



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26 May 2023

Governing Body News

This has been a busy half-term as we prepare for the academisation with Moorlands Learning Trust. There is a process of due diligence to go through and we are working together with the other primary schools intending to join the Trust. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please submit these as part of the consultation, which is open until 21 June, so they can be considered in our decision making.

On a personal note, I very much enjoyed taking part in the Year 4 residential visit to Ingleborough Hall in April. I could witness first-hand the joy and development opportunities that such an experience gives children. Staff at school are to be commended that they offer such a varied programme of visits and residential trips.

Mrs Nottingham—Chair of Governors

Happy Holidays

We have had another busy half term in which children have enjoyed a varied and interesting curriculum. We have once again taken advantage of our wonderful outdoor environment for learning in a variety of subjects including science, maths, geography and history. Our field is teeming with frogs and other wildlife and children have enjoyed studying the wide variety of creatures living in our pond. Year 2 and Year 6 children have made us really proud with their positivity and resilience when undertaking their SATs assessments and we know that everyone is looking forward to a well-earned rest next week. On behalf of our whole staff team, I would like to thank all of our families for your ongoing support and we would all like to wish you a happy half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday 7 June.

Mrs Wilson

Year 3 Roman Day

This week Year 3 spent a fantastic day dressed as Romans and Celts, linking to their learning in History about the Romans. In the morning they built aqueducts that had to carry water without any spillages! They also created their own mosaics. In the afternoon they designed and made Roman shields which they used when marching around the field as a Roman army. They then followed the march with some army drills. What an amazing day!



Year 5 Science

As part of their Science topic on Earth and Space, Year 5 took advantage of the sunny weather by carrying out a practical experiment to help them understand the sun and its effects on earth. The children observed, plotted and measured the shadows created by the sun throughout the course of the day.



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Florence S

Y3 Cherry: Arthur W

Y5 Rowan: Max R

R Oak: Rupert H

Y3 Holly: Henry M

Y6 Birch: Prue G

Y1 Elm: Ivy T

Y4 Alder: Henry G

Y6 Sycamore: Ethan W

Y1 Willow: Hugo S

Y4 Ash: Harry C

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

Y2 Lime: Max H

Y4 Ash: Jake S

Y2 Maple: Rufus M

Y5 Hazel: Belle G M



Term time holidays

We have had a number of requests for term-time holidays this term and would like to take this opportunity to request that families carefully check our term dates prior to booking holidays.

Unless circumstances are truly exceptional, term-time holidays are classed as unauthorised and unauthorised absence of three consecutive school days or more will often be referred to Bradford Council's attendance team. Our term dates for the 2023-24 academic year can be found on our school website [here](#). Thank you for your support in this matter.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **94.4%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Holly** with **97.59%** attendance.

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



School Lunches—w/c 05 June 2023 Menu—Week 2

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. 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. For further information, please [click here](#) to visit our website.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

Bradford Council Facilities Management Catering & Cleaning Services are also recruiting a **Cleaning Assistant** (502349), 1 x 10 hours per week, based in Menston Primary School. To apply for this role (opens Monday 29 May) please click [City of Bradford MDC \(engage.co.uk\)](#) and type '502349' into the KEYWORDS line then search.

Dates to Remember

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

Fri 23 June: Sports Day

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 Leavers' 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

Menston Cricket Club Fun Day



Join us for the Annual
Menston Cricket Club
Fun Day.

Sunday 28th May 2023



A day of:

- BBQ
- Bouncy Castles
- Classic Cars
- Children's Games
- Terrier Racing
- And more...



The event is **FREE** to attend
Open between 12pm-6pm



FoMPS

FoMPS' YOMP 2023



Last Saturday saw another glorious day for the Men's YOMP and, with 53 participants, we raised over £1,000 for the school. Huge thanks again to our two sponsors, KG Contracting Building Services and Eshton Group for their generous donations. Look out for next year's date which will be confirmed later this year.

Events coming soon:

Sat 1 July: Women's WOMP

Sat 15 July: Summer Fair

Tickets for the Women's WOMPs are available via the FoMPS [website](#).



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