



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 22nd March 2024

World Down Syndrome Day & Comic Relief

Today we have celebrated Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day across school. We have taken part in lots of exciting activities, including learning some British Sign Language signs. We will share the final total of monies raised with you after the holidays and split the money equally between the two charities. Thank you as always for your support.



A Message from our Chair of Governors, Annet Nottingham

In the recent Parent Governor election Joanne Toft received most of the votes. In the Staff Governor election Charles Langan was successful. We look forward to working with them both and to benefit from the expertise and enthusiasm that they will bring to the role. It is important that the Governing Body reflects the Menston community, and we feel privileged to have such a committed group of people. I also thank everyone else who put themselves forward for election.

After the Easter break, we will be circulating the Parent Questionnaire, as usual now via email. Your views and suggestions are valuable to Governors as they inform our efforts to continuously improve our school. I would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the questionnaire and add your comments.

A Message from Mrs. Wilson

Many thanks to all of our families for your ongoing support this term. The children have enjoyed some fantastic learning experiences again, which have included outdoor learning in our own wonderful grounds, educational visits to Herd Farm (Y3), Cartwright Hall (Y2), the local church (EYFS) and Ilkley Grammar School for a science day (Y6). Families have been welcomed into school for an Easter craft afternoon (EYFS), a celebration of learning (Y4) and an Easter assembly (KS1). Science Week was a great success and the Science Fair showcased a wide variety of potential careers that our children may aspire to move into.

This term, we have continued to work collaboratively and successfully with School Improvement Leaders from Moorlands Learning Trust and with the staff in our partner schools in the Trust and in the wider Two Valleys network. This work has benefitted our children and staff through many and varied high-quality training and best-practice sharing opportunities.

A recent reading and phonics audit, carried out by a Literacy specialist from our local English Hub, validated our strong practice in these areas under the leadership of Ms Baker, our reading and phonics leader. The audit identified many strengths, including 'Early reading practice sessions are well established in Reception and Year 1 and this gives children an additional opportunity to apply their phonic knowledge. There is a highly skilled team in place to deliver these sessions'.

Thank you for supporting the children's reading at home. If you can encourage your child to read for pleasure, they will really reap the benefits. Research shows that reading for pleasure can be directly linked to children's success throughout their time at school and into adulthood. The Oxford Owl [Raise a Reader webpage](#) is full of helpful advice and book recommendations, so please have a look if you can.

On behalf of all of our staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 8th April.

This Week's Hot Chocolate Heroes:

R Acorn: Thomas G

Y 2 Lime: Zach C

Y 3 Holly: Oscar S

Y 5 Rowan: Nevaeh B

R Oak: Frankie M

Y 2 Maple: Ivy T

Y 4 Ash: Henry M

Y 5 Hazel: Amy B

Y 1 Willow: Erika K

Y 3 Cherry: Oliver W

Y 4 Alder: Myla G

Y 6 Birch: Eva I

Y 1 Elm: Daania Eshaal H

Y 6 Sycamore: Ruby T



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 94.23%

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Cherry** with 99.35% attendance!

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



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 08/04/2024 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 £2.30 per day/ £11.50 per week from Monday 1st April 2024.** 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: Sausage & Bean Pasta Bake, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Mild Chicken Curry, Halal Cottage Pie, Soya Mince Cottage Pie; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Gammon, Halal Roast Chicken, Savoury Roll; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

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

Friday: Fish Fingers, Salmon Fishcakes, Vegetable Dippers; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Bradford Food Survey

Along with today's newsletter, you will receive a flyer inviting you to take part in an online food survey. The study aims to measure the diets of a representative group of over 300 children (aged 3-11) living in the Bradford District. Four food diaries are completed by parents online, on behalf of their children, with support tailored to each participant. Participants **receive a £15 voucher for their time.** Findings will be shared with Bradford council, schools and researchers to inform decision-making that is right for children in the Bradford district.

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 [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.](#)



Menston Library Performance

Please find attached a poster inviting you to a free interactive musical adventure courtesy of the Northern Opera Group.



The performance will be held at Menston library on Monday 25th March 2024 at 3:30pm. Entry is free of charge.

Please see the attached poster for more information.

FoMPS

FoMPS would like to wish all the children, their parents & carers and the school staff a very Happy Easter. We look forward to seeing you at some of our events in the summer term, including the YOMP (men's walk) on the 29th June, the WOMP (women's walk) and the summer fair. Further dates and more information will be released very soon. We are looking for 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 school or have any questions please contact chair@fomps.org.uk

If you need any uniform for the summer term please email our pre-loved uniform scheme to see what we have in stock: fompsunifom@gmail.com



Dates to Remember for 2024!

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



FoMPS Fundraising

Many thanks to the FoMPS team and to all volunteers who help to make FoMPS fundraising events so successful.

Every child in school today took part in an Easter Egg Hunt and all children were awarded a prize, generously funded by FoMPS.

The recent FoMPS discos at Kirklands raised over £1000 and the FoMPS Yomp in June is sure to raise a similar amount.

Funds raised by FoMPS are being allocated to support children's mental health and wellbeing. This year, we have only been able to buy into the My Happy Mind programme because of FoMPS funding. We are also researching ways in which a therapy dog may benefit children, so will let you know more if we decide to move forward with this.

Other benefits for our children made possible by FoMPS fundraising include the ongoing renewal of outdoor equipment and furniture, new starter book bags for our Reception children and a contribution towards the Y6 leavers' year books.

Mrs Wilson



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