



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12 May 2023

Five Day Walking Challenge

As part of national [Living Streets Walk to School Week](#), which takes place from 15—19 May 2023, we are inviting all of our children to take part in a five-day walking challenge. We appreciate that not all families are able to walk to school, so we will be encouraging children to walk each day, wherever they are, and to think about the benefits of walking on their own physical and mental health and on the environment. We have a set of 'Walk with Wildlife' booklets in each KS1 and LKS2 classroom and children can choose to take these home to complete next week if they wish to.

Five-day walking challenge



British Weather!

Please can we ask that children come to school with a waterproof coat every day. The weather has been very changeable this week and we have had heavy downpours at break and lunch times which have started suddenly. If the forecast is for warm, sunny weather, please send children in wearing sun cream and a sun hat too.

Despite the changeable weather, children have had lots of outdoor learning opportunities this week. Foundation have been pond-dipping and caught a newt, lots of pond snails, one lonely tadpole and many other wonderful creatures. Year 5 combined their Maths lessons with some orienteering. They learned lots and had loads of fun despite the weather!



Treacle.me resource

A new resource is available for parents to help and support with a wide range of issues, including mental health, disabilities, housing, cost of living/ money worries and abuse.

[Treacle.me](#) is a simple, free-to-use and fully up-to-date website and mobile app which effectively solves the difficult signposting problems you may experience when looking for such additional support.

Treacle includes information about (and links to) **almost a thousand national and local support services, clubs, charities and other groups** in a single digital space.

The site and app are really easy to navigate, using colourful, easy-to-follow visual signposts. It contains no advertising or sponsorship of any kind. Everything on the site can be read in any of 13 languages, including English, Urdu, Gujarati and Ukrainian.

In two clicks you can find the support you need at www.treacle.me – the app is free from the Apple and Android app stores.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Ralph R

Y3 Cherry: Ben R

Y6 Birch: Hugo T

R Oak: Ava G

Y3 Holly: Immie C

Y6 Sycamore: Jack S

Y1 Elm: Esme A

Y4 Alder: Annabelle G

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: Elspeth D

Y4 Ash: Ellis T

Y2 Lime: Niamh W

Y5 Hazel: Maxwell I

Y2 Maple: Olive G

Y5 Rowan: Olivia C



School Council

This week Mrs Meakin and Mrs Gilmour really enjoyed their first session with our Wildlife Action Group. They worked on the wild flower beds, planting lots of new seeds including echinacea, cornflowers and sun flowers.

They are hoping they will attract lots of bees and butterflies!



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **97.21%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week are **Acorn, Cherry and Birch**, each with **100%** attendance!

Attendance Matters

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



School Lunches—w/c 15 May 2023 Menu—Week 2

Monday: Chicken Meatballs and Rice or Halal Beef Noodles; Vegetable Lasagne; Cheese Panini or Sandwiches

Tuesday: Cheese and Onion Pasty; Italian Tomato Pasta; Jacket Potatoes or Wraps

Wednesday: Roast Pork Loin or Halal Chicken Roll; Quorn Roast; Cheese Panini or Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Jacket Potato or Wraps

Friday: Battered Fillet of Fish or Salmon Fish Fingers; Vegetarian Mexican Burrito; Cheese Panini or Sandwiches

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

School meals are free for all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2. For Years 3 to 6, the cost of school meals is £2.10 per day/ £10.50 per week. Please ensure your ParentPay account is in credit prior to meals being taken by children.



Tickets are £25.00 and include....

- 7.45 – 8.30am – Tea, Coffee & Bacon Butty at Menston Primary School.
- 8.30am – Coach pick up at MPS, taking us to Burnsall.
- 9.30am – Walk back to Menston from Burnsall.

£8.50 FISH & CHIPS meal deal at *The Swan Pub* in Addingham.

To reserve your place on this year's FoMPS' YOMP please visit:
www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofmenstonprimaryschool/880953



Administration Opportunity

An opportunity has arisen for casual administration worker to join the administration team during the summer term to work under the direction of the Business Manager and Senior Administration Officer to support with specific projects. The rate of pay for any work offered is £10.98 per hour (pay award pending).

The nature of the work is casual and intermittent and will vary from week to week. There is no obligation on the school to offer work and, if offered, there is no obligation to accept it. Should an offer of work be made and accepted, you will be required to work the hours as directed by the Headteacher.

Please contact recruitment@menstonprimary.co.uk by 4.30pm on Wednesday 17 May to arrange an informal chat in the first instance. Interested applicants will be required to complete a full application form and the successful candidate will be required to undertake an enhanced DBS disclosure.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 16 May: Class photographs

Tues 16 May: Year 2 SATs Week

Fri 26 May: School closes for half term

Wed 7 June: School reopens for Summer Term 2

Mon 26 June: Year 6 Residential

Fri 14 July: Year 6 Leaver's Party

Fri 21 July: School closes for Summer

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.

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 Women's YOMPs are also available via the FoMPS [website](#).



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