



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024

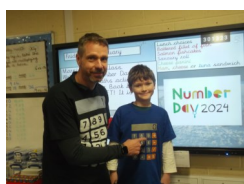
NSPCC Number Day

We all had a fantastic maths-themed day today, celebrating [NSPCC Number Day](#).

It was wonderful to see the children 'dressed in digits' in such creative ways. The day was filled with fun maths activities to raise awareness of the invaluable work of the NSPCC. Thank you to everyone who has donated to support the charity. It is not too late to make a donation - you can [click here](#) to visit our fundraising page to donate online. We are very much hoping to reach our fundraising target of £500 and will let you know next week the total funds raised.

The NSPCC website has [advice for parents](#) on a wide range of topics, including relationships, wellbeing and staying safe online.

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Children's Mental Health week

Next week (5th – 9th February) is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this year is, 'My Voice Matters.' We will be exploring this theme in school and how this links to our current MyHappyMind unit all about our individual character strengths. If you are interested in taking part at home, there are lots of resources available [here](#).



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 6th February, we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day 2024. Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year it covers online issues or themes linked to things young people are seeing and experiencing online. Celebrations and learning this year will be based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online,' including online relationships. As well as learning to stay safe online, the children will be learning about the positives of the online world and how it can be a fantastic resource to use in many different ways. More information for parents/carers and families can be found by [clicking here](#).



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Cleo C

R Oak: Thomas P

Y 1 Willow: Benjamin P

Y 1 Elm: Florence S

Y 2 Lime: Zara N F

Y 2 Maple: Emilia H

Y 3 Cherry: Anwen H

Y 3 Holly: Summer I

Y 4 Ash: Emilia B

Y 4 Alder: Max R

Y 5 Rowan: Ivy M

Y 5 Hazel: Danelle P

Y 6 Birch: Amelia S

Y 6 Sycamore: Freddie C



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

Operation Encompass



We are pleased to share with you that our school is part of [Operation Encompass](#) which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Operation Encompass is the strategy for reporting to schools when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse. As a school we have ensured that three members of our staff, known as 'Key Adults,' have been trained in Operation Encompass procedures, allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the children in our care. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

Parent Consultation Evenings: 5th & 8th February 2024

A final reminder that the booking window for appointments will remain open until **midnight Sunday 4th February**.

To book an appointment with your child's teacher, please use the Arbor App.

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.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.19%



The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** with 99.03% attendance!

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

School Council Update



There have been some recent School Council updates. First, we would like to talk to you about the recycling club. The children from this action team have asked that families send in any unwanted clothes or toys during the first week back after the February half term holiday. Your children will be able to store their items in their classroom until somebody comes and collects them. You will be informed of the next drop off session closer to the time. Singing club has now begun and this is run by Isla S in year 5. At the moment, they are working on songs from The Greatest Showman. Keep your eyes peeled and stay updated for the introduction of First Aid Club.

School Lunches—w/c 05/02/2024 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

YR6 Girls Football



A blustery evening became wild and wintry but the mighty Menston girls never stopped smiling against Ben Rhydding. The girls lined up 9v9 to allow everyone a chance to shine, and shine they did! There were some incredible runs from Sophie, Hollie and Sienna and wonderful tackling by Heather, Marian and Ruby in the first half. Amelia J provided an advantage through her tremendous kicks as goal keeper, Lottie and Eva I linked up effectively through the middle of the pitch from defence to attack. Heather and Emmeline brought passion and sunshine to the wings and Eva L and Amelia A threw in bags of determination tackling back. A hard fought battle in treacherous conditions didn't provide the result we may have wanted but the spirit of the game was our reward. The final score was 0-3 to Ben Rhydding.

Player of the match goes to Hollie C!

Parent Online Safety Webinar



Thank you to all parents who managed to sign up to the online safety webinar delivered on Wednesday by Knowsley City Learning Centres. We hope that everyone who joined the webinar live found it useful.

We have been sent a link to the recording for anyone who couldn't join, but may find the webinar useful:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PIDj3ZACHnY6aVeFbuClgr_9wQUeHGxt

A reminder that the NSPCC Gamesafe Festival is taking place from 5th to 11th February. There is an online workshop for parents and carers, which you can sign up for by clicking the link below and scrolling to find the workshop for parents and carers.

https://ww1.emma-live.com/GameSafe/purchase_tickets

National Storytelling Week

To celebrate National Storytelling Week, older pupils have buddied up with younger children to read stories together.

Each class in school has ordered lots of wonderful books, with the commission earned from the Book Fair!



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.



Half-Term Activities

Saturday 10 February: Introduction to Shakespeare workshop at Bradford Cathedral, 2pm-4pm. Book tickets [here!](#)



Tuesday 13 February: Free Family Crafting Activities at Bradford Cathedral 10am-3pm. [Click here](#) to book a place.

Thursday 15—Saturday 17 February: Menston Thespians Pantomime. The Menston Thespians will be performing 'Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood' at Kirkland's Community Centre. Tickets are available to book [here](#).

Parent Governor Election

Following our recent election for a new parent governor, we can now announce that **Mrs Joanne Toft** has been elected as our new parent governor.

Mrs Toft attended the Full Governing Body meeting last night to start her journey as a school governor.



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