

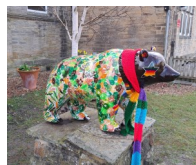


Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31 March 2023

Leeds Bear Hunt — Update

Our bear-illiant bear cub is finished and has returned to the organisers of the Leeds Bear Hunt trail. Following a vote across school the bear cub has now been named Woody. Over the past two weeks every child in school and many of the staff took part in printing leaves from our class trees onto the bear and our design competition winners added the extra details to really bring our little cub to life. The trail will open in the summer - more details to follow.



Our valiant Mr Thompson, Mr Davison, Mr Bowering and some brave dads will take great pleasure in shaving off their beards this weekend knowing that they have helped us to raise over £600 for the Leeds Children's Hospital. Our 'Guess the Name of the Bears' competition added a further £80 to our total with Stanley F in foundation and Toby S in year 1 winning the giant teddy bears to take home. Thank you to our fabulous School Council fundraising action team who helped to run this. Our fundraising will continue through the summer term with the [JustGiving](#) page remaining active until July.

Comic Relief and Down Syndrome Day

Thank you to all of our children and families who joined in with our fundraising event for World Down Syndrome Day and Comic Relief. The fundraising team did an amazing job and some of the craft items which they made were absolutely incredible. The children are busy calculating the final total and we will update you after the holidays. Our Smart School Council has had such an impact already this year and we look forward to continuing to keep you up to date with developments in the summer term.



Message from Mrs Wilson

Huge thanks to all of our families for your support again this term. The children have all made good progress and have really enjoyed the varied and interesting curriculum that our teachers have worked so hard to deliver. Learning in the outdoors has been possible throughout the term, as we have utilised our polytunnels when the weather hasn't been as kind as we would have liked. Children have been investigating wildlife in our pond and have been learning about the life-cycles of plants and animals. Our Y6 children have been learning to work collaboratively to build rope-swings in our woodland area and children in Foundation and Y6 have made art work using natural materials from our grounds.

In computing, children in most year groups have been learning how to manage data in different ways using technology. Design-technology projects have included textiles, food technology and mechanisms. Our PSHE lessons this term have focused on some of the ways that children can keep themselves safe and healthy. We will be delivering the NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies again at the start of next term. If you would like to find out more about these assemblies, you can find information [here](#). On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 17 April.



Governing Body News

Governors are pleased to report that the Secretary of State for Education has issued an Academy Order for our school, which enables us to go through the process of becoming an academy school with the Moorlands Learning Trust. We have started to engage more closely with MLT and the other primary schools at every level, and the opportunities for collaboration are becoming more apparent. While MPS will retain its own name, character, leadership team and governors, the advantages of working together with other similar and like-minded schools are numerous. No doubt there will be some challenges along the road, but as governors we strongly believe that becoming part of the Moorlands Learning Trust will support the continuing success and further development of our school and will be to the benefit of pupils and staff. We were pleased that the recent parent meeting was well attended and we will of course keep you informed about future developments.



Goodbye and thank you!

Today we say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Sissons who is retiring after 19 years service to Menston Primary School. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Corrigan and Miss Harris who are moving on to pastures new, we wish them both all the best in their new jobs.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **96.25%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is Birch with **99.15%** attendance!

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

Attendance Matters



School Lunches—w/c 17 April 2023 Menu—Week 1

Monday: **Ravioli Hotpot**; **Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos**; **Cheese Panini or Wraps**
Tuesday: **Chicken Pie or Halal Chicken Pie**; **Cheese and Onion Flan**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**
Wednesday: **Braised Sausages or Halal Cottage Pie**; **Braised Quorn Sausages**; **Cheese Panini or Wraps**
Thursday: **Cheese and Tomato Pizza**; **Arrabiata Pasta**; **Jacket Potato or Sandwiches**
Friday: **Fish Fingers**; **Vegetable Dippers**; **Cheese Panini or Wraps**



For details of the full **NEW 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.

Year 4 Soup Making

Year 4 researched and designed their own soup recipes then selected ingredients from Menston Community Fridge. They created and evaluated their own delicious soups. Thank you to our amazing parent volunteers and the fantastic judges who had difficult decisions to make in the Soup-Off! Congratulations to the winning team: Wonder Pot!

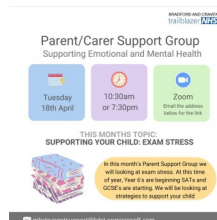


Parent Support Group

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 18 April 2023

Topic: Supporting your child: Exam Stress



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 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. 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.

Thank you to all the parents who volunteered at the disco nights. The discos were a great success and raised £1,387!



Events coming soon:

Sat 20 May: Men's walk (the YOMP)

Sat 1 July: Ladies' walk (the WoMP)

Sat 15 July: Summer Fair

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



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