



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10 March 2023

Leeds Bear Hunt — Update

Our bear cub is bear-y pleased to announce the winners of the bear cub design competition for each year group: Foundation – Benjamin, Year 1 – Bobby, Year 2 – Max, Year 3 - Esme, Year 4 – Hal, Year 5 – Eva, Year 6 - Isabella H. The amazing designs and the overall themes entered across the competition will now be compiled to create the finished bear cub. Painting will begin next week so keep your eye out for the work in progress! Well done and thank you to everyone who took part, we had a fantastic number of bear-illiant entries.



Mr Davison, Mr Bowering and Mr Thompson continue in their (now very itchy) quests to grow beards and we are seeing some great efforts by a number of dads as well. If you would like to support their efforts you can donate to our Leeds Bear Hunt fund here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/menston-primary-school-bear-cub> and support the Leeds Children's Hospital.

Finally, we will be holding a 'Guess the Name of our Bears' competition next week. You can come along during school pick up next week to play and be in with a chance of winning one of our two grrrr-eat big cuddly bears. It will be £1 per guess so look out for us in the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds from 3.15-3.30pm everyday next week.



Fairtrade Fortnight

It is Fairtrade Fortnight and the children have been learning about how Fairtrade supports farmers across the world. As a school we have signed up to the FairAware Award, and we are at the start of our journey of developing awareness about this important charity.



School Council

This week, we have continued to work hard to make our world a better place. Key Stage One have learnt even more about FairTrade and Ms Lain's action team will be up and running soon.

The wildlife areas action team have met with Mrs Meakin and discussed the areas which could be improved or made more wildlife diverse. Their next step is to draw up an action plan. Collection points for the community fridge will be in school very soon.

Finally, please meet 'Freddy the Food Waste Hero' designed by Prue in Year 6. He will be used by the team at the community fridge to promote the amazing work they are doing.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Stanley S

Y3 Cherry: Frankie G

Y6 Birch: Prue G

R Oak: Isla S

Y3 Holly: Max R

Y6 Sycamore: Sophie L

Y1 Elm: Hudson G

Y4 Alder: Olivia 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: Ether C

Y4 Ash: Louie L

Y2 Lime: Anwen H

Y5 Hazel: Nate R

Y2 Maple: Evelyn P

Y5 Rowan: Oliver W



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 **96.8%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Lime 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 13 March 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.

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.

Parent Support Group—[Raising Yorkshire Puddings](#)

The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic.

For an invite, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Next Parents Support Group details: Tuesday 21st March 2023

Topic: “Supporting your child: Unhealthy Coping Strategies + Guest Facilitator”

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Raising Yorkshire Puddings

Parent Support Group

Tue
21

10:30am
or 7:30pm

Zoom
Email the address
below for the link

THIS MONTH'S TOPIC:
SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: UNHEALTHY COPING
STRATEGIES + GUEST FACILITATOR

In this month's Parent Support Group we will be joined by Bridge One80 to discuss substance misuse in young people. We will also be covering other unhealthy coping strategies.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

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.

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)

Sat 1 July: Ladies walk (the WoMP)

DISCO BOOKING: tickets are still available to book in advance by clicking on this Google form <https://forms.gle/crDbRPy3sRetRcs56>



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