



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

My Happy Mind

We are delighted to announce that we have now launched our whole school, NHS-backed mental health and wellbeing programme - [My Happy Mind](#). The first unit of learning is called Meet Your Brain; within this unit, children will be learning the science around how the brain works and how to look after the brain so that we can manage our emotions effectively.

In case you missed the letter that we sent out earlier this week, we would like all parents to access the My Happy Mind resources for parents. The resources allow children to continue to practise some of the habits they have developed at school, such as Happy Breathing. Also included are activities for you to do together at home, to complement the in-school lessons.

To access these materials please go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code. Your authentication code is **149938** or scan this QR code to sign up. There is also more information about the programme on our [school website](#).



Poppy Appeal 2023

We are pleased to be supporting the Poppy Appeal in school again this year. From Monday 6th November we will be selling poppies, snap bands and keyrings to children of all year groups for a small donation. Suggested donation for poppies is 20p and £1 for all other products.



Parking

Can we please ask that access to the disabled parking bay and teacher's parking bays on St Peter's Way are left clear at all times. If possible, please park on East Parade and Hawksworth Drive to avoid congesting St Peter's Way and Main Street.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Mason B
R Oak: Magnus H
Y 1 Elm: Henry S
Y 1 Willow: Lyra H
Y 2 Lime: Alana J
Y 2 Maple: Louie F
Y 3 Cherry: Elsie C
Y 3 Holly: Hallie W
Y 4 Alder: Charlotte W
Y 4 Ash: Sam G
Y 5 Hazel: Theo C
Y 5 Rowan: Lucas D
Y 6 Birch: Olivia C
Y 6 Sycamore: Anabelle T



These children have been chosen for their fantastic attitudes to learning and will be enjoying a hot chocolate in the staff room on Monday 6th November with school Leaders.

Harvest Festival 2023

Bradford Central Foodbank would like to say a huge thank you to all the families who donated at this year's Harvest Festival.

Menston Primary donated 141.4kg of food and provided 213 meals to hungry families in Bradford. This is a huge achievement! Many thanks to all the pupils, parents and staff who helped make this happen.



Menston Primary's TV Star!

A big congratulations to Brody from Rowan class who has filmed the new BBC TV show 'TIME' alongside Yorkshire actress, Jodie Whittaker.

Brody is playing the role of 'Callum' and all episodes are available to watch now on BBC iPlayer. Well done Brody!



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.84%

The class with the highest attendance this week is Elm with 100% attendance!

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



Lost Property—Coats with no names

We have a number of coats and other items without names, which have been in our Lost Property box for several weeks. Any items not collected by 4pm next Wednesday 8th Nov will be sent to local charity shops.

Please note: a document containing pictures of all lost property has been emailed to all parents/carers.



School Lunches—w/c 06/10/2023 Week 2

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: Mild Chicken Currito, Mascarpone Pasta; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Tuesday: Sausage Lattice, Halal Keema Roll, Mac n Cheese; Paninis or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Wednesday: Roast of the Day, Halal Chicken Hotpot; Soya Mince Cottage Pie; Savoury Roll, Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

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

Friday: Battered Fillet of Fish; Salmon Fishcakes, Savoury Roll; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Parent/Carer Support Group



The Parent Support Group is an online support group, facilitated by NHS mental health practitioners. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. A different subject is discussed each month and parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic.

For an invite, please email:

mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Illuminating Bradford



On 3rd and 4th November, Bradford's City Centre will be transformed by a collection of magical light installations and performances by local, national and international artists. Returning for its second year, BD is LIT invites people to see Bradford in a new light and discover free arts events across the city centre. From large scale installations to music, dance and magical light artwork, there's something for everyone.

Ilkley Arts Festival



The Ilkley Arts Festival is back from 1st November-22nd

December with a series of brilliant events running throughout town.

For more information visit: <https://ilkleyartsfestival.org.uk>

Mooch Christmas Market



Menston's Festive Indoor Market will be held on Friday 24th November 7:30pm till 10:30pm at the Main Hall, Kirklands, Menston.

Purchase tickets here: <https://menston-preschool.sumupstore.com/product/menston-mooch-2023>

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

Friday 15 December: Christmas Jumper Day for 'Save the Children' & Whole School Christmas Dinner

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

FoMPS

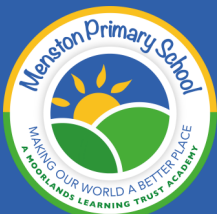
The postponed FoMPS AGM will take place on Wednesday 22nd November at 3.30pm in school. We have a wonderful committee ready to bring you more fabulous events for the school over the year. We just need you to come along to vote them in so FoMPS can continue into the new year.

Keep an eye out next week for your Christmas raffle tickets and a letter with details of the Christmas fair taking place on the 2nd December as part of the village Lights Switch On event. Santa bookings open next week as well.

School Vacancies

Please click on the link below to view our current vacancies.

<https://menstonprimary.co.uk/about-us/vacancies/>



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