **Vegan Cottage Pie**; **Panini or Wraps**

Thursday: **Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Ham and Cheese Pizza**; **Garlic Vegetable Noodles**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**

Friday: **Battered Fillet of Fish**; **Savoury Roll**; **Panini or Wraps**

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

Please note that children in Year 5 and 6 can now order paninis and jacket potatoes (green option) to be eaten in the KS2 Hall along with the Deli Bar. Paninis are available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, jacket potatoes on Tuesday and Thursday.

**Please note that from Monday 17 April 2023 the cost of school meals are going up to £2.10 per day or £10.50 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 Council

Hi, this is the Communication Team! This week, the Drama Club met with Mrs Wilson and they are presenting a slideshow in the KS2 assembly on Monday. The slideshow contains information about a performance they are planning and they are aiming to have auditions up and running from next Monday! KS1 have learnt about the Fairtrade Fortnight and Ms Lain is looking to form an Action Team to support the promotion and understanding of Fairtrade in school.

Following our previous class meeting about how best to improve our outdoor space, a group of children from the Communication Team were chosen to meet with Mrs Meakin and discuss the options for more wildlife areas throughout the school. Older classes also fed back that they would like a shelter in the Key Stage Two playground. We are now looking at funding options and designs for this alongside Mrs Mooney. If ever you are in school, please come and see our 'progress board' in the Victorian building. We will continue to update this with everything we are doing.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Sat 4 March:** Ilkley All Saints Cross Country

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

**Sat 18 March:** Nell Bank relays Years 3—6

**Fri 31 March:** School closes for Easter

**Mon 17 April:** School reopens for Summer Term 1

**Mon 1 May:** Bank Holiday

**Mon 8 May:** Bank Holiday

**Fri 26 May:** School closes for half term

**Weds 7 June:** School reopens for Summer Term 2

**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](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.

**Sat 20 May:** Men's walk (the YOMP) - more details to follow

**Sat 1 July:** Ladies walk (the WoMP) - more details to follow

Please support us wherever you can by volunteering to help at events or 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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