

# Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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## **Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Morgan**

Ava Mary-Jean was born on 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8.35am, weighing 5lb 14oz.

All at Worsley Mesnes send best wishes to all the family.



## **Success in the Junior Speaks Competition!**

A huge congratulations to the four Year 6 children Kirsty, Layan, Kai and Isabel who took part in the Junior Speaks final on Friday. After another excellent delivery of their speech titled 'Do mistakes have consequences?' they came an impressive 2nd! An amazing achievement as twenty six Wigan schools took part. We are very proud of them all.



## **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.

## **Safeguarding Lessons**

Our Year 5 & Year 6 children will be taking part in a CSE (child sexual exploitation) Session on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

If any parents would like more information on this, please see Mrs Davies.

Please let Mrs Davies know if you would be interested in a parents session on CSE.



To celebrate the bicentenary of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, the Canal and River Trust will be visiting school and delivering an assembly to all our children on water safety on 7<sup>th</sup> November.

For more information, please speak to Mrs Davies.

### **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](http://www.tssis.com) or NHS Choices website.

### **The Clockmaker's Christmas**

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

### **Readathon 2016 ~ Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

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



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

### **Dates that After School Clubs Finish**

Having listened to feedback about the date that After School Clubs end, it is something we will be reviewing.

With other things happening in the last week such as the disco, clubs have tended to finish the week before the last week of term.

We will canvass opinion from parents and children and look to make things much clearer in the future.

### **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](http://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

### **High School Applications**

All parents/carers of Year 6 will be written to by the Local Authority on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016 to let them know about the online application service which will be available until 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### **Halloween Themed Lunch**

We are going to enjoy a special lunch on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> 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 ~ Lexie H – Determination  
Year 2 ~ Aiden B – Excellence  
Year 3 ~ Ayisha C – Determination  
Year 4 ~ Emma G – Determination  
Year 5 ~ Amelia W – Excellence  
Year 6 ~ Layan H – Courage & Inspiration  
Kai E – Courage & Inspiration  
Kirsty A – Courage & Inspiration  
Isabel K – Courage & Inspiration

### Attendance for week commencing 10.10.16

Reception	97.7%
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
Year 2	95.9%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	90.7%

### Dates for your diary

### Updates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Discos	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Readathon Worsley Mesnes Book Swap</b>	
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Finish for Half Term	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to School	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween Themed Lunch	
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	Deadline for High School applications	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 CSE Session</b>	
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Water Safety Assembly for all children</b>	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.