



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19 May 2023

Year 5 Celebration of Learning

Year 5 enjoyed sharing some of the exciting things that they've done this year in a special exhibition for their families. The displays showcased some of our learning themes including History—Windrush and the Golden Age of Islam, Science—Earth and Space, Design Technology—structures and bridges, and Art—portraits and retro-futuristic art. It was wonderful to see so many families at the celebration event. Thank you for your support.



Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts

Congratulations to Lana M and Amelia W in Year 6 for their success in the Wharfedale Festival earlier this week. Lana and Amelia did really well in their category: Prepared Prose Reading. Lana and Amelia were ranked 3rd and 4th in a strong field of 12 entrants.

Our school choir also took part in the Junior Choir category in the festival today.

Huge congratulations to our choir, who came third over all and were awarded the Craiglands Adjudicator Award for their effort and enthusiasm. Thank you to Mr Gouldin, Mrs Wallace and Mrs Pheasey for coaching the choir to prepare them for the competition.



Year 4 Primary League Tag Rugby Tournament

The Year 4 students played amazingly well in the rugby tournament. Over the course of eight games, they showcased their talent and determination, resulting in an impressive record of six wins, one draw and one loss. Menston placed 2nd out of the other eight schools participating. Well done year 4!



School Council

This is the Smart School Council's Communication Team! This week, the class meeting question was based on a vote of which charity our next fundraising activity will be going towards – we wanted to know which charities matter to children in our school. The Arts 'n' Crafts club is running really smoothly- they made some funky glasses last week; here's a picture of them! This week the Drama Club dancers finished learning the first choreography. They are now discussing recruiting their backstage crew for the show! Some members of the Communication Team have been working on the plan for tea and cakes with the governors and have prepared an invitation ready to send out to them. The Wildlife group also had their second session which you might have seen on Twitter. It's great to see how our action teams are helping to make the world a better place!



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: William W

Y3 Cherry: Isabelle S

R Oak: Matthew G

Y3 Holly: Bethany J-N

Y1 Elm: Millie R

Y4 Alder: Maxwell B

Y1 Willow: Sandy H

Y4 Ash: Lola R

Y2 Lime: Tilly W

Y5 Hazel: Eleanor H

Y2 Maple: Tom R

Y5 Rowan: Leo K-E

Y6: As all children gave their very best during SATs week, they were treated collectively as a year group with a movie and popcorn instead.

These children were chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and enjoyed a drink in the staff room with school leaders on Monday.



AWARE (Airedale and Wharfedale Autism Resource)

As parents of autistic children and young people, the [AWARE](#) team really want to help and support you and your family on your journey, whether your child/young person has just received a diagnosis, has recently been added to the pathway for an autism assessment, is struggling to get a diagnosis or has received a diagnosis of autistic traits or another condition.

They are hosting their next PIE (Parent Information Event) via the Zoom platform, online, on Tuesday 27th June 2023 between 9.30 and 11.30am. Places MUST be booked in advance for this event and will be limited. If you would like to attend please email Nikki Pickles nikipicklesaware@gmail.com. We will then send further information and full instructions as to how to join the session.

The deadline for applications for this session is 2nd June 2023



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **96.48%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** with **99.64%** attendance!

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



School Lunches—w/c 22 May 2023 Menu—Week 3

Monday: **Chilli and Rice** or **Halal Keema Pilau**; **Cheese Pasta Bake**; **Cheese Panini** or **Wraps**
Tuesday: **Sausage in a Bun**; **Cheese and Onion Flan**; **Jacket Potato** or **Sandwiches**
Wednesday: **Beef Cottage Pie**; **Soya Mince Cottage Pie**; **Cheese Panini** or **Wraps**
Thursday: **Cheese and Tomato Pizza**; **Jacket Potato** or **Sandwiches**
Friday: **Fish Fingers**; **Southern Fried Quorn Burger**; **Cheese Panini** or **Wraps**



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. If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals please contact Facilities Management on 07973 841632.

Staff Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for **2x Teaching Assistants** to start September 2023 (or sooner) and **Playworkers** at our very popular before and after School Care Club.

If you or anyone you know may be interested, please [click here](#) to visit our website for more information.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues 23 May: Foundation school trip
Fri 26 May: School closes for half term
Wed 7 June: School reopens for Summer Term 2
Thurs 8 June: Year 1 school trip
Weds 14 June: Foundation Mosque trip
Mon 26 June: Year 6 Residential
Tues 4 July: Welcome evening for new Foundation parents
Thurs 6 July: Year 3 music trip
Mon 10 July: Pupil reports sent home
Thurs 13 July: Meet the Teacher
Fri 14 July: Year 6 Leaver's Party
Weds 19 July: Year 2 school trip
Fri 21 July: School closes for Summer
Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates

Ceilidh Night: A chance to support a local charity

Angels for Children provide help and support to disadvantaged children in the Philippines helping towards the preservation of health, the advancement of education and the relief of financial need and suffering as a result of natural or other kinds of disasters.

They are holding a ceilidh at the Kirklands Centre on Saturday 10 June to raise funds for their Feeding Programme.

Please [click here](#) for more information.



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 available via the FoMPS [website](#).



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