



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17 March 2023

School Council

Hi! This is your Communication Team, and we have so much to fill you in on this week! The Drama Club had a successful round of auditions this week, with some excellent acting. We have been busy with our plans for World Down Syndrome Day and Comic Relief. The Wildlife Team met with Mrs Meakin and their next meeting will be discussing which wildlife areas could be improved or installed. Mrs Gilmour and Mrs Meakin will then arrange a suitable time for the group to begin the works.



Comic Relief and Down Syndrome Day

The School Council fundraising team have been busy planning our celebrations for World Down Syndrome Day and Comic Relief on Tuesday 21st March. All children are invited to wear something red for a suggested donation of £1. Throughout the day, there will be a number of activities for children to get involved in, including a penalty shoot-out, lucky lolly sticks and a craft stall. These activities will all have a theme of 21 to signify the uniqueness of the triplication (trisomy) of the 21st chromosome which causes Down syndrome. If you would like your children to join in, please send them with some extra money. The suggested donation for each activity will be 20p. The prices for craft items will be up to £1.

All money raised on this day will be shared equally between Comic Relief and the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service in Bingley. Many thanks in advance for your support.



Leeds Bear Hunt — Update

This week saw some year 1 children start to paint our bear cub. It was messy fun but they did a great job at giving the cub its undercoat. Keep your eyes open for our cub as the detail starts to be added next week.

Our bear-dy teachers are now past the halfway point in their 'Beards for Bears' challenge. They are persevering through the incredible itchiness and would love some sponsorship for the Leeds Children's Hospital. Any donations gratefully received here <https://www.justgiving.com/page/menston-primary-school-bear-cub>

Weather permitting, we will endeavour to get our Guess the Name of the Bear out at school pick up so look out for it in the playgrounds.



Wildlife Hero

Huge thanks to Mr Azevedo for rescuing a frog from Main Street today! The frog is now making itself at home in our school pond. Mr Azevedo—you live up to our school motto in making our world a better place!



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Edith E	Y3 Cherry: Sofia P-H	Y6 Birch: Noah H
R Oak: Edie P	Y3 Holly: Carl H	Y6 Sycamore: Frank S
Y1 Elm: Maya T	Y4 Alder: Isla B	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: Elie C	Y4 Ash: Betsie W	
Y2 Lime: Ollie W	Y5 Hazel: Ruben P	
Y2 Maple: Oscar S	Y5 Rowan: Ted R	

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

KS1 learnt about neurodiversity in assembly this week. In class, we talked about difference and acceptance. We read the story of Leo and the Octopus: a book about a child with Asperger's Syndrome.



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 **96.97%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Lime** with **99.33%** attendance!

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

School Lunches—w/c 20 March 2023 Menu—Week 3

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.

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.

Outdoor Day

Year 4 had a brilliant outdoor day. Menston Community Fridge provided plenty of vegetables for us to make soup which we cooked over a fire. We practised bridge and claw chopping to prepare the vegetables and the resulting soup was delicious! During the day, we also constructed A-frame shelters, and learnt about the Battle of Edington.



Girls' Football Year 5/6 – Two Valleys Champions League

The girls came runners up in the Champions League final this week! They smashed their first semi-final game against Ashlands 4-0, but then sadly lost to Ben Rhydding 3-0 in the final.

They knew it was going to be a tough match, but they certainly worked their socks off and did themselves and our school proud.



Sat 18 March: Nell Bank relays Years 3—6

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mon 20 March: Year 6 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Thurs 23 March: Year 6 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Fri 31 March: School closes for Easter

Mon 17 April: School reopens for Summer Term 1

Mon 24 April: Year 4 Residential

Mon 1 May: Bank Holiday

Tues 2 May: Parents' Evening Years F to 5

Thurs 4 May: Parents' Evening Years F to 5

Mon 8 May: Bank Holiday

Tues 9 May: Year 6 SATs week

Tues 16 May: Class group photographs

Fri 26 May: School closes for half term

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: TONIGHT - SOLD OUT 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 for Y1&2 and Y5-6 on 24 March are still available to book in advance by clicking on this [Google form](#). The form will re-open for bookings on Saturday 18 March.



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