



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th January 2024

Parent/Carer Online Safety Information Session—Wednesday 31st January 2024, 9.30am – 10.15am

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, parents and carers will have the opportunity to attend an online safety webinar delivered by Knowsley City Learning Centres. **The link to access the webinar will be emailed to all parents & carers.**

Attendees do not need to register but simply click on the link on the above date/time to access the session. Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees. Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile (the Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- If you don't have the Teams app, you can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.

The webinar will cover the following topics:

- Current trends – what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children;
- Understanding the risks – a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming;
- What can you do? Suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you;
- Further support – signposting to services that are available to help you.

The session will be recorded and subsequently shared via the Online Safety page of our school website.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Evelyn S

R Oak: Sienna S

Y 1 Willow: Elsie A

Y 1 Elm: Isla G

Y 2 Lime: Amelia S

Y 2 Maple: Maya T

Y 3 Cherry: Ivy P

Y 3 Holly: Harley M

Y 4 Ash: Zach F

Y 4 Alder: Alfie J

Y 5 Rowan: Emma N

Y 5 Hazel: Harris G

Y 6 Birch: Heather C

Y 6 Sycamore: Sienna L



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

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.16%

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Elm** with 99.17% attendance!

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



Parent Consultation Evenings: 5th & 8th February 2024

A reminder that the booking window for appointments is now open.



Parent's Evening

We will be sending out short reports on Monday 29th January in preparation for parent meetings the following week.

To book an appointment with your child's teacher, please use the Arbor App. **The booking window for this will remain open until midnight on Sunday 4th February.**

If you are making appointments for multiple children in different year groups, please leave at least 10 minutes between appointments to allow time to move from one appointment to the next, especially if you need to move from KS1 to KS2 or vice versa.

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.

NSPCC

We will be delivering NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies to all children on Monday 29 January to raise awareness of the valuable work that the NSPCC do to help to keep children safe.

School Lunches—w/c 29/01/2024 Week 2

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

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

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

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Jacket Potatoes 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



Bradford & Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team will be running their next online support session on Tuesday 20th February. The monthly sessions provide a safe space for parents and carers to share experiences and receive peer support. For an invite to the next session, please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

Parent Governor Election



All parents/guardians should have received an email with information about the nominated candidates and how to vote electronically with your unique voter number.

The vote closes on Monday 29th January 2024 at 9:00am. There will be no access to the ballot form after this time.

We hope to share the results of the election next week.

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

Friday 23 February: Y3 Trip to Herd Farm

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

Tuesday 27 February: Y2 Trip to Cartwright Hall

Monday 15—Tuesday 17 April: Y4 Ingleborough Residential

Friday 26—Sunday 28 June: Y6 Great Tower Windemere Residential

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



School Council



We would like to inform you about our school's recent events/updates. First, we have now created our survey on behaviour and this will be shared with children and staff soon. There are three new action teams that will begin shortly; these are the singing club, a recycling team and the girls' football club. After half term, the recycling team will begin their first project. Your children will be able to drop off old clothes and toys that you wouldn't mind donating (more information will be provided soon). Every so often, the charity team will also visit each classroom to collect any unwanted items. These items will either be collected for World Book Day as a spare costume or be given to a charity shop.

Y6 Boys Match: Menston vs Ben Rhydding

A first half kick in between Nate and Luca deep into the opposition half led to an incredible strike by Luca; it struck the crossbar at pace, going behind for a dead-ball.

Ben Rhydding pressed and threaded a long ball through. Despite Will's best efforts to meet the runner, a mix up in communication with defenders allowed an attacker take the purple 1-0 into the lead.

Brody had been closed down several times whilst surging forwards but managed one searching shot which grazed the side netting. Oliver worked hard to create space and was fouled, earning a free kick in a central position in front of the goal. He took it well and was on target, but a miracle headed clearance denied Menston again.

Leo used his chest confidently to control a powerful ball forwards, passing it into a dangerous position for our forwards. Despite his determination in the dying seconds, Luca's run gave a free kick away and the game petered out.

An excellent game of football on a cold night left the Menston boys wanting more: a narrow 0-1 defeat in Ben Rhydding's favour was the result.

Man of the match was Luca for his attacking prowess which, on another day, would have been enough to secure multiple goals and a victory. Well played all!

School Vacancies:

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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