



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 14th June 2024

School Timings from September

A reminder that the current Government requires all schools to deliver a 32.5 hour school week from September 2024. We have consulted with all stakeholders around our proposals for achieving this and have made adjustments to our school start times from September 2024. Our school start time will be 08:45 from the start of term in September, which will mean that our ten-minute drop-off window will be at the earlier time of 08:35 to 08:45. Gates and doors will all close at 08:45 so that lessons can start promptly. We are reminding families about this now so that you have the opportunity to consider how the change might affect your family and make adjustments to your own arrangements.



EYFS Mosque Visit

Reception Classes had a fantastic visit to the Madni Jamia Masjid mosque in Bradford on Monday. They looked at the minarets, dome and crescent moon outside and talked about the call to prayer. They learnt that Muslims enter a mosque with their right foot first. The children took their shoes off and put them on the rack. They learnt all about wudu, why and how Muslims wash before praying or reading the Qur'an. The children then went into the prayer hall. They looked at the prayer mats, the special seat where the imam sits called the minbar, the mihrab which shows people the direction of prayer, today's prayer times, a model of the Kaaba in Mecca and prayer beads. The children learnt that Muslims pray five times a day and were shown how Muslims pray. The children were very respectful, and the visit really developed their understanding of mosques, and they learnt more about the Muslim faith.



Eid al-Adha

We would like to wish 'Eid Mubarak' to all of our families who will be celebrating Eid al-Adha this weekend. Children who would like to find out more about Eid can do so by visiting this [BBC Newsround](#) page.



The Singing Children of Africa

We would like to invite anyone who is able to help with a school uniform appeal for [The Singing Children of Africa](#) by donating any new or good second-hand BLUE gingham dresses, BLUE shirts or polos and GREY shorts & BLUE sweatshirts. All sizes needed! **Any items to donate can be placed in the labelled box at reception.**



Sports Days

At the moment, it looks like the weather will be kind to us for our sports days next week. If the forecast changes, and we need to postpone, we will give families as much notice as possible.



This week in Year 2...

Hudson has made this wonderful model, giving practical advice on some ways we can save our planet.

This model was inspired by the book 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter.

Sophie has made a wonderful Titanic model, inspired by a year 2 History topic.



Bradford Literature Festival

Bradford Literature Festival's family events start on the 28th June till 7th July 2024. [Click here](#) to view the festival's website, and to take a look at the free family fun days on offer. If you'd like a paper copy of the festival's timetable, please pop in to the school's main office on St Peter's way to collect one.



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 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.

[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.



Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 95.07%
The class with the highest attendance this week is **Rowan** with 99.03% 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: 17/06/2024 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 Bread, Vegetable 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

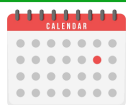
FOMPS

The school summer fair is just 3 weeks away, on Saturday 6th July, 12-3pm. It is set to be a great afternoon of fun and friendship on our school grounds. We will have all the usual stalls, games and races to entertain you, hot food, cakes and refreshments, a Yorkshire Dales ice cream van and more. This event can only happen if we get enough volunteers to help run it so, if you can give just an hour and a half on the day to make it a success, please [click here](#) to fill out the form.

We are also looking for donations of tombola prizes and cakes. Tombola prizes can be dropped to Mrs Meakin at the school gate on St. Peter's Way for drop off or pick up from Monday, 17th June and cakes can be brought in on Friday 5th July or on the day (from 11am-12pm).

The WOMP is also still open for ladies to sign up and join this great event on the 7th July, 9.30am. It is a circular walk of around 11 miles, starting with tea/coffee and pastries at the Malt Shovel, a delicious buffet and fizz lunch in Ilkley and an option to take the train home after lunch or walk back to the Malt Shovel to finish. Visit fomps.org.uk to get your ticket.

Dates to remember for 2024!



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

Tuesday 9th July: Year 5 Geography Fieldwork in Ilkley

Thursday 11th July: YR5 Trip to Guiseley School

Friday 12th July: YR6 Leaver's Party 6-8pm (details to follow)

Monday 15th July: Meet the Teacher—a chance to meet your child's next class teacher (information to follow)

Friday 19th July: School Closes for Summer Holiday

Tuesday 3rd September: School Reopens

Summer Holiday Clubs

Join Mr Langan's Summer Holiday Club! Mr Langan is hosting exciting holiday clubs over a 5-week period this summer! Don't miss out on the fun and activities.

Schedule:

Week 1: 23rd, 25th, 26th July

Week 2: 29th July - 2nd August

Week 3: 5th August - 9th August

Week 4: 12th August - 16th August

Week 5: 19th August - 23rd August



A flyer with more information has been emailed to parents.

Pre-book now using the QR code to ensure your place!

Story Makers Holiday Club

A magical mixture of story telling, arts, crafts, games and baking at Menston Scout & Guide Hut!



Schedule:

Week 1: 29th July—2nd August

Week 2: 5th August—9th August

A flyer with more information has been emailed to parents.

To book, please email storymakersyorkshire@gmail.com or message 07894242144

Parent / Carer Support Group



The Bradford and Craven NHS Mental Health Support Team are holding another online support session over Zoom. The sessions encourage parents/carers participation - providing a safe space for them to share experiences, build positive relationships and receive peer support. Alongside this, the parents will receive useful information and strategies around the chosen monthly topic. The next session will be held on Tuesday 18th June 2024 at either 10:30am or 7:30pm. This month's topic is 'supporting your child on social media and online safety.' Please email: mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com for an invitation to the next session.



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