

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter



World Book Day

Once again, we will be celebrating **World Book Day**.

On Thursday 3rd March, the children will be participating in a range of activities that promote the enjoyment of reading and a love of literature.

To help us celebrate we would like everyone in our school to come to school in fancy dress! Each class has chosen a theme this year that links with their topic or book:

Nursery- Fantasy Lands (princesses, pirates, dragons, knights, pirates etc.)

Reception-Animals

Y1/2 - Traditional tales or space

Y3/4 - Rapunzel (Rapunzel, the prince, the witch, the gardener or any of the woodland animals)

Y5/6- Through the decades (1940's-2000's)

We hope you will support us in this fantastic, annual event - it is the second week back after half term so start designing and making your costumes soon! For further information or ideas, check out the World Book Day 2016 website.

Thank you for your continued support, Mrs. Southern, Literacy Lead.

Shoe Boxes for Gambia

Just want to say thank you for all your shoe box donations. We managed to collect 242 shoe boxes in total to help the children in The Gambia. Thank you.

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 16th March. Separate letters containing more information will be sent out to Year 3 parents nearer the time.

Year 6 SATS Monday 9th May – Thursday 12th 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 11th 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.

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



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.

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.

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.

We know when children leave home they are clean and tidy ready for school. We do not want our children to step in dog dirt on the way here!

In response to a parental complaint about dog fouling on the footpath, which runs from Snowden Avenue to Worsley Mesnes Drive, we have been in contact with Wigan Council. To help improve this problem they need information about where the dog fouling is happening.

Please report it yourself to **Waste Services on Wigan (01942) 404364**. Alternatively there is an APP called 'report it @ Wigan Council' in which you can take a photo and submit it to Wigan Council.

Attendance News for our Half Term January 5th to February 9th.

Please ensure your child arrives on time for school. This half term we have had a massive 61 children late for school, which has lead to 90 sessions being late.

Attendance is extremely important to us and we aim to achieve 95+% for every child.

We have 209 children Reception – Year 6 and only 136 children have achieved 95+% attendance.

Well Done to 93 children who have achieved 100% this half term.

Dates for your diary

Updates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:15am – 9:00am	
Wednesday 10 th February	Valentine's Disco	
Thursday 11 th February	Coffee Morning to look at our new 'Packed Lunch Policy'	
Friday 12 th February	Valentine Themed Lunch	
Friday 12 th February	School closes for half term	
Thursday 25th February	Whole Class Photographs	
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day	
Monday 9 th – Thursday 12 th May	Year 6 SATS	

School Values Awards

Reception ~ Archie H-P – Determination
Year 1 ~ Ibrahim M – Respect & Friendship
Year 2 ~ Charlotte McC – Excellence
Year 3 ~ Shay Q – Respect & Determination
Year 4 ~ Holly G – Determination
Year 5 ~ Ellis M – Determination
Year 6 ~ Chloe D – Inspiration

Attendance for week commencing 01.02.16

Reception	97.3%
Year 1	98.3%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	94.3%
Year 6	98%

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Leigh Indoor Sports Centre - 01942 487800

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