

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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Success in the Junior Speaks Competition!

Congratulations to the four Year 6 children Kirsty, Layan, Kai and Isabel who took part in the Junior Speaks competition on Monday. They delivered their speech titled 'Do mistakes have consequences?' exceptionally well which gained them first place and a position in the final this Friday. We wish them the very best of luck!



Join us

Come, join us for a chat and a coffee, and meet our Start Well workers every Monday 9.10am in our OOSHL Room.
Find out what's on offer for you and your family in our local area.

Be a School Governor



New Parent Governor Election

A Parent/Carer Governor position has just become available to join the vibrant School Governing Body at Worsley Mesnes Primary School.

As a Governor you would play an important role in the life of our school and be part of decisions about the future direction.

It does take time and you would need to commit to attend three Full Governing Body Meetings during the year and some smaller committee meetings. Training will be available if you wish to access it.

The Parent Governor is elected by the parents of the children at the school.

The Nomination Form and further details will come home with your child on Wednesday 5th October 2016.

If you want more information or have any questions, please speak to me or any of our existing Governors whose names can be found on the school website.

This is a great opportunity to take a different role in your child's school.

All Nomination Forms need to be returned to school by 4pm on Tuesday 18th October.

Toxic Shock Syndrome – TSS

Wigan Council have contacted all the schools in the borough regarding raising awareness of Toxic Shock Syndrome.

Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) is a rare, but serious illness that can affect anyone including men, women and children. It can occur following infections such as those caused by burns, scalds and wounds. TSS has also been associated with menstruation and the use of tampons.

Although numbers affected by this syndrome are small, 50% of the cases are females aged between 13 and 25 years. Sadly, out of the small numbers who fall ill each year, 2- 3 people die from TSS.

The council have been supporting a lady in our community, Diane Roberts. Diane is on a mission to raise awareness of the dangers of Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS) and Sepsis; following the tragic death of her daughter Jemma-Louise in 2014 when she was just 13 years old. Jemma was a student at Standish High School, a talented musician who worked with Wigan's music service and a keen competitive swimmer.

For further information on Toxic Shock Syndrome please go to www.tssis.com or NHS Choices website.

The Clockmaker's Christmas

The Arty-Facts Theatre Company will be visiting school 9:30am on Thursday 1st December to perform 'The Clockmaker's Christmas'.

Readathon 2016 ~ Thursday 20th October

Do you have an unwanted book at home? Why not donate your book and come along to the Worsley Mesnes Book Swap, on 20th October, as part of our Readathon fundraising event.



Please feel free to pass on any book donations to any member of staff.

School Gateway Payment

Thank you to all the parents who are already using SCHOOL GATEWAY payment system which went live on Monday 12th September 2016.

You can pay for breakfast club, after school clubs, swim, nursery payments etc.... using this system. We would like to encourage more of you to try it because it gives you the ease of paying without having to come in to school.

All you need to do is download the app for android or iphone or visit the website : www.schoolgateway.com to activate your account today.

Not only will you be able to pay online but you get the added benefit that messages sent by school and parents will not incur any charge for the text. We are aiming to get 50% of parents using the School Gateway smartphone app – please help us achieve this target.

For this to work you need to ensure the mobile number and e-mail address you are using is held within school records so if in any doubt please ring and check we hold up to date mobile and e-mail addresses for you and keep us updated of any changes. Also if you encounter any problem again please ring and we will be more than welcome to help you through the process.

Please note school dinners at this stage cannot go through the above mentioned system as DINNERS are run by LIVE KITCHEN. Please note there is the functionality within LIVE KITCHEN for you to pay via Direct Debit so that you do not need to physically come into school with money. However, we will still accept cash payments.

Mrs J Barlow

School Business Manager



Halloween Disco

Letters for our special Halloween Discos have been sent out, hope you can join us and come to party! Foundation Stage & KS1 4.30pm – 5.30pm and KS2 6.30pm – 8pm.

Fancy Dress Optional - Please note last day for orders is Friday 14th October.

High School Applications

All parents/carers of Year 6 will be written to by the Local Authority on 2nd September 2016 to let them know about the online application service which will be available until 31st October 2016 to apply for High School for September 2017.

The preferred way to apply for a secondary school place and access admission information is online via the following link - <https://www.wigan.gov.uk/Resident/Education/Schools/School-Admissions/Secondary-Schools.aspx>

However, if a parent wishes to apply via the paper version a copy can be obtained from the school office.

SEAL – Social Emotional Aspects of Learning

Our theme for this half term is 'New Beginnings'. During this term we will be exploring how to create a learning environment that helps children learn together in a happy, busy and safe way. We will also learn about the feelings we have when we are happy, sad, scared and excited, and how to manage these feelings in the classroom.

Why not join in and have a go at our Family SEAL Activity – there will be a small prize for everyone who takes part and brings it back into school, and we will put these up on display.

Halloween Themed Lunch

We are going to enjoy a special lunch on Monday 31st October – watch out for our special menu, letters to order a Halloween lunch will be coming home today.



Unify Bank



Our Unify Bank is currently open every Wednesday between the times of 8:35am – 9:00am, 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.

School Values Awards

Year 1 ~ Cameron S – All School Values!
Year 2 ~ Darcey J – Determination
Year 3 ~ Tyler K – Determination
Year 4 ~ Harrison N – Excellence & Determination
Year 5 ~ Chantelle T – Excellence
Year 6 ~ Brandon F – Determination & Inspiration

Attendance for week commencing 03.10.16

Reception	91%
Year 1	97.7%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96.3%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	96.3%

Dates for your diaryUpdates are in **bold**

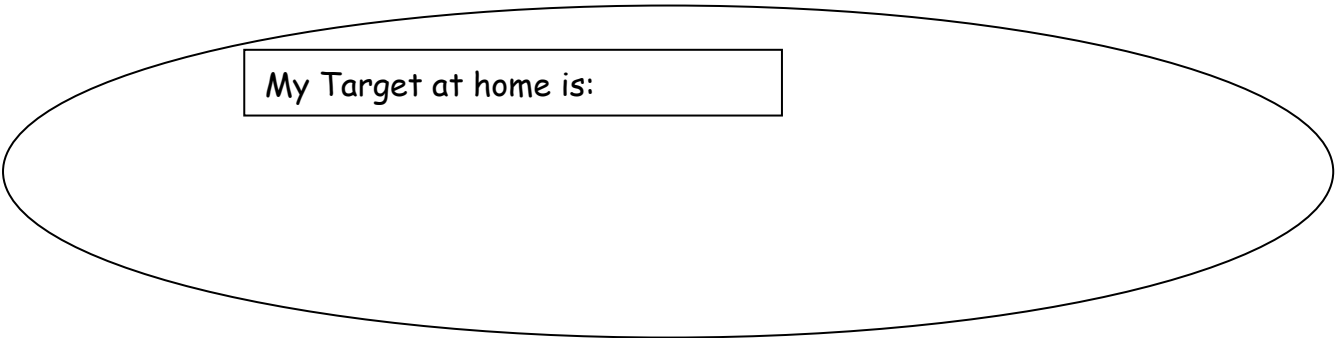
Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Thursday 13 th October	Visit from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service – Y6	
Friday 14th October	Final of the Junior Speaks Competition	
Tuesday 18 th October	4pm – Deadline for Parent Governor Nomination Forms	
Wednesday 19 th October	Halloween Discos	
Thursday 20 th October	Worsley Mesnes Book Swap	
Friday 21 st October	Finish for Half Term	
Monday 31 st October	Back to School	
Monday 31 st October	Halloween Themed Lunch	
Monday 31 st October 2016	Deadline for High School applications	
Thursday 1 st December	The Clockmaker's Christmas – 9:30am	

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.

Child

Now you are in a new class you should start to do something new to show that you are getting older. Why not set yourself a new goal or target; how about one of these things?

- Make my bed
- Get dressed without any help
- Help with the cooking
- Wash up or tidy up
- Do my homework without having to be told
- Read every night

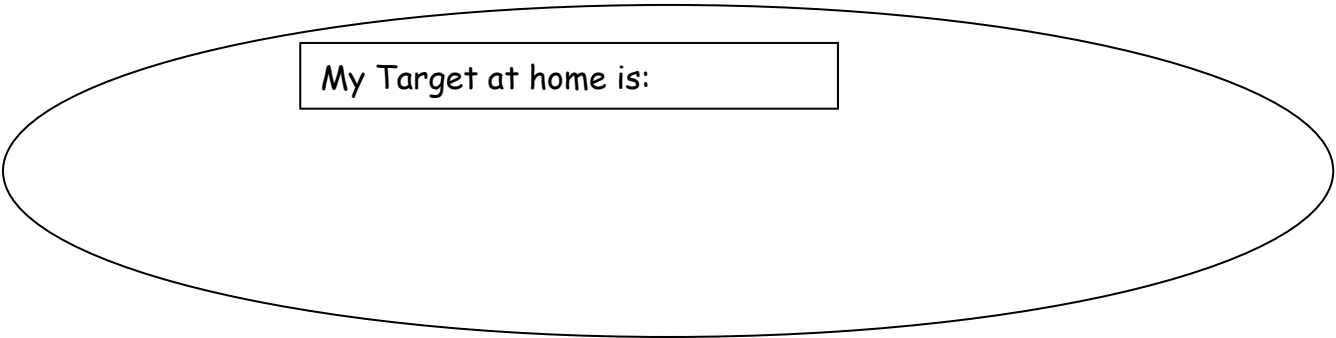


My Target at home is:

Parent/Carer

Now your child is in a new class you might want to set yourself a target; how about one of these things?

- Read a story with your child
- Help your child spend some time with a friend
- Take your child to the park
- Walk your child to or from school
- Get up nice and early so you don't have to hurry in the morning
- Have some time to yourself



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