



Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2024

Founders' and World Thinking Day Cake Sale - A Message from Mrs. Turnock

Thursday 22nd February is an important date for the Scout and Guiding movements as it celebrates the birth of the Scouting association founder, Robert Baden Powell in 1857 and it marks the beginning of the Guiding movement in 1926. To celebrate, all children who are part of both movements (including Rainbows, Brownies and Guides along with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) are invited to come into school wearing their uniform for the day. Some families will be aware that Menston Scout and Guide Headquarters is in desperate need of replacement, with proposals set out to raise £1 million to rebuild it. To help raise money, we are politely asking those children who come in their uniform to bring either homemade or shop bought cakes into school on the morning of the **22nd February**, and we will hold a cake sale after school in the middle playground from 3:15-3:45pm. Any cakes suitable for those with allergies should be clearly labelled. Card and cash payments will be available. The bake sale is open to all families, and we welcome cake donations from those who are not currently part of the Scout and Guiding movements. We look forward to seeing many of our children in uniform and welcoming all families to the cake sale!



Numbers Day

Thank you to everybody who took part and donated for Number's Day, we have raised **£335** so far! If you'd still like to donate, please [click here](#) to view our fundraising page.

Cross Country

We are proud of all of our children who brave the elements on Saturday mornings to take part in the Ilkley Harriers Wharfedale Primary XC league races. If your child has never tried this and would like to find out more, please visit the Ilkley Harriers website [here](#). There are still three events to go this season and any child can run, whether they have run in previous races or not. Please email office@menston.mt.co.uk FAO Mrs. Blaby if your child would like to take part in an upcoming race.

The upcoming events are:

Saturday 24th February 2024 : [Ghyll Royd School](#) (Rescheduled from 18/11/23)
Saturday 2nd March 2024 : [All Saints C of E Primary School](#) (Ilkley Swimming pool)
Saturday 16th March 2024 : [Nell Bank Relays](#) (KS2 only) and League Presentations

Thank you to our teachers who give up their family time on Saturday mornings to attend the races too.



Children's Mental Health Week

This week Menston Primary has been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week.

Take a look at our Titter page [@menstonprimary](#) to see what activities we've been getting up to!



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Samuel W
R Oak: Haider A
Y 1 Willow: Olive B
Y 1 Elm: Lauren M
Y 2 Lime: Sonny C
Y 2 Maple: Thomas A
Y 3 Cherry: Zack P
Y 3 Holly: Isobel M
Y 4 Ash: Ollie B
Y 4 Alder: Otis L
Y 5 Rowan: Ellis T
Y 5 Hazel: Polly W
Y 6 Birch: Sophie L
Y 6 Sycamore: Frankie B



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 93.14%

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Acorn** with 99.64% attendance!

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

Measles

Representatives from Bradford Council have asked us to pass on information about measles to our families, as The United Kingdom Health Security Agency (UKHSA) has declared a national incident following Measles outbreaks in London and West Midlands.



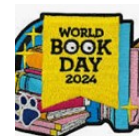
Please see the separate information document that we have shared alongside our newsletter today.

Please follow the links below for further information and guidance about measles

[Measles - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
[Think Measles! \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

World Book Day 2024

On Thursday 7th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book and/or bring in their favourite book!



My Happy Mind / Children's Mental Health Week

This week, Mrs Gilmour had a catch up with the team at MyHappyMind. We are pleased to share that we have 77 parents who have already downloaded the parent app - this is one of the highest level of engagement they have seen. The app is due to be updated with new games for children and some masterclass videos on specific worries such as separation anxiety and emotion-based school avoidance. All of the songs and happy breathing techniques that we use in school are also on the app so you can apply the same strategies at home.



We are also going to be working towards an accreditation with MyHappyMind to enable us to celebrate all of the amazing things going on across school. More information will be shared about this later in the year.



School Lunches—w/c 19/02/2024 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

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](#).

[Click here](#) for half-term activities in the Bradford district.

[Click here](#) for activities in Leeds museums and galleries.

[Click here](#) for information about North Yorkshire events.

YR6 Boys Football

The mighty Menston boys lined up in fluorescent bibs against the red of Burley Woodhead on a fresh and bright February fixture. Oliver hit the bar but Brody opened the scoring with a wonderful left foot and Nate went close shortly afterwards. Burley equalised with a lovely cutback and a fortunate deflection which looped over keeper Will. Harrison worked hard in the box and Oliver pressed on the wings. Leo, Gabe and Max played a high line as a back three and Freddie coped with pressure coolly in tight spots, playing the ball calmly forwards.

Bilal joined us at half time and almost scored immediately and then again with incredible determination. Ruben tracked back nicely and Oscar tackled solidly. Harrison carried the ball confidently before being replaced by Freddie. Once again Bilal went close but Nate fervently followed up a rebound and slotted home our second. Gabe ran to the side-line looking confused...carrying Will's tooth! He'd lost a molar and looks forward to the tooth fairy this evening! Maybe his gift came early as the Burley keeper spilled the ball into his own net from a corner, giving Menston a two goal cushion. Burley pressed in the closing minutes and Will saved well despite his missing tooth! Freddie struck firmly up the other end and was denied by a strong hand, then a counter attack quickly made the score 3-2. A tense final moment before the close of play but Luca alleviated the nail biting finish by scoring in the bottom left corner with a passing shot.

Final score: 4-2 to Menston!

Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts 7th - 10th May 2024

The organisers of the Wharfedale Festival of Performing Arts are planning to run the festival from 7th - 10th May this year. We have already sent out a copy of the syllabus and the entry forms, but please contact the office if you still need these. Families are welcome to enter children into the festival and absences from school to attend will be authorised. If you enter your child to take part in the festival, please can you let our Parental Involvement Worker, Mrs Belinda Smitheringale, know the date and time of their planned absence from school by emailing office@menston.mlt.co.uk. **The closing date for entries is Friday 1st March.**

Following last year's success at the festival, we are planning to enter our school choir into the 'Junior Choirs' category again this year. We will contact parents of children in the choir separately about this.



Dates to Remember for 2024!

Friday 9 February: School closes for half-term

Monday 19 February: School re-opens

Thursday 22 February: Rescheduled Parent Consultation Evening

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

Saturday 2 March: [Cross Country at Ilkley Lido](#)

Monday 11 March - Friday 15 March: Science Week

Saturday 16 March: [Cross Country Relays at Nell Bank \(KS2 only\)](#)

Tuesday 7 May: Class photographs

Monday 13 - Thursday 17 May: Y6 SATs week



FoMPS

Exciting news - our FoMPS school discos are back and places are available to book now. The discos will be held on the 1st and 8th March, at Kirklands Community Centre and split by year groups as before, see poster sent with this newsletter or book a place via the Google form by [clicking here](#). All children attending the disco must be supervised throughout by a named adult but we do ask that, if possible, parents/carers of children in years 1-6 agree to supervise small groups of children (no more than 5) to help us keep to capacity numbers for the hall while allowing many children to take part. Last Saturday saw the unveiling of our new school flag at the cross country races in Ben Rhydding. The flag was funded by FoMPS and helps our runners locate the team base at cross country meets. Every child in school is welcome to come along and have a go at the races, you don't have to be an expert runner, it is all great fun and the atmosphere is so supportive. The next race will be at Ghyll Royd School on the 24th February (see recent letter for more details).



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