



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th November 2023

My Happy Mind

There is a real buzz around school following the launch of the My Happy Mind programme three weeks ago. Children are confidently talking about the three parts of the brain represented by Team HAP and how they work together to manage our emotional wellbeing.

For anyone who hasn't yet done so, we would like all parents to access the My Happy Mind resources for parents. The resources allow children to continue to practice 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 compliment the in-school lessons.

To access these materials please go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> and enter your name, email, and authentication code **149938** or scan this QR code to sign up.



Children in Need

Thank you to all those who came into school today wearing something spotty to support Children in Need! If you would still like to make a donation to this worthy cause, please [click here](#). Menston Primary School has raised £308 so far!



Poppy Appeal 2023

A big thank you to all the families who donated towards this year's Poppy Appeal. Menston Primary collected a total of £374.35 for The Royal British Legion Armed Forces Charity!



Teacher of the Week!



Last year, Miss Hodkinson, was nominated by Phoebe from Rowan class for the 'Teacher of the Week' award and has now been featured in The Week Junior magazine's latest edition. Phoebe described Miss Hodkinson as someone who is "always in a cheery mood and invites others to be the same. She is funny, kind and always cracking silly jokes to make us laugh." To pick up a copy of The Week Junior for your child, please [click here](#). Congratulations to Miss Hodkinson!

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Kayla B

R Oak: Rory J

Y 1 Elm: Ciaran A

Y 1 Willow: Clara J

Y 2 Lime: Isobelle R

Y 2 Maple: Connie B

Y 3 Cherry: Freddie L

Y 3 Holly: Olive G

Y 4 Alder: Frankie G

Y 4 Ash: Ava A

Y 5 Hazel: Mitch B

Y 5 Rowan: Bestie W

Y 6 Birch: Henry D

Y 6 Sycamore: Emmeline P



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

Annual SEND Parent/Carer Survey 2023

The Parent Carer Forum for Bradford and Airedale have designed the 2023 Annual Parent Carer Survey for parents and carers to anonymously share their experiences of support for children with SEND throughout the Bradford District.

Complete the 10-minute survey by clicking [here](#).

MPS Scholastic Book Fair



Please come along and help raise money for more books for our school!

Dates: 21st—23rd November

Time: 8:15am—8:40am 3:15am—4pm

Place: The Link Corridor (blue building)

Entrance: Via KS2 Care Club entrance (am)

Children who attend Care Club can purchase books before/after school. Care Club staff will facilitate this. Please note, we will not be accepting cash payments.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.81%



The classes with the highest attendance this week are Alder and Willow 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 20/11/2023 Week 1

Please [click here](#) for updated information and pricing for the school meal menu.

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

Ghyll Royd School Cross Country **CANCELLED!**



After careful consideration, the decision has been made that the Ghyll Royd Wharfedale Cross Country event on Saturday 18th November 2023, will not be taking place. Unfortunately, areas around the course remain waterlogged and are not suitable for all age groups to run on.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

School Council



There has been a new action team created by the current Year 2 children. This will take place on a Wednesday lunchtime and they will be collecting sign-ups soon. The club is based on playing board games and having fun. A group of children from the Communication Team have been supporting them with getting it up and running.

We are also working on a behaviour project across school. Children will be asked to do a survey about the behaviour as a pupil of the school. This will also be done by members of staff. As a result of the survey, the answers will be thought about and we will try make our school an even better place!

Dates to Remember next Half Term



Saturday 18 November: Cross Country at Ghyll Royd School **CANCELLED PLEASE SEE ABOVE**

Tuesday 21—Thursday 23 November: Scholastic Book Fair

Saturday 2 December: Christmas Fair at Kirklands

Wednesday 6 December: Christmas Performance Y3 & Y4

Tuesday 12 & Thursday 14 December: KS1 Christmas Show

Wednesday 13 December: Christmas Performance Y5 & Y6

Wednesday 13 & 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.

Decking the Halls of the District!



Saturday 25th November: Ilkley & Shipley Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 25th November: Nunroyd Christmas Fair 11-3pm

Sunday 26th November: Keighley Christmas Lights Switch On

Saturday 2nd December: Menston Christmas Lights Switch On & FoMPS Christmas Fair at Kirklands 1pm-4pm

Saturday 2nd December: Bingley Christmas Fayre & Lights Switch On

Saturday 2nd December: Light Up Haworth Weekend & Artisan Market

Sunday 3rd December: Baildon Christmas Lights Switch On

Please [click here](#) for more details of festive events!

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 contribute into the new year.

The FoMPS Christmas fair in conjunction with the Menston Christmas Light Switch On takes place on the 2nd December, 1:00-4:30pm at Kirklands. Your Christmas raffle tickets and a letter with more details will be sent home with your eldest child today. Santa bookings are now open so get in quick to reserve your magical time in our grotto with Old Saint Nick, limited spaces available.

Please see the attached FoMPS Christmas Fair Letter.



Scan the QR code for Santa bookings!

School Vacancies—Lunchtime Supervisor Position



There is an exciting opportunity to become a Lunchtime Supervisor at Menston Primary. Regular or casual posts are available. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position, please check the MPS website for more details.

Click below to view our recent vacancies:

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



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