



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 15th March 2024

Science Week

We've had a fantastic time celebrating 'Science Week,' starting with our amazing science fair on Monday. Visiting scientists inspired children with a wide variety of scientific hands-on learning opportunities in fields including forensics, structural engineering, artificial intelligence, botany, biology, anatomy, medicine, microscopy and meteorology! Thank you so much to all of the volunteers who generously gave their time to make the event so interesting for our children and staff.



Year 5 had a great time testing out the rocket launch!



Year 6 enjoyed an excellent visit to the science labs at Ilkley Grammar School!



Key stage 1 had a fantastic science morning, conducting several experiments...



This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Libby C

R Oak: Isabella P

Y 1 Willow: Alfie P

Y 1 Elm: Clemmie T

Y 2 Lime: Sophie R

Y 2 Maple: Elie C

Y 3 Cherry: Alexander N

Y 3 Holly: Hamish H

Y 4 Ash: Kyzer S

Y 4 Alder: Ilaria S

Y 5 Rowan: Tom R

Y 5 Hazel: Oliver R

Y 6 Birch: Heather C

Y 6 Sycamore: Noah T



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

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.57%

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** with 98.71% attendance!

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



World Down Syndrome Day & Comic Relief

Once again this year, our School Council has decided that we will be celebrating World Down Syndrome Day and Comic Relief together. We will be raising money for both charities on the last day of term, **Friday 22nd March**.

We are inviting children to wear something red along with their school uniform and bring in a suggested donation of £1 on the day. This could be red socks, a red hair ribbon, a red badge or an item of red clothing. All monies raised will be shared equally between Comic Relief and the Down Syndrome Training and Support Service in Bingley.

Many thanks in advance for your support.



Lunchtime Supervisor Positions

There is an exciting opportunity to become a lunchtime supervisor at Menston Primary School. The rate of pay is £11.59 per hour. We have casual and regular posts available to suit you! If you'd like to know more, please [click here](#) to view our vacancies page and to download an application form. If you have any questions, please email office@menston.mlt.co.uk



NSPCC Spring Coffee Morning

NSPCC Wharfedale District Committee invites you to their 'Spring Coffee Morning' on Saturday 16th March 2024, 10:00am-11:30am.

The morning will be held at the Kirklands Community Centre, Main Street, Menston. Tickets cost £5. There will be a selection of gift and cake stalls, as well as a raffle.

NSPCC



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 18/03/2024 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 £2.30 per day/ £11.50 per week from Monday 1st April.** Please ensure your Parent Pay 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

Bradford Families and Young Persons Information Hub

On the [Bradford Families and Young Persons Information Hub](#) website, families can access a wide range of information and advice pages for all aspects of family life. There are also links to a service directory and a guide to local activities and events.

The website is populated with information and advice around a range of topics including money and finance, online safety, mental health and wellbeing, speech and language services and special educational needs.



The [Visit Bradford website](#) includes lots of information about events and activities that are taking place across the region in the Easter holidays.

[Click here to view the Visit Leeds website.](#)

[Click here to view the Days Out in Yorkshire website.](#)

Easter Holiday Activities!

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.



Please note that the week 1 dates for the 25th, 26th & 27th March are fully booked. The 4th April (week 2) is also fully booked.

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.



MVMNT Coaching Sports Club

MVMNT Coaching is offering Easter sports clubs for children ages 4-11 years. Clubs include dodgeball, gymnastics and multi-sports. A leaflet with more information, including how to book has been emailed to all parents today.



MVMNT Soccer School at St Mary's Menston

MVMNT is hosting a 'Futebol De Salao' soccer session on Thursday 4th & Friday 5th April, 10am-2pm. This will be held at St Mary's Menston for ages 4-7 and 8-12 years. A leaflet with more information, including how to book has been emailed to all parents today.



Ashlands Early Years Holiday Club

Ashlands Early Years Holiday Club welcomes Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children aged 3 and over. The club will run from Monday 25th March—Thursday 28th March. A leaflet with more information, including how to book has been emailed to parents today.



FoMPS



Thank you to everyone who came to our FoMPS discos over the past two weeks. Altogether, they have raised just over **£1,000** for school. Next Friday, 22nd March, FoMPS will be gifting every child in school with a chocolate Easter egg, as part of a school-wide hunt! Appropriate eggs will be provided for children with allergies and other dietary requirements. The YOMP (our annual men's walk) will take place on Saturday 29th June, more details and ticket information coming soon. However, we are looking for someone to take over the organisation of this popular event for next year so if you are interested in learning ropes from this year's team, please get in touch. We also need a new team to organise the women's walk this year and will be looking for a new secretary to take on the role from September. If you are interested in supporting FoMPS and our school, or have any questions please contact chair@fomps.org.uk

Dates to Remember for 2024!



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

Thursday 21 March: KS1 Easter Performance 2:45 pm

Friday 22 March: Comic Relief & World Down Syndrome Day

Friday 22 March: School Closes for the Easter Holiday

Monday 8 April: School Opens for the Summer Term

Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 April: YR4 Residential Visit

Tuesday 7 May: Class Photographs

Monday 13 - Thursday 17 May: YR6 SATs Week



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