



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 3rd May 2024

Parent Survey

Thank you to everyone who responded to the recent parent survey. The response rate was high, and I will be meeting with our Chair of Governors next week to carry out an in-depth analysis of responses and compile a report to share with families and governors. Initial analysis shows that responses are overwhelmingly positive. Where constructive feedback for areas for development has been included, we will take on board queries and comments that will help us to improve our practices further. I will aim to contact any parents who included their details on the form within the next two weeks for follow-up conversations. Please do not feel that you have to wait for the annual survey to share your views, we welcome open communication with all of our stakeholders at any point in the year—Mrs Wilson.

Online Safety Parent Session

Knowsley City Learning Centres will be holding a virtual parent/carer online safety information session scheduled for Wednesday 8th May 2024, 4:00pm—4:45pm. The session will explore current trends online, understanding the risks associated with using technology, and what you can do to support your child. A poster with more information has been sent out to parents. [Click here](#) to access the session.



School day timings

A reminder that we will be altering our school day timings from September 2024. Currently, our school day runs from 08:55am to 3:15pm. Our gates and doors are open between 08:45 and 08:55 in the morning, and we request that all children are in school by 08:55am. These arrangements will remain in place for the rest of this academic year.

From September 2024 the Government requires all schools to deliver a 32.5 hour school week. Following a period of consultation, we have committed to achieving this by starting our school day at the slightly earlier time of 08:45am, which will mean that our drop-off window will be between 08:35am and 08:45am from September. We are reminding you about this now so that you have plenty of opportunity to consider how the change might affect your family and to contact the school with any questions or comments.

Upcoming Holidays

A reminder that it is the early May bank holiday on Monday, so we will see everyone back in school on Tuesday after the long-weekend. Also, school will be closed from Saturday 25th May until Tuesday 4th June for half-term. Children will be back in school on Wednesday 5th June.

NHS Jump Aboard Drop-in Sessions

The School Nursing Team will be holding drop-in sessions at The Rainbow Family Hub, Braithwaite Grove BD22 6JB on 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July.

The sessions run as a flexible drop-in and sign-posting consultation approach, providing an opportunity for parents to voice concerns. It's for families to discuss and receive support and advice around any concerns that they may have around a child's education or development.

Please see the attached leaflet, which has been emailed to all parents.

[Click here](#) to view the Family Hub timetable, which offers a range of services and drop-ins throughout the Bradford district for children and families.



New Starters for 2024

A very warm welcome to all of our new children and families who will be joining us in September.

Miss Lain and Miss Hammans have been busy planning lots of transition events and will be sharing more information about transition with families of new starters next week. The first event will be an information meeting, which will be held at 6pm on Tuesday 21st May, so families can put this date on their calendars now.

Weekly Activities

Reception classes went pond dipping for the first time this week. They learnt about our pond safety rules and were able to explore the pond with their nets to see what they could find.



Year 5 have been drafting letters of application to join a fictional space mission, as well as creating their own solar system in outdoor learning.



This week, year 1 have been inspired by Wassily Kandinsky when creating pieces of art using 2D shapes.

Year 6 have been investigating the impact of adding or removing electrical components from a circuit. They established that both 10p and 1p coins are electrical conductors!



NHS Parent/Carer Support Group

The Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team are holding another online support session over Zoom. The group is a safe space for parents to get together, share experiences and build positive relationships. To join the next session on Tuesday 21st May 2024, please email mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.07%
The class with the highest attendance this week is **Holly** with 98.67% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



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School Lunch Menu — W/C: 06/05/2024 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 £2.30 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: Pork Meatballs on Garlic, Vegetarian Cheese Burger; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Tuesday: Meat Lasagne, Halal Chicken Dopiazza, Soya Mince Bolognese; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Wednesday: Savoury Mince in Yorkshire Pudding, Cheese Rolls; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Pizza with BBQ Drizzle, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Friday: Fish Fingers, Halal Chicken Roll, Vegetable Pakora; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

PE People Holiday Clubs

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Looking for an exciting May holiday for your children? Look forward to Mr Langan's May Holiday Clubs, running from May 28th to May 31st. With an exciting mix of sports, games, crafts and more, your children are sure to have a fantastic time. Secure their spot now, while spaces last! Scan the QR code for more information.



Vacancies

Due to the retirement of our Care Club Manager at the end of this academic year we are recruiting for a Care Club Manager.



We also have vacancies for Playworkers, an Early Years Teaching Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor.

Please visit our website vacancies page [here](#) for more information and details on how to apply for any of the above posts.

Dates to remember for 2024!

Monday 6th May: May Day Bank Holiday—School Closed

Tuesday 7th May: Class Photographs

Wednesday 8th May: Girls Europa Football at IGS

Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May: Y6 SATs Week

Thursday 16th May: YR5 Cartwright Hall Trip

Friday 17th May: Foundation Hesketh Farm Trip

Friday 17th May: YR6 Harewood House Trip

Friday 24th May: School Closes for May Half Term

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th June: School Closed for Teacher Training

Wednesday 5th June: School Reopens

Monday 10th June: Foundation Madni Jamia Masjid Mosque Trip

Thursday 20th June: KS2 Sports Day 9am-11:30am

Friday 21st June: EYFS / KS1 Sports Day 1pm-3:15pm

Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June: YR6 Scout Adventures, Great Tower, Cumbria Residential

Tuesday 2nd July: YR4 Bradford University Trip

Thursday 4th July: YR2 Eureka Trip

Tuesday 9th July: YR3 St Georges Hall Trip (details to follow)



Spring Events in the Bradford District



Friday 3rd May: [Cartwright Hall Art Gallery opens the Osman Yousefzada exhibition till October.](#)

Saturday 4th May 11am-1pm: [1,2,3,4 Museums for Play and Growth at Bradford Industrial Museum are free drop-in sessions designed for children 0-5 years old.](#)

Saturday 4th May 10am-3:45pm: [Bradford Faith Trail at Bradford Cathedral](#)

Sunday 5th May 11am: [Super Soapbox Challenge 2024 at Kirkgate. Free entry.](#)

Sunday 5th May 10am-4pm: [Summer Fete at East Riddlesden Hall. Free entry.](#)

Monday 6th May 11am: [Ilkley Carnival](#)

Monday 6th May: [Bingley Walking Festival](#)

Ilkley Pool & Lido Opening: [Click here](#) to view the timetable, prices and additional information regarding the Lido.



Visit Cliffe Castle Museum: [Click here](#) for more information

Visit Bradford Industrial Museum: [Click here](#) for more information

Visit Boiling Hall Museum and Library: [Click here](#) to view their opening times

[Click here](#) for more activities in the Bradford District.

FoMPS

FoMPS dates for your diaries:

Saturday 6th July, 11am-2pm - Summer Fair with bouncy castle, games, stalls, ice cream, cakes and more. Further details of how you can get involved coming soon.

Sunday 7th July - WOMP (women's walk) taking a circular route from school into the Yorkshire countryside for a great day out. To book your place on the walk, please [click here](#).

If you are interested in supporting FoMPS (we are on the lookout for a new secretary) 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: fompsuniform@gmail.com



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