



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 30 June 2023

Skip Into Summer

This week we launched a fantastic whole school health and wellbeing initiative—Skip Into Summer. Every class has its own set of high-quality skipping ropes and teachers are using video tutorials to teach children different skipping skills. Children have certainly caught the skipping bug and this is a wonderful way of teaching children the power of 'yet'. Children are showing great determination to learn skipping skills from their own starting points and each teacher will be awarding a skipping trophy at the end of term to a child who has shown positivity, determination and commitment when skipping.

Summer Reading Challenge

On Monday, Jill Cooke visited to tell the children about Bradford Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. Children can register for the challenge at Menston library from Saturday 8 July and the challenge is to read at least 6 books from the library over the summer holidays. There are lots of opportunities to join in fun activities across Bradford's libraries over the summer including a chance to meet authors, a Zoolab workshop and opportunities to join in with fun, active events. For more information, please click [here](#).



Year 6 Residential

Our Year 6 children had a fantastic few days at Great Tower near Lake Windermere. They took part in lots of fun, challenging activities and the staff are so proud of the resilience, enthusiasm and positive behaviour. Well done Year 6!



Wilko Wilkes

We are delighted to welcome back local rapper Wilko Wilkes, who will be visiting us next Friday to lead some rap-writing workshops with Year 5 and 6 classes. These workshops were extremely popular when we ran them last year and are a fantastic, engaging way for children to practise and embed their English skills. Wilko will then be visiting us again on Friday 14 July to shoot a video for his song 'Life'. We will send out more information about this next week and will be asking parents and children for permission to be included in the video. To find out more about Wilko Wilkes and his music, please see his website [here](#).



KS1 Sponsored Run

Inspired by the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon, KS1 are completing a sponsored run. They have been learning about what it means to have a growth mindset and have linked this to Rob's career and his illness. The children will be running a mile and taking part in other challenges on the 4th July. If you would like to sponsor us, please [click here](#).

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Willow P	Y3 Cherry: Otis L
R Oak: Edie P	Y3 Holly: Nicholas M
Y1 Elm: Louie F	Y4 Alder: Sam T
Y1 Willow: Mia U	Y4 Ash: Noor-Fatima H
Y2 Lime: Isla A	Y5 Hazel: Layla-Rose C
Y2 Maple: Florence M	Y5 Rowan: Emmeline P

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

The Bear Hunt is on!

Our bear cub, Woody, has been released into the wilds of Leeds and Mrs Meakin has been to track him down at Tetley museum.

The big bears start their trail this Saturday, 1st July, so get ready to go on a bear hunt of your own. You can download the Leeds Bear Hunt app with trail map now to find and track all the bears you visit or pick up a trail map (£1) from the pop up bear cave in Leeds Trinity. For more information visit leedsbearhunt.co.uk



Taking on the Height of Everest in 3 days

One of our parents, Mr Saggu has set himself a physical, mental and emotional challenge to fundraise for two charities that are close to his heart. From 17th to 20th July 2023, he will be running, walking, and crawling the equivalent height to Everest! This is a whopping 29,032ft (8,849 meters) or approximately 29 times the height of the Shard in London. He is hoping to do this by running up and down Ben Nevis.

If you would like to support Mr Saggu please visit <https://gofund.me/9ab170c5>

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **95.97%**

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Alder** with **99.38%** attendance!

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



School Lunches—w/c 3 July 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.

Summer Fair

The school summer fair, run by FoMPS, will take place on Saturday 15th July from 11am-2pm on the school field.

In order to make this event great fun for our families and raise some funds for school we will need a team of volunteers.

If you are able to give some time in advance (baking cakes, bagging sweets) or on the day (setting up, running stalls for a part of the fair, clearing up afterwards) please complete this [Google form](#).

Thank you.



Message from the Fundraising Team

As you will be aware, FoMPS are hosting a summer fair on 15th July. The Fundraising Team will be holding a Teddy Bear Tombola to raise money for the Leeds Bear Hunt. We are asking families to donate any teddy bears you have which you may no longer want or need. These teddy bears will be collected by your child's class teacher and the Fundraising Team will come to collate them on Tuesday 4th July.

Feel free to bring in more than one teddy to donate! Thank you for your help.



Dates to Remember

Tues 4 July: KS1 Fun Day

Tues 4 July: Welcome evening for new Foundation parents

Thurs 6 July: Year 3 Halle Orchestra music trip

Friday 7 July: Wilko Wilkes rap workshops—Y5 and 6

Tues 11 July: Pupil reports sent home

Thurs 13 July: Meet the Teacher 3:30—4:30pm

Fri 14 July: Year 6 Leavers' Party 7-9pm

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



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.

Events coming soon:

Sat 1 July: Women's WOMP

Sat 15 July: Summer Fair



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