



Menston Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 28th March 2025

World Down Syndrome Day Fundraising Events

We are delighted to announce that the final figure for funds raised last week to support the Down Syndrome Training and Support Centre in Bingley is a whopping **£2295.23!** Mel Ratcliffe has asked us to pass on huge thanks on behalf of her family to our whole school community for raising vital funds to help keep the centre open. The centre delivers essential support to families and schools in the local area and beyond. Thank you so much to everyone who donated to Johnny Ratcliffe's Just Giving page too. Johnny's walk last week has raised over £50,000 in total, over half of which will be going to support the centre. If anyone would still like to donate, please [click here](#). A special mention and a big thank you to Dylan E in Year 4, who has chosen to donate £100 of his own money to this amazing cause.

Boys Football Europa Cup

The Year 6 boys delivered an outstanding performance on Tuesday evening, playing two back-to-back matches. After securing a 3-1 victory in their first game, they advanced to the Europa Cup Final playoff. The final match was intense, ending in a draw and leading to a nail-biting penalty shootout, where the boys emerged victorious! It was a well-earned win for the entire team, who represented Menston Primary School brilliantly. Congratulations once again to the Year 6 boys!



Head Lice

We are experiencing recurring bouts of head lice throughout school and have had a number of parents reporting that, despite successfully treating their child for head lice, they quickly return. If you discover that your child has head lice, please advise the school office by emailing office@menston.mt.co.uk, so that we can inform other parents. **It is imperative that ALL families check for head lice once a notification is sent out. The problem can only be eradicated if everyone works together to prevent the head lice from spreading.** Parents and carers can access the latest NHS guidance by [clicking here](#). If you feel you require further advice, please contact the School Nursing Service on 01274 221203, 8:30am—4:30pm.

Cross Country

Michael and Isobel showcased their exceptional talent and determination at the National Primary Cross-Country Final on Saturday 22nd March. Competing against the very best in the country, they faced incredibly tough competition but performed remarkably well. Isobel was 12th out of 90 runners and helped West Yorkshire secure 1st team. Michael finished in the top third of a very strong field. Their hard work, dedication, and resilience were evident as they took on this challenging event. Congratulations to them both on this fantastic achievement!



Eid Mubarak

We would like to wish all our children and families who will be celebrating Eid in the coming days **Eid Mubarak**.

We hope that you enjoy all your celebrations with friends and family as the holy month of Ramadan comes to an end.



Easter Egg Hunt

FoMPS have organised an Easter egg hunt to take place in school on Friday 4 April. The hunt will take place during the school day and every child in school will bring an Easter egg prize home at the end of the day. All dietary requirements have been catered for.



FoMPS are currently fundraising for the creation of a quiet area in the UKS2 playground. Children in Y5 and Y6 have submitted mural design ideas to local artist John Giles. John will be painting a mural in the playground, with help from the children. We will also be asking FoMPS to fund recycled plastic furniture to create a quiet social space for our oldest children. All children will benefit from having this space as they move up through school.

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

Wednesday 2 April: Reception Easter Craft Afternoon with Parents 2-3pm

Thursday 3 April: KS1 Easter Performance @ 2:40pm

Friday 4 April: Whole school Easter Egg Hunt. School closes for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22 April: School reopens for Summer Term

Wednesday 23—Friday 25 April: Year 4 Residential

Monday 5 May: May Day Bank Holiday, school closed

Monday 12 May: KS2 SATs Week

Friday 23 May: School closes for May half-term

Monday 2 June: MPS Training Day, school closed to children

Tuesday 3 June: School reopens

Tuesday 17 June: Class photos

Monday 23 June: LKS2 Years 3 & 4 Sports Day (AM)

Wednesday 25—Friday 27 June: Year 6 Residential

Monday 30 June: UKS2 Years 5 & 6 Sports Day (AM) / Reception & KS1 Years 1 & 2 Sports Day (PM)

Get Ready for Sports Days

We're excited to announce the dates for our upcoming Sports Days in Summer Term 2.

- **LKS2** – Monday 23rd June (morning)
- **UKS2** – Monday 30th June (morning)
- **Reception & KS1** – Monday 30th June (afternoon)

More details, including specific timings, will be shared closer to the event. We look forward to a fantastic celebration of sport and teamwork!



School Lunch Menu — W/C: 31/03/2025 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 £2.35 per day/ £11.75 per week from Monday 4th November 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 1:

Monday: Tuna Pasta Marinara, Halal Beef Bolognese, Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Tuesday: Minced Beef & Onion Pie, Cheese & Potato Flan, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Wednesday: Roast Meat Dinner, Halal Chicken Tikka Roast, Vegetarian Cottage Pie, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

Thursday: Cheese & Tomato Pizza, Quorn Sausage, Jacket Potatoes or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Sandwiches

Friday: Chicken Goujons, Vegetable Pakoras, Battered Fish, Cheese Panini or Ham, Cheese or Tuna Wraps

School Meal Price Increase

We have been notified by Facilities Management, who run our school meal service, that from **Monday 21st April 2025**, the cost of a school meal will increase to **£2.45 per day, £12.25 per week**. This change will not affect children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who receive universal free school meals. Payment for school meals should be made via your Parent Pay account. Please ensure your 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 directly on 07973 841632

Parents/carers can view the current lunch menu on our school website by [clicking here](#).

Administration of Medicine

Please can we politely remind parent/carers that, where possible, prescribed medicine should be administered outside of school hours. If this is not possible, parent/carers must complete and sign a parental agreement form for the school to administer medicine. The completed form should be brought with the medicine to the school office or handed to a member of teaching staff. **Children must not be sent to school with medication in their school bag.** Prescribed medicines must be in date, labelled, and provided in the original container (except in the case of insulin which may come in a pen or pump) with dosage instructions. Medicines which do not meet these criteria will not be administered. For more information, please click here to view the [Trust's Supporting Children with Medical Conditions Policy](#)

Parents can [download the parental agreement form from the school website](#) under the 'Useful Forms' tab, or collect a paper copy from the office.

Lost Property

We have once again accumulated a large amount of lost property. Please can we ask parents to check the lost property box at the School Office on St Peter's Way. Items within the lost property box are not obviously named. **It is essential that children's uniform and belongings are named.** Parents can name items with pen or name labels. Labels can be purchased from [Stikins](#)—if you quote our fundraising number: **13253**, we will earn a 30% commission.

Anything not collected from lost property by next Wednesday 26th March, will be donated to FoMPS' pre-loved uniform stock.

Families can donate and purchase pre-loved uniform in great condition by contacting FoMPS or seeing Mrs Meakin on the KS1 gate at the start and end of the school day.

The Dog Mentor



Bonnie is really settling into her role in school and loves coming in each week to see her new friends. She has been working 1:1 with some children as well as choosing her class of the week to visit and taking her turn to be on gate duty. She was extremely impressed by the artistic creativity of two children who made some brilliant salt dough ornaments about The Dog Mentor programme and Bonnie, thank you Isobelle and Zara.



PE People Easter Holiday Club

PE People are excited to announce that bookings are now open for the easter holidays! Running from 7th—17th April 2025. Book now by [clicking here](#) or scanning the QR code for Easter themed fun!



Susan Hughes Performance Drama School

Susan Hughes is holding drama and performing arts lessons on Thursday evenings at The Queen's Hall, Burley. Please message Susan on 07806640661 to book a no-obligation free trial. The classes are for children 5+ years. Susan will also be running holiday camps at Easter and May half-term.

FoMPS

Looking for something creative to do during the Easter holidays? Why not have a go at decorating an egg to enter into the FoMPS Easter egg decorating competition. You can decorate a real egg, a craft egg or just draw your egg-citing design. Entries can be made by [clicking here](#) and require a £3 donation to FoMPS. Prizes for different age groups will be announced after the 25th April. See attached poster for more details.



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