



# Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 4th October 2024

## KS1 Macmillan Cake Morning

Thank you to everyone who baked or bought cakes, buns and biscuits for the event. We have raised £650! Thank you to all those who took part and donated!



## October Online Safety Newsletter

The October edition of the Knowsley City Learning Centre Online Safety Newsletter has been released. A copy has been emailed to all parents alongside the school newsletter. This month's edition focuses on the risks of mobile phone usage, as well as exploring the teen account features that the social media platform, Instagram, offers to its users. You can access the newsletter from the 'Online Safety' section on the Menston Primary website, by [clicking here](#). If you would like to watch the October online safety parent presentation, please [click here](#) to view the recording.

## 24-Hour Absent Message Line

If your child will be absent due to illness, please let the office know, by calling 01943 873180, and **leaving a message on the 24-hour absence line BEFORE 08:30am**. To leave a message on the absence line, please press number 1 on your handset. Please can we ask parents to elaborate further when describing their child's illness— 'feeling unwell' is not a sufficient reason for Bradford Attendance.

## Reception Phonics Morning

Reception was delighted to put on its very first Phonics Workshop. Parents listened to a presentation and then went into the classrooms to try out different phonics activities. It was great to see the children having so much fun whilst practising their phonics!



## KS1 Music Assembly

This morning, a group of very talented KS2 children played their musical instruments in assembly for our Year 1 & 2 children. Our younger pupils were very inspired by their musical talents! Well done to Rowan, Sarah, Vivienne and Eleanor!



## This week in Year 4...

This week in Geography, our Y4 classes have been discovering how the Himalayan mountains were formed and enjoyed a practical learning session about fold mountains!



## Autumn Term Parents Evening—Booking Window

We will be holding parent consultations on Monday 14th and Thursday 17th October. These meetings will give parents an opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss how they are settling into the new school year. Meetings will be held in either the KS1 or KS2 hall.

Please log into the Arbor Parent Portal to book your appointment. The booking window is open now and will close at midnight on Sunday 13th October. If you have more than one child in school, please leave at least 1 x 10 minute appointment between your bookings, especially if you need to move between buildings.

## 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!



## Secondary School Open Days

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

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

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

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 96.69% The class with the highest attendance this week is **Rowan** with 98.97% attendance! All children have an attendance target of at least 97% and attendance that falls below 95% will be followed up.



## Ilkley Literature Festival—Children's Book Trail

Discover exciting children's books (and lots of great shops) as you search Ilkley for books hidden in shop windows! Find all the books on the trail and you could win fantastic prizes. To take part, collect an entry form from Festival venues, the Grove Bookshop, Ilkley Visitor Information Centre or [click here](#) to download to one. Follow the trail map around the town centre. Spot the books in shop windows and write them down. Look out for the Trail window stickers to help you. Hand your completed form in at Festival venues, the Grove Bookshop or Ilkley Visitor Information Centre by 5pm on Sunday 18 October 2015. All correct entries will be entered into a Prize Draw after the Festival. It is free of charge to take part. [Click here](#) to find out more.



## School Lunch Menu — W/C: 07/10/2024 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**

### Week 3

**Monday:** Pasta Bolognese, Halal Pasta Bolognese, Cheese Pasta Bake, Cheese Panini 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, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

**Thursday:** Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Quorn Sausage in a Bun, Jacket Potato or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

**Friday:** Fish Fingers, Cheese & Potato Plan, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

### 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](#).

We are also seeking a Level 2 Teaching Assistant to support a child with an EHCP. This is a fixed-term post, 20 hours per week. Please [click here](#) to view the application pack.

Please note: we're unable to accept CVs

If you have any questions about any of our vacancies, please email [recruitment@menston.mlt.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@menston.mlt.co.uk)

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

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!



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

**Thursday 24th October:** KS1 Harvest Festival at 2:40pm

**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

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**Saturday 7th December:** FoMPS Christmas Fair at 1pm

**Friday 20th December:** School closes for Christmas break

### PE People Holiday Club



Mr Langan is thrilled to announce that pre-bookings for his October Holiday Club are now open! This time, he's 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, or [click here](#) to fill in the Goggle form.



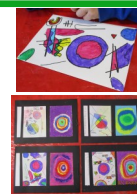
### Community & Family Day at Kirklands, Menston

On Sunday 6th October from 1:30 till 4:00pm, the Kirklands Community Centre will be hosting a 'Community & Family Day.' There will be stalls, games and competitions. Refreshments will be served from 2pm onwards. Entry is free.



### Art Club

Art club has been exploring the work of Wassily Kandinsky. The children created a piece using circles and oil pastels, then another using pen lines, shapes, pens and chalk. They are so proud of their work!



### Vivace Youth Choir Concert



The Vivace Youth Choir will be holding a concert at the Menston Methodist Church on Saturday 5th October at 3pm. Tickets are £5, sold at the door, (under 12 entry is free) and refreshments are included. The proceeds collected are in aid of 'Bliss,' a charity supporting babies born premature or with illness. All the children in the choir are from Menston Primary; please come along and support them in aid of this meaningful cause!

### FoMPS

The FoMPS Christmas fair will take place on Saturday 7th December as part of the village Light Switch On event. We are currently looking for some great raffle prizes for the event so, if you work for/run a company that could donate a prize, then please get in touch [fompsinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fompsinfo@gmail.com) All raffle prizes will have the donor company named for a bit of free advertising.

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](mailto:fompsuniform@gmail.com)



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