



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 20th September 2024

Success at the Menston Village Show!

Last weekend, Mrs Meakin entered Menston Primary into various categories at the Menston Village Show. Here are the results:

KS1 Outdoor Learning:

- Wonky veg - 1st place for our curly cucumber
- Heaviest veg - 1st place for our amazing pumpkin
- Three tomatoes - 2nd place
- A pumpkin - 2nd place for our smaller pumpkin



We also entered a small selection of pictures drawn by year 2 in outdoor learning into the Community Class. This year the remit was to design a tile to adorn the new Scout and Guide hut. We asked our children to draw a picture of what they love best about outdoor learning at school. We won 1st prize and the rosette and shield for Best in Class!

Gardening club:

- A vase of sweet peas - 2nd place
- Four potatoes - 2nd place



School Photographs

A reminder that Karen Ross will be visiting school on **Tuesday 24th September** to take the individual school photos. Karen will also be visiting school on **Saturday 28th September** at 9:30am to take the sibling photos. If you would like to book a sibling photograph slot for your children, please do so by emailing andrew@rossschoolphoto.co.uk directly. Booking is essential. Sibling photos usually take place outside, weather permitting.



MyHappyMind

MyHappyMind are running a parental engagement competition from now until 25th October. They are offering a fantastic prize to the school with the highest levels of parental engagement via the parent app. The winning school will receive a fully stocked Parent Lending Library containing myHappyMind books and bookmarks to support and inspire us to learn more about myHappyMind. This would be an incredible addition to our school community. We have so far been in the top few schools for parental engagement so we feel we stand a really good chance of winning! If you haven't done so already, please download and start to use the parent app. You can use this QR code and the authentication code is **149938**. Thank you all for your support with this. Fingers crossed!



Key Stage 1 Macmillan Juice & Cake Morning



Key Stage 1 will be hosting a juice and cake morning in the KS1 hall on Friday 27th September in an effort to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Year 1 children will be in the hall from 9.05-9.45am. Year 2 children will be in the hall from 9.55-10.30am. Parents and carers should enter via the main office on St Peter's Way. If you are able to bake or donate biscuits, buns or cake for the event, this would be wonderful. On arrival, you will have the opportunity to sit with your child/children and enjoy a drink of juice and some cakes. In the centre of the tables will be delicious treats and also donation pots, if you would like to contribute. Children can also bring in money if they wish.

Saviour Pirotta Author Visit

We were delighted to welcome children's author Saviour Pirotta into school on Wednesday. He is doing amazing writing workshops with our Key Stage 2 children who are loving it!



SHINE Buddies

SHINE buddies were invited to the KS1 assembly today to teach our younger pupils some playground games. We learned how to play: Co-operation, Over/Under, Hot Potato, Treasure Chest and Scarves.



ACTIVE FUN AT BREAK AND LUNCHTIMES

Lots of children had fun at lunchtime, joining in with the playground games. Thank you KS2 for shining!



Secondary School Open Days

St Mary's Menston: Saturday 28th September 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

Ilkley Grammar School: Wednesday 2nd October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

Guiseley School: Saturday 12th October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information and to book your place.

Prince Henry's Grammar School: Monday 7th October 2024. [Click here](#) for more information.

Please [click here](#) to read the updated 2024-25 secondary school parent guidebook from Bradford Admissions.

ASDA Cash Pot for Schools



Parentkind have teamed up with Asda, to make millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cash pot for Schools' initiative. To support MPS, all you have to do is, download the Asda Rewards app to opt-in, choose Menston Primary School and shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com), until 30th November 2024.

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to MPS. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cash pot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started. All money raised will be donated to schools to spend on the things they need the most! [Click here](#) to find out more and to download the rewards app.

Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 97.89% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Maple** with 100% 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: 23/09/2024 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.

Monday: Ravioli Hotpot; Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos; Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Chicken Pie or Halal Chicken Pie; Cheese and Onion Flan; Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Braised Sausages or Halal Cottage Pie; Braised Quorn Sausages; Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese and Tomato Pizza; Arrabiata Pasta; Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Fish Fingers; Vegetable Dippers; Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

If you have any questions relating to payment for school meals, please contact Facilities Management on **07973 841632**

Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint an energetic and creative Key Stage 1 class teacher in our high performing, friendly school. This is a fixed-term maternity cover post. Applications from candidates with experience of successfully leading a curriculum subject are particularly welcome. An application pack is available [here](#).

Following the promotion of the existing postholder, governors seek to appoint an enthusiastic, caring Care Club Deputy Manager to join the strong staff team working in our wrap around childcare facility. An application pack is available [here](#). We are also seeking applications for our before and after-school play workers. Please [click here](#) for an application pack.

Please [click here](#) to visit our website for information about all our vacancies.

Open Mornings

We are pleased to announce that our Open Mornings for Prospective September 2025 families will be held on:

Monday 11th November 2024 9:30-11:30am *NEW DATE*

Wednesday 13th November 2024 9:30-11:30am

Saturday 16th November 2024 10:00-12:00pm

Please [click here](#) to sign up for the open morning you would like to attend.

Dates for your Diary: check [our website](#) for more!



Tuesday 24th September: Individual School Photos

Friday 27th September: KS1 Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 28th September: Sibling Photos

Saturday 5th October: Wharfedale Cross Country League at Ilkley Rugby Club

Friday 25th October: School closes for October half-term

Monday 14th October: Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 17th October: Parent Consultation Evening

Monday 4th November: School reopens

Saturday 9th November: Wharfedale Cross Country League at Ilkley Swimming Baths

Monday 11th November: Open Morning Prospective September 2025 Families 9:30-11:30am

Wednesday 13th November: Open Morning Prospective September 2025 Families 9:30-11:30am

Saturday 16th November: Open Morning Prospective September 2025 Families 10:00-12:00pm

Friday 20th December: School closes for Christmas break

PE People Holiday Club

Mr Langan is thrilled to announce that pre-bookings for the October Holiday Club are now open! This time, we're adding some extra fun with an optional Halloween Fancy Dress Day on Thursday 31st October. Children can come dressed in their favourite costumes and enjoy lots of Halloween-themed games and activities!



Spaces are limited, so make sure to book your child's place soon before they fill up!

Scan the QR code to book a place.



Northern Sounds



Earlier this week, KS2 children enjoyed a visit from Adrian from Northern Sounds. Northern Sounds offer one to one and group music lessons for all ages and abilities. To book a free trial or for more information, please contact info@northernsounds.co.uk or phone **07804131189**. [Click here](#) for more information.

Kirklands Coffee Morning

On Saturday 5th October, the Kirklands Community Centre will be holding a coffee morning from 9am-1pm.



There will be stalls, cakes and hot drinks. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Menston Scouts & Guides New HQ Project.

FoMPS

Unfortunately, we said farewell to some long-standing committee members at the end of last year as their youngest children finished primary school, so we are looking for new members. We are particularly keen to recruit a new secretary as, without a core committee, we will be unable to run our events including the Christmas Fair that bring in much-needed funds for the school. If you are interested in the secretary role or in joining the FoMPS committee in any way please contact chair@fomps.org.uk

The FoMPS uniform recycling scheme is temporarily suspending collection of uniform into school as we have had a fantastic number of donations over the past few weeks. If you are looking to buy some of the uniform (or have a donation of logo items only) please email fompsuniform@gmail.com



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