



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

## Online Safety Updates

We have signed up to receive online safety newsletters for families from Knowsley City Learning Centres. We are sending out the January newsletter and the guide to parental controls booklet along with our school newsletters today. We have also uploaded both of these documents to the Online Safety page of our school website [here](#). This page also contains links to the UK Safer Internet Centre, Childnet International, ThinkUKnow and other useful websites.



To align with Safer Internet Day on 6th February, the NSPCC are hosting a virtual [Game Safe Festival](#) and are offering free access to their webinar 'keeping children safe while gaming online.' The webinar will take place online on Wednesday 7th February at 7pm. More information and booking can be accessed on the NSPCC website [here](#). Scroll to the workshop entitled 'workshop for parents, carers and those working with families,' where you will be able to book free tickets.



Safer Internet Day will take place on 6th February this year.

The theme this year is '**Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.**' There is a dedicated parent page for Safer Internet Day on the UK Safer Internet Centre website, which can be accessed [here](#). This page has useful guidance around some common questions that parents may have around subjects including online content, staying up to date with what children are doing online and the devices that children commonly use.

## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 2nd February, we will be taking part in NSPCC Number Day. Our children will be doing lots of fun maths activities throughout the day and we will be doing some number-themed fundraising to raise money for the NSPCC. On Number Day we will be asking all children to **dress up in digits!** This could be a football kit with the number of their favourite player, a 'number hat' or other number-themed clothing or accessories. There is no expectation for anyone to buy anything especially for this, but it would be great to see some home-crafted accessories! We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 on the day or [click here](#) to visit our fundraising page to donate online.



The NSPCC is the leading UK children's charity who work with families, schools and other agencies to help to keep children safe. Each year in school we deliver the NSPCC 'Speak Out Stay Safe' assemblies and we use other NSPCC resources in our PSHE curriculum to help to keep our children safe. Monies raised on Number Day will help to fund this essential work for children in our school and all across the UK.

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Amara L  
R Oak: Kayleigh B  
Y 1 Willow: Evie A  
Y 1 Elm: Ralph R  
Y 2 Lime: Phoebe C  
Y 2 Maple: Heidi L  
Y 3 Cherry: Joe P  
Y 3 Holly: Callie H-B  
Y 4 Ash: Jaden S-T  
Y 4 Alder: Daniel B  
Y 5 Rowan: Vivienne F  
Y 5 Hazel: Rowan M  
Y 6 Birch: Bilal I-I  
Y 6 Sycamore: Alfie G



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

## NSPCC Fundraising

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In addition to coming to school dressed in digits on Friday 2nd February, Emeline and Anna in Year 6 will be organising some **fun runs** on our running tracks at lunch times this term. The girls are passionate about running and would love it if as many children as possible can join them in running some laps to help to raise funds for the NSPCC.

**We have set up a donation page, where everyone can donate as much or little as you can afford. Please [click here](#), which will take you to the donation page.**

## Adverse Weather

In the event of adverse weather conditions, it may be necessary to have a delayed start to the school day or to close the school for the safety of the staff and children. We will communicate this with parents/guardians via Arbor. Please can we ask that you log into the Parent Portal and make sure we have your correct contact details on file. If you haven't done so already, this is a good opportunity to download the Arbor App where you can also add emergency contacts and book afterschool clubs and parents' evening appointments. [Click here](#) for more information on accessing the Arbor App. Information regarding adverse weather is also published on the [school website](#) and [Bradford Schools Online](#).



## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.5%



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

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

## Parent Governor Election

You will have received information via email regarding a vacancy for a parent governor earlier this week. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please complete and return the nomination form to the school office by 3:30pm on Monday 15th January.

Paper copies of the nomination form are available from the school office, if required.

## School Lunches—w/c 15/01/2024 Week 3

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:** Sticky Mac n Cheese, Halal Pasta Bolognese, Soya Mince Bolognese; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Tuesday:** Mild Chicken Curry, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Wednesday:** Braised Sausage, Halal Chicken Roll; Braised Quorn Sausage; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

**Friday:** Fish Fingers, Vegetable Dippers; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

### Car Parking Around School

We now have two parking spaces designated for blue badge holders on St Peters Way.

Please can we ask that these spaces are only used by families and visitors who are blue badge holders.

A reminder to all families that these parking bays, including the staff parking bays, must be accessible at all times so please do not park along the roadside blocking access.



### Parent/Carer Support Group

Please see the attached newsletter from Bradford's Parent/Carer Support Group. Monthly online support sessions are held over Zoom and are facilitated by mental health practitioners. Sessions provide a safe space for parents to share experiences and receive support.

**Please email:** [mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com) to find out more about the group and to be invited to the next session, which will be held on **Tuesday 16th January**.



### Dates to Remember for 2024!

**Saturday 3 February:** [Cross Country at Ben Rhydding Primary School](#)

**Monday 5 February:** Parent Consultation Evening

**Thursday 8 February:** Parent Consultation Evening

**Friday 9 February:** School closes for half-term

**Monday 19 February:** School re-opens

**Saturday 24 February:** [Cross Country at Ghyll Royd School \(rearranged date\)](#)



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

### Year 6 Boys' Football

The game got off to a chilly start in the waning January light but midway into the first half the deadlock was broken; Brody scored with a powerful left footed shot to the bottom right corner. Shortly afterwards came the second goal from Luca with a speculative shot from distance that the keeper saw late and let through.

Some impressive dribbling skills from Freddie and insightful passing from Harrison created a number of chances towards the end of the first half.

Two lovely shots by Max and a free kick from Harrison before half time went close and Luca worked hard to keep the ball alive, just directing his header over the bar.

Burley Oaks tested our right-hand side with some impressive runs and several dangerous through balls. They tested our defence and kept goalkeeper Will on his toes with a near goal directly from a corner. Will came out to meet two long balls to thwart a Burley attack and eventually Burley's pressure resulted in a goal to pull the score back to 2-1.

Some wonderful link up play between Luca and Brody nearly proved fruitful and hard work with important tackles from Oscar in defence, Nate and Bilal in midfield almost set Oliver up on our left wing.

Burley fought hard and pressed in the final few minutes but safe hands from Will staved off a threatening strike.

In the dying seconds Menston hit the post and one final run threading through the defence was halted. The final whistle blew, signalling a well-deserved 2-1 victory from a cohesive Menston team.

Solid efforts from Leo and decisive clearances from Gabe along with a tidy first half from Ruben all contributed to this important result.

**Man of the match: Brody G.** We look forward to the girls' game next week.

### School Vacancies:

#### Lunchtime Supervisor

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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