



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 24th May 2024

Parent Survey

Thank you once again to everyone who completed the recent parent survey. Mrs Wilson has written a letter to parents about the survey, which will be sent out along with our other Friday communications.

Term Time Holidays

We have received a number of late requests for term-time holidays this week. We need to remind parents that holidays taken in term time cannot be classed as authorised absence, and that Bradford Council policy is to issue fixed penalty fines for unauthorised absences which meet certain criteria. Please check our term dates very carefully before booking holidays. You can find detailed information about Bradford Council attendance policies [here](#).

Local Author, Deane Narayn-Lee

On Thursday, Foundation and KS1 welcomed local author, Deane Narayn-Lee into school to share his book: *The Loving Earth*. The children loved learning all about the history of human impact on the world's climate.



Year 3's Roman Day

All roads lead to... Menston?! The school has today been invaded by Romans (just for one day!), but some Celts are not best pleased about losing their land. Year 3 have enjoyed a fabulous Roman Day, involving a range of activities, from making aqueducts and mosaics to soldier training.



All Things Bike!

The good weather has finally hit and for those cyclists amongst us, it's the perfect time to get on our bikes. If you're ready to dig out your bike after the long winter months, it's a good idea to check it is still in good working condition. Have a look at this [short clip from Sustrans](#), which demonstrates how to carry out the important checks you should do before jumping back on the saddle.



If you want to learn to ride a bike, or you're interested in brushing up on your skills, [check out this course](#) in the local area.

Give bikes room...

Driving too close to cyclists can be intimidating and also very dangerous. Remember they need room in case they have to swerve to avoid drains or uneven road surfaces. When overtaking, the Highway Code recommends leaving at least 1.5m metres (more if speeds exceed 30mph).

Remember, cyclists and motorists are equally entitled to use and share the same road space. To make our roads as safe as possible, we all need to be aware and respectful of each other. Read the full updated Highway Code [here](#).

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 94.35%
The class with the highest attendance this week is **Sycamore** with 98.57% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



This Week's Activities!

Year 4 children enjoyed pond dipping and were able to compare the organisms they found to the ones they found at the start of the half-term!



They were also excellent at using their classification keys to identify what they caught...



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 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.



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 03/06/2024 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 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: Pasta Bolognese, Halal Pasta Bolognese; Cheese Pasta Bake; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Sausage in a Bun, Savoury Roll; Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Turkey, Halal Roast Chicken; Quorn Toad in the Hole; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Quorn Sausage in a Bun, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers, Cheese & Potato Flan; Hot Cheese Baguette or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Events in the Bradford District



Saturday 25th May—Onwards: [Click here](#) to see the Spring Bank activities at Bradford Libraries

Wednesday 29th May: 'Putting You in the Picture' event at Bradford Industrial Museum. Free entry. [Click here](#) for more information.

Thursday 30th May: Discovering Local Myths and Legends at Bolling Hall Museum, 11am-3pm. Free entry. [Click here](#) for more information.

Saturday 1st June: Family Activity at Cliffe Castle Museum, 11am-3pm. Free entry. [Click here](#) for more information.

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

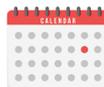
Vacancies

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



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

Dates to remember for 2024!



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)

Half-Term Activities & Clubs!

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. **Please note that Wednesday 29th is fully booked.**



Performance Drama School Summer Camp

[Performance Drama School](#) are running a summer school for children aged 5 upwards at The Queen's Hall in Burley, 8:30am-3:30pm. The club will run for three weeks:

- **Week 1:** 15th—9th August
- **Week 2:** 12th– 16th August
- **Week 3:** 19th– 23rd August



Each week, parents will have the opportunity to watch the fully costumed performance on Friday afternoon at 3pm. To book a place for your child, please contact Susan Hughes on 07806640661. A flyer with more information has been emailed to parents today.

Inspiration Tree

Inspiration Tree are running their multi-activity May holiday club for children aged 5-11 years. A flyer with more information has been emailed out to parents. You can register your child and book courses online by [clicking here](#).



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 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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