



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

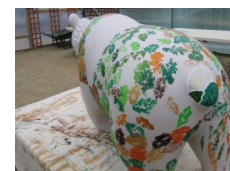
Friday 24 March 2023

## Leeds Bear Hunt — Update

This week has been a bear-y exciting week for our bear cub. Over 350 of our children and staff members have had the opportunity to print their class leaf onto the bear cub's body, with the remaining children due to complete the collage on Monday. Our 7 bear cub design winners are also adding their own touches to incorporate aspects of all the designs into the bear-illiant masterpiece. Fundraising to allow us to sponsor the bear cub also continues - the school beards are (slowly) growing thicker while the Guess the Name of the Bear competition made an appearance at the school disco last week and will do so again tonight. There will be a final chance to get your entry in on Thursday next week before the winner is announced on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. The finished bear cub will be on display in front of school on Main Street from 3.30pm on Thursday if you would like to see it before it goes off to be a part of the Leeds Bear Hunt. Donations to the Leeds Bear Hunt hospital charity are invited for anyone wanting to take a photo with the bear cub. Donations can also be made via our [JustGiving](#) page.



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## IGS Boys' Football League

The Year 6's had a great performance on Wednesday and played some amazing games throughout the football IGS leagues. They were able to get to the Champions League final but placed second with a 3-2 loss against Addingham Primary School. Well played to all the boys that took part.



## Comic Relief and Down Syndrome Day

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing red on Tuesday to support Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day 2023. So far, we have managed to raise over £200. As you know, other fundraising activities had to be postponed due to circumstances beyond our control. Our fundraising team will now be organising activities on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. There will be a number of opportunities for children to get involved, 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 child(ren) 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. Thank you for your support.



## FoMPS Easter Egg Hunt

Next Friday we will be holding an Easter egg hunt for all of our children. Each year group will follow Easter themed clues around our school grounds to find the location of their prize – an egg for each child. Many thanks once again to FoMPS for providing the eggs and to Mrs Meakin for organising each hunt.



## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Summer C

Y3 Cherry: Ollie B

Y6 Birch: Max M-A

R Oak: Lyra H

Y3 Holly: Harriet B

Y6 Sycamore: Jack S

Y1 Elm: Eli P

Y4 Alder: Holly W

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: Leo B

Y4 Ash: Samuel W

Y2 Lime: Joe P

Y5 Hazel: Anabelle T

Y2 Maple: Charlotte M

Y5 Rowan: Luca G



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

Our extra-curricular offer is becoming even better because our Smart School Council have captured the views of children across school. As well as our sporting and musical clubs, we are now running art and craft clubs at lunch time and after school; a lunch time chess club; Coding Club for Y5 and 6 children on Tuesdays; French club for KS2 children on Mondays; Litter Picking Club for KS2 children on Fridays and we are eagerly awaiting the start of a gardening club after Easter. Please contact the school office to find out more about any of our clubs.

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **97.04%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Willow** 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 27 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 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.

## Cross Country League Result 2022-23

Congratulations to all the children who have taken part in the Wharfedale Schools' cross country races this year.

The following children secured places in the KS2 league:

Y3 Boys - Jaden S-T, 4th

Y4 Girls - Rosa P, 2nd

Y4 Boys - Michael M, 4th

Y4 Boys - Brody G, 5th

Y5 Girls - Sophie Wa, 6th

Y5 Boys - Henry D, 4th

Y6 Girls - Sophie L, 3rd

Y6 Girls - Pippa S, 4th

Y6 Girls - Sophie Wi, 6th

Y6 Boys - Ben R, 2nd

Y6 Boys - Tyler G, 3rd



## Nell Bank Relays

Wow! Yet again, AMAZING running from the MPS children at the relay event on Saturday 18 March.

1st - U11 Girls - Sophie Wi, Megan S, Pippa S

2nd - U11 Girls - Emmeline P, Amelia A, Sophie Wa,

3rd - U11 Boys - Henry D, Euan G, Gabe M

1st - U11 Mixed - Tyler G, Sophie L, Ben R

2nd - U9 Mixed - Tom R, Rosa P, Brody G

We're very proud  
of ALL our  
runners!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**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

**Wed 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 24 March: TONIGHT** 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)

Tickets for the Men's YOMP are now available via the FoMPS [website](#).



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