



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th February 2024

## Wilko Wilkes Music Video

Many families will remember that former pupil and local rapper Wilko Wilkes shot the music video for his song Life in school last summer. Wilko visited school today to show the children in KS1 and KS2, many of whom feature in the video, a preview before it is released next Friday. We are delighted to have been able to support a local musician and former MPS pupil in this way and children are very excited to share the video with families when it is released next week. We will share details of how to access the video in next Friday's newsletter.



Wilko delivers creative writing workshops with our Year 5 and 6 children every year, so we will share more information with families about these workshops closer to the time.

## Founders' and World Thinking Day Cake Sale

It was great to see so many of our children coming to school dressed in their Scouts/ Cubs/ Brownies / Rainbows / Beavers uniforms yesterday to celebrate Founders' Day and World Thinking Day. Thank you to everyone who sent cakes in for the fundraiser and thanks to everyone who bought cakes too. This is another example of how the children and families at MPS Make Our World a Better Place in our wider community, as all funds from the bake sale will be donated to support the Menston Scout and Guide Headquarters renewal project.



## Thank you

Thank you to everyone who was scheduled to attend Parents' Evening on Thursday 8 February for working with us around the change of date. We are sure that families understand why we rescheduled in light of the weather conditions on the original date. We are sure too that families greatly appreciate the fact that we didn't close school early and that we kept Care Club open as usual on the day.

## This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

- R Acorn: Orla H
- R Oak: Joshua P
- Y 1 Willow: Finley H
- Y 1 Elm: Ivy P
- Y 2 Lime: Mylo S
- Y 2 Maple: Freddie C
- Y 3 Cherry: Emily S
- Y 3 Holly: Tom R
- Y 4 Ash: Lucy M
- Y 4 Alder: Lily D
- Y 5 Rowan: Danish K
- Y 5 Hazel: Ava P
- Y 6 Birch: Finn L
- Y 6 Sycamore: Nate R



**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 96.44%

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

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



## BBC 'Casualty' Star!

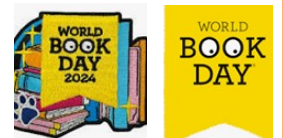


A big well done to **Brody G** in Year 5 who played the part of 'Cole Townley' on Saturday night's Casualty episode, entitled "Last Words." Brody filmed the episode in Cardiff and really enjoyed spending time with all the cast and crew.



## 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!



## Easter Holiday Sports Club



Join our Easter Holiday Club for a thrilling mix of multi-sport activities and creative fun!

Enjoy action-packed days with football, dodgeball, badminton, indoor crazy golf, dance, Lego building, arts and crafts, origami, and an Easter egg hunt! Our certified staff is dedicated to creating a safe and educational environment. With enhanced DBS, first aid, and various sports qualifications, they bring enthusiasm to ensure an unforgettable experience.



Each day offers six activities, giving children the chance to personalize their experience. Make this Easter extraordinary—reserve their spot now!

Book a place by scanning the QR code. A flyer with more information has been sent out to all parents.



## School Lunches—w/c 26/02/2024 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

## Girls Football Match Report

A first half - or quarter should I say in this double header evening where Menston played back to back matches - success! Amelia J kept goals with great gusto and made multiple saves to keep us all level. Amelia A put pressure on Burley's attackers and Lottie took a commanding role in central midfield. Despite a slip from Sienna, she provided a wonderful assist for Sophie who dribbled through and scored our first goal to put us 1-0 ahead. Heather's strong tackles in windy conditions steadied the ship before half time. It was a tight start to the second half with chances at both ends. Eva L and Eva I provided strength in the middle and Emmeline worked hard, showing her speed and determination. Moments later Eva I scored our second goal with a lovely bottom corner finish. Holly and Ruby held a strong back line and cleared off the line to keep a clean sheet. The final whistle went to confirm a 2-0 victory for the mighty Menston girls against Burley Woodhead.



**Player of the game: Amelia J**



**Now into match two!**

Sacred Heart lined up with 9 girls sporting Argentina colours so the mighty Menston girls stepped up to make it 9v9. A more congested pitch meant for more crunching tackles. The wind may have picked up and the temperature dropped but our girls never stopped. 0-0 at half time then a return to 7v7 for the second half. Our opponents were strong and carried the ball well. They defended strongly with swift players who needed to keep up to our quick attacks. The final whistle came to secure another point and a 0-0 draw. Clean sheet over 2 matches and undefeated this evening.

**Player of the game: Sophie W**

## Dates to Remember for 2024!

**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 \(KS2 only\)](#)

**Thursday 21 March:** KS1 Easter Performance

**Friday 22 March:** School Closes for the Easter Holiday

**Monday 8 April:** School Opens for the Summer Term

**Tuesday 7 May:** Class Photographs

**Monday 13 - Thursday 17 May:** YR6 SATs week

## 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.mt.co.uk](mailto:office@menston.mt.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.

## 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. Before the half-term, we 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.



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