

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter



Internet E-Safety - Parents Awareness Talk 3:30pm Tuesday 9th February 2016 in Worsley Mesnes School Hall



We have invited Ian Risdale who is an E Safety expert to Worsley Mesnes. He will share his vast knowledge and show short clips about how children can use the internet safely. He will also be available to answer questions and lead discussion with parents. Teachers will provide after school activities in a classroom for the children of parents who wish to attend.

The internet provides many fantastic opportunities but with these opportunities the need to be safe becomes more important all the time. E- safety is part of the ICT lessons in school but this will give parents chance to talk to an expert.

If you have any concerns about your children's online activities and especially their safety (which is probably all of us) or just want more information, please come to this meeting. Ian will also work with Year 5 and Year 6 children in the afternoon.

Scholastic Book Order

Scholastic has a fantastic January sale on at the moment with books starting from just 99p. Order online via the link below and the books will be delivered to school free of charge. The normal book leaflet system will return for World Book Day orders in March.

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/worsley-mesnes> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by February 4th, 2016.**



New Toast Volunteers Required

Have you got a few minutes to spare once a week to make toast for the Key Stage 2 children? We're looking for someone between the times of 9:50am until 10:30am one day per week.

Please ask at the office if you think you can help.

Visit from Author – Antony Wootten

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I am a children's author and, on Friday 29th January, I will be spending the day at Worsley Mesnes Primary School. As well as visiting the classes and working with the Y5/6 children, I will be selling signed copies of my books after school in the hippo Zone. If you think your child would like to buy a book, it would be great if they could come with enough money (it doesn't have to be the exact amount – they can decide on the day which book they'd like). The books are aimed at Key Stage 2 children (and I will also bring some copies of my book of short stories for adults, in case you'd like to treat yourself too!). Below are the book prices:

A Tiger Too Many: £6

Grown-ups Can't Be Friends With Dragons: £6.50

There Was An Old Fellow From Skye: £5

The Grubby Feather Gang: £6

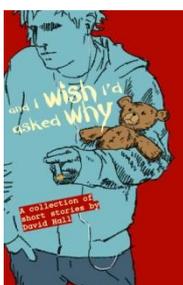
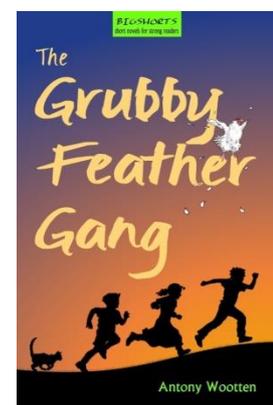
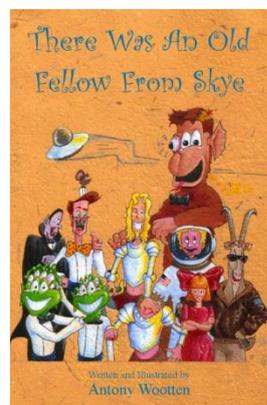
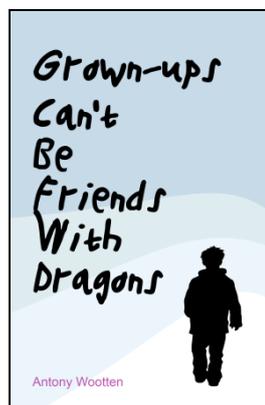
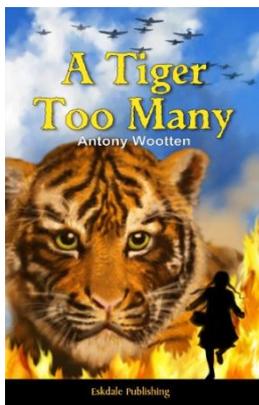
And I Wish I'd Asked Why (short stories for adults): £7

You can find out about the books by visiting www.antonywootten.co.uk.

I will be on hand after school to sign copies.

Yours sincerely,

Antony Wootten.



PS: When writing for adults, I use the pen name David Hall. You can find out more here: www.antonywootten.co.uk/davidhall.html.



Gambia Shoe Box Appeal

A reminder that shoe boxes need to be brought in to school by 5th February 2016 at the latest, as they need to be loaded onto the container to reach Gambia in time for Miss Parker's visit in March.

Please note that no sweets, food or toy weapons should be put into the boxes.

Jumble Sale

Wigan & Leigh Hospice will be holding a jumble sale at Kildare Street, Hindley on Sunday 31st January 10am – 2pm. There will be stalls selling clothes, shoes and bags as well as refreshments, a raffle and much more!

Chinese New Year Saturday 30th January - Museum of Wigan Life - 11am - 3pm



Join in a special celebration with a day of Chinese lion dancing by the Liverpool Hung Gar Kung Fu Lion Dancers, traditional Chinese crafts, the chance to get up close to original Chinese objects and lots, lots more.

11am – 3pm – Free activities at the Museum of Wigan Life

11:30am – Martial Arts Performance at the Grand Arcade

12:30pm – Lion Dancers at the Market Place

2pm – Lion Dancers at the Museum of Wigan Life

Free Activities at the Museum of Wigan Life – Tues 16th and Thurs 18th February 1-3pm

Children will love trying out some traditional Chinese skills and finding out about the zodiac animals. These are drop-in activities, with no booking required.

For further details call 01942 828128 or email wiganmuseum@wigan.gov.uk

Valentine's Disco

Look out for the Valentine's Disco letter!
KS1 Disco – Wednesday 10th February 4.15pm – 5.15
pm and KS2 Disco 6.30 – 8pm.

Medication in School

If your child requires medication during the school day, please speak to a member of staff in the office for further guidance.



Valentine Themed Lunch – Friday 12th February

Don't miss out on our Valentine Themed Lunch – get your order in now! See separate letter or the office for further details.



Unify Bank

Our Unify Bank is currently open every Wednesday between the times of 8.15am – 9am, if any children and parents wish to open a Unify Account or pay in their savings money they need to attend on a Wednesday morning in our Hippo Zone.

Please note: Our School Office cannot accept any money or applications forms, parents, carers and children need to attend the Unify Bank in the Hippo Zone each Wednesday.

Reception Application Dates

By the beginning of November 2015 – parents should have registered an interest at any of their local schools if their child is due to start Reception Class in September 2016.

6th November 2015 – schools will send out an application form to each parent that has registered an interest.

6th November 2015 – 15th January 2016 - parents apply for school places.

15th January 2016 – closing date for applications.

16th April 2016 – Admissions Team will write to all Wigan parents notifying them of the place that has been offered to their child.

Dates for your diaryUpdates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:15am – 9:00am	
Friday 29th January	Visit from Author – Antony Wootten	
Friday 5 th February	Last day to get shoe boxes in for Gambia	
Tuesday 9 th February	E-Safety Talk for Parents in the hall - 3:30pm	
Wednesday 10th February	Valentine's Disco	
Friday 12 th February	Valentine Themed Lunch	
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term	

School Values Awards

Reception ~ Matthew S – Determination
 Year 1 ~ Phoebe D – Determination
 Year 2 ~ Cameron H - Excellence
 Year 3 ~ Richard C – Determination
 Year 4 ~ Grace J – Excellence & Determination
 Year 5 ~ Emily F-McC – All School Values!
 Year 6 ~ Leon C – Inspiration

**Attendance for week commencing
18.01.16**

Reception	80%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	83%
Year 3	92.1%
Year 4	91.7%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	96.7%

If you are aware of anybody who is having difficulty accessing the information on our newsletter because of literacy or language difficulties, font size or colour of paper, please ask them to contact us and we will do what we can to help.