



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

Moorlands Learning Trust Updates

I am delighted to be able to tell you about some of the benefits that we have already experienced since joining Moorlands Learning Trust on 1 September, particularly in relation to school improvement.

In the summer term, the primary school Headteachers, along with the Trust CEO, Helen Williams, appointed strategic leaders for English, maths, SEND and Early Years. This half term, the strategic leaders have visited all Trust primary schools to carry out audits in their areas of expertise. Audit reports have validated key areas of strength in all schools. Some of the many strengths that have been validated in our school include our teaching of phonics and reading; the provision of high-quality texts across the whole school; the opportunities that our children are given for meaningful writing across the curriculum; clear, progressive sequences of learning in maths; high-quality resources in maths which are used confidently by children to scaffold their learning; our inclusive, engaging and well resourced EYFS environment and our whole-school culture where respectful, nurturing relationships are clearly evident.

Next half-term we will be moving forward with actions that have been identified to improve our practices even further. Leaders from all schools are already working collegiately to share best practice from school-to-school and to work on joint projects where similar next steps have been identified.

Eight members of the School Councils from each of the three Trust primary schools spent the afternoon together at Ashlands Primary School on Tuesday this week. The children had a fantastic afternoon getting to know each other and they have started to share ideas for future joint projects, including joint fundraising/charity projects at Christmas time. The children learned some fascinating facts about bees when they visited the beehives at Ashlands School.



On behalf of all the staff here at MPS, I would like to wish everyone a happy and restful half-term holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 30 October. Mrs Wilson

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Zayd I

R Oak: Lottie I

Y 1 Elm: Barnaby H

Y 1 Willow: Matthew G

Y 2 Lime: Theo M

Y 2 Maple: Millie R

Y 3 Cherry: Sarah A

Y 3 Holly: Charlotte M

Y 4 Alder: Esme N

Y 4 Ash: Sam G

Y 5 Hazel: Lucy S

Y 5 Rowan: Lola R

Y 6 hot chocolate nominations to be processed after half-term.



These children have been chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and will be enjoying a hot chocolate in the staff room on Monday 30 October with school Leaders.

Lost Property

Please can we ask families to ensure that all items of children's uniform are clearly named.



We have a number of coats without names in which have been in our lost property for several weeks. If unclaimed these will be sent to local charity shops w/c 6 November.

Wharfedale Schools' Cross-Country

Sibling success on 7th October at the Westville House School event, Ilkley Rugby Club.



Well done to Toby & Lewis!

We've had a fabulous start to our cross-country season with many individual and team prizes. A BIG well done to all the children who have taken part so far. We are incredibly proud of you.

The next race is on Saturday 18th November at Ghyll Royd School, Burley in Wharfedale. ALL children are welcome to take part.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.15%



The classes with the highest attendance this week are Willow and Sycamore with 100 % attendance!

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

School Lunches—w/c 30/10/2023 Week 1

For details of the updated dates for the 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 £2.20 per day/ £11 per week from Monday 30 October.** 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.



Monday: Pork Meatballs, Halal Chicken Meatballs & Rice, Mexican Burrito; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese, Arrabiata Pasta; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast of the Day, Halal Roast Chicken Breast; Cheese & Broccoli Quiche; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers; Southern Fried Quorn Burger; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

New Lunch Menu & Meal Charges

A reminder that the new lunch menu and revised lunch prices comes into effect from Monday 30th October.



New Reception 2024 Open Mornings

Open mornings for families of children starting in Reception in September 2024 will be held on Wednesday 8th Thursday 9th and Saturday 11th November from 9:30 to 11 am. No need to book, just come along on the day.



Year 4 & 5 'Quick Sticks' Hockey Tournament

The three boys played some amazing 6-a-side games over two weeks and showed great dedication and resilience, representing the school playing with 3 borrowed players from other teams.

Week 1 Menston Played 4: Won 3, Drew 1
Week 2 Menston Played 3: Won 1, Lost 2.



Dates to Remember next Half Term:

Monday 13 November: Parents Evening 3:30pm to 6:30 pm

Thursday 16 November: Parents Evening 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Saturday 18 November: Cross Country at Ghyll Royd School

Saturday 2nd December: Christmas Fair at Kirklands

Wednesday 6 December: Christmas Performance Yr 3 and 4

Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 December: KS1 Christmas Show

Wednesday 13 December: Christmas Performance Yr 5 and 6

Thursday 14 December: Reception Nativity

Please see Year Group Newsletters for Key Stage specific diary dates.

Menston Community Library

It has been lovely to welcome back Menston Primary School children to Menston Community Library.

The children have all enjoyed choosing and borrowing from the library.

Please could you ensure these books are returned before their due date so that others can enjoy them.

Why not have a book hunt during half term and pay us a visit to return those you find?

We are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday between 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm and Saturday 9am-1pm.

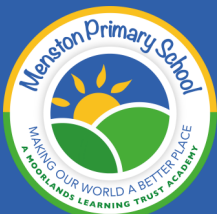


Pupil Photos - Children will bring home their access code to view and order school photos today. Please [click here](#) and enter the code on the sheet. **All orders placed up to and including Tuesday November 7th will be offered discounts and free postage back via school.** These orders will be processed as one batch and then returned to school for distribution. Any orders placed after this date will be offered no discounts and require postage paying for delivery to the home address.

FoMPS

FoMPS would like to wish all our families a restful and safe half term holiday. If your little ones have grown (they are very good at this!) and you need more uniform, please get in touch with FoMPS (fompsuniform@gmail.com) as we have received a lot of kind donations over this half term that need new homes.

Keep your eye out for our new AGM date and exciting news about the Christmas fair, including Santa bookings and raffle tickets, after the holidays.



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