



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 1st March 2024

Wilko Wilkes Life Video

We are delighted to share that Wilko Wilkes' video has been released on [YouTube](#) today. We are so pleased to have been able to support former pupil and @RapforGoodUK artist Wilko to create his video. This was a great opportunity for children to enhance their cultural capital. Wilko has brought in stickers for all children and a special gift for the child who tripped in the video!



School Choir Concert Trip

On Tuesday evening, the school choir took part in a vocal concert at New College in Bradford. It was part of a great evening of eclectic performances from primary school, secondary school and college students from across Bradford. The choir performed two songs that they have been practicing in the after-school choir group run by Bradford Music and Arts. The children not only gained valuable stage experience but also had the opportunity to watch performances by other young people from a wide range of social and cultural backgrounds.



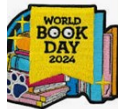
Cartwright Hall Trip

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Cartwright Hall on Wednesday. The children spent the day learning about and recreated the works of English artist, L.S. Lowry.



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 text! We look forward to seeing everyone's outfits!



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

- R Acorn: Charles B
- R Oak: Maya P
- Y 1 Willow: Freddie C
- Y 1 Elm: Edith E
- Y 2 Lime: Margo B
- Y 2 Maple: Scarlett T
- Y 3 Cherry: Will L-R
- Y 3 Holly: Alice C
- Y 4 Ash: Nile G
- Y 4 Alder: Verity R
- Y 5 Rowan: Louie L
- Y 5 Hazel: Eleanor H
- Y 6 Birch: Jessica M
- Y 6 Sycamore: Harrison 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 96.83%

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

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



Head Lice Reminder

Over the past week we have had quite a few cases of head lice reported to school. Can we please ask parents to check their children's hair over the weekend and treat if necessary. For NHS information and advice regarding treating head lice, please [click here](#).



World Thinking and Founder's Day Bake Sale

Thank you so much again to everyone for supporting the cake sale fundraisers last week - we raised an absolutely amazing **£561** which will go directly towards the new Scout and Guiding Headquarters in Menston.



Ilkley Grammar School Travel Arrangements Consultation

Bradford Council is proposing a change to travel arrangements for pupils using the dedicated bus services from Menston and Burley-in-Wharfedale to Ilkley Grammar School.

The proposal is to discontinue the dedicated school bus services and to issue railcards that can be used between Burley-in-Wharfedale or Menston (if it is the nearer station) to use the rail service that runs to Ilkley. There are 4 trains an hour at peak times and the council are confident that there is capacity for all current bus users to transfer to this service.

The proposed change will be implemented from **September 2024**.

For more information and to respond to the consultation, please [click here](#). The consultation closes at midnight on Sunday, 31 March 2024.

School Lunches—w/c 04/03/2024 Week 1

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: Pork Meatballs, Halal Chicken Meatballs & Rice, Mexican Burrito; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Pasta Bolognese, Arrabiata Pasta; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast of the Day, Halal Roast Chicken Breast, Cheese & Broccoli Quiche; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

Friday: Fish Fingers, Southern Fried Quorn Burger; Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Ghyll Royd Cross Country Event

Congratulations to all the participants of the cross-country event at Ghyll Royd School! Despite the challenging muddy conditions, the children displayed remarkable resilience.

Special recognition goes to the following individual achievers:

Year 2:

Toby S: 1st place

Elspeth D: 1st place

Year 3:

Isabelle M:

Year 4:

Ava A: 2nd place

Year 5:

Brody Griffiths: 3rd place

Year 6:

Sophie W: 3rd place



In addition to these outstanding individual performances, we're thrilled to announce the team awards:

Year 2 Girls: 2nd place

Year 3 Girls: 1st place

Year 6 Girls: 1st place

Year 5 Boys: 1st place



Dates to Remember for 2024!

Saturday 2 March: Cross Country at Ilkley Lido **CANCELLED!**

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



Easter Activities!

The Sewing Shed Easter Holiday Sewing Classes: Mon 25th March, Tues 26th March, Wed 27th March 10am-4pm. Suitable for children aged 8+ years. £50 per day. To book a place, contact Leonie: leonie@thesewingshed.co.uk or phone 07525 029986.

PE People Easter Holiday Club with Mr Langan

Enjoy action-packed days with a thrilling mix of multi-sport activities and creative fun! Our certified staff are 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. Book a place by scanning the QR code. A flyer with more information has been sent out to all parents.



After-School Clubs

Polite reminder to parents that if your child will not be attending their after-school club, please can you inform the office before the end of the school day by calling 01943 873180.



FOMPS

We are really looking forward to the first two school discos, for Foundation and years 3 & 4, that take place this Friday evening. A small number of remaining tickets for these discos are now only available on the door, £3 each.

The years 1 & 2 and 5 & 6 discos next Friday, 8th March, can still be booked 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 agree to supervise small groups of children (no more than 5).



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