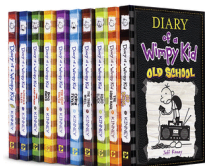


# Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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## 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.**

## Wish FM - 'Little Lyrics'

Worsley Mesnes Primary School will be featuring on 'Little Lyrics' on Wish FM 102.4 Radio the week commencing Monday 8th February until Friday 12th February. Please tune in at 8.05am and listen to our whole school 'Shout Out', plus a select 5 children who will feature on 'Little Lyrics' each day.

## Let's Sing

Year 3 will be participating in the above event on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Separate letters containing more information will be sent out to Year 3 parents nearer the time.

## Year 6 SATS Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May

Could all parents of children in Y6 please note the above dates for their statutory tests. It is essential that the Y6 children participate in these tests. Therefore, we would like to ask parents to bear this in mind when making appointments and booking holidays.

## **School Council**

Our School Council have been working on a new 'Packed Lunch Policy'.

This will be sent out to all parents after half term.

If you would like a look at this policy and some ideas of what to put into a packed lunch for children, please pop in on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February, anytime between 9am and 10am and have a chat and a coffee.

Just a reminder that we are a 'Nut Free School'.



## **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.

## **Internet E-Safety - Parents Awareness Talk** **3:30pm Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Gambia Shoe Box Appeal**

A reminder that shoe boxes need to be brought in to school by 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Free Activities at the Museum of Wigan Life – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wiganmuseum@wigan.gov.uk)

### **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.



### **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 diary

### Updates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:15am – 9:00am	
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day to get shoe boxes in for Gambia	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	E-Safety Talk for Parents in the hall - 3:30pm	
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's Disco	
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Coffee Morning to look at our new 'Packed Lunch Policy'</b>	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine Themed Lunch	
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term	
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>	

### School Values Awards

Reception ~ Cameron S – Respect  
Year 1 ~ Jenna G – Courage  
Year 2 ~ Ellie B – Excellence/Inspiration  
Year 3 ~ Mia H – Excellence  
Year 4 ~ Jayden H – Excellence  
Year 5 ~ Skye J – Determination  
Year 6 ~ Kai M – Determination

### Attendance for week commencing 25.01.16

Reception	95.3%
Year 1	92%
Year 2	92.7%
Year 3	91%
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	95.3%

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