

Worsley Mesnes Primary School Newsletter

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Chinese New Year - Free Family Fun at Museum of Wigan Life - Saturday 4th February



11:00am – 3pm Free family activities at the Museum
11:30am Student Performance at the Museum
12:00pm Lion Dancers at the Market Place
1:00pm Martial Arts Performance at the Grand Arcade
2:00pm Lion Dancers at the Museum of Wigan Life

Join us for an extravaganza of FREE family fun as we celebrate Chinese New Year with music, dancing, costume and craft. Watch the fabulous Chinese dancers throughout the town centre before a special finale at the museum.

FREE – no booking required.

Chinese Celebrations: Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd February
1-3pm Free half-term activities at the Museum of Wigan Life.

Half term is packed full of family fun with our traditional Chinese craft and costume. Try your hand at painting, calligraphy and paper cutting, and then get dressed up in traditional Chinese clothes. **FREE – no booking required.**

With support from the Confucius Classroom, Wigan and Leigh College.



This week is...National Storytelling Week.

The Society for Storytelling's 16th annual National Storytelling Week will take place from Saturday **January 28th** to February 4th 2017.

So join in and keep alive the oral tradition of storytelling, the very first way of communicating life experiences and the creative imagination.



On Thursday 2nd March we will once again be celebrating World Book Day.

So get thinking about your favourite book characters to dress up in and watch out for your £1 voucher to buy or put towards a book of your choice.

Further information to follow but in the meantime you can find out more at:

<http://www.worldbookday.com/>



BBC Radio Two's- 500 words competition is back!

In 2016 123,436 children entered the competition

Seven years ago, Chris Evans had a dream: to get children excited about reading and writing. All children, no matter what their ability. 500 Words is now one of the most successful story-writing competitions for kids in the world. **Nearly half a million** pupils have written a story for us; that's over **277 MILLION words!**

It's very simple. Entrants write an original story on any subject or theme in 500 Words or fewer and submit it online. If they win, their story will be read live on the radio by a superstar celebrity...like Julie Walters, Tom Hiddleston, Sir Kenneth Branagh, Jeremy Irons, or Sherlock himself – Benedict Cumberbatch. Each year, 10 million Radio 2 listeners hear, read and love these stories.

The 2017 competition is now open for entries! For further information, visit the Radio 2 website to be in a with a chance to join Chris at the 500 Words Final from the Tower of London. Closing date is 23rd February.

Valentine's Disco



We will be holding our Valentine's Disco on Wednesday 15th February.
Nursery, Reception and KS1 4.30pm – 5.30pm.
KS2 6.30pm – 8pm.
Look out for our letter.

Can you help?

Daisy Chain Stitchers are planning to knit some dolls' clothes to dress baby dolls to be given as 'comfort dolls' to dementia patients.

Can you help with their appeal? Can you donate any unwanted baby dolls to this cause? Please send them into school and we will pass them on.

Thank you.

Red Nose Day

Friday 24th March we will be joining in with Red Nose Day, come to school in Red, donations welcome.



We will be selling the Red Noses at our office for £1, there are 9 different noses, why don't you collect them all!

Class Assemblies



Throughout February and March each class will be presenting an assembly with a Growth Mindset theme. Parents are invited to watch their child's performance which will take place on the following dates:

Class	Date and time	Venue
Year 4	Thursday 2 nd February, 11am	School hall
Year 3	Thursday 9 th February, 11am	School hall
Year 6	Thursday 2 nd March, 11am	School hall
Year 1	Thursday 9 th March, 11am	School hall
Reception	Thursday 16 th March, 9.30am	Reception classroom
Year 5	Thursday 16 th March, 11am	School hall
Year 2	Thursday 23 rd March, 11am	School hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

SEAL – Going for Goals

Our Seal theme this half term is Going for Goals.

Going for Goals explores how children can motivate themselves in their learning and across school. Children can set their own goals, think about how they learn best and consider how they might make wise choices.



Have a go at our Family Activity – a prize for every one handed in to Mrs Davies!

Attendance

As you are aware, excellent attendance and punctuality are vital to both the academic and social achievement of all our pupils.

I am confident that we can rely on your support to ensure your child arrives to school on time and ready to learn. If you would like any support, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Worry Box on School Website

We have a new addition on our website – our online Worry Box.

At Worsley Mesnes we pride ourselves on our wellbeing, so our online worry box has been set up as an approach to addressing any excessive worries or anxieties we may have, our aim is to take away the worry and place it in the box. School staff will pick these up and act on them appropriately.

Our children are already used to our worry box in school, as we have a box where they can write any worries and post them, this new addition is an extra to a system we already have running in school. This will be introduced to all children in our Monday morning assembly and through class safeguarding lessons.

Like adults, children tend to do their worrying at night, they are busy and active during the day, but at night minds can wander and stress or worries can start to creep in. By having our facility of the worry box online, children can use this at anytime and have a chance to verbalise and put away their worries and get a restful sleep.

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.

Changes to School Lunches - Food for Life Partnership Award

Metrofresh our School Meals Provider, have recently been awarded a FFLP Award, which they have worked very hard to achieve over the last few years. However there are some changes that Metrofresh need you to be aware of. Metrofresh have tried to source a sliced ham that is compliant with the FFLP Award. To date they have been unable to find a suitable alternative, therefore Metrofresh will be removing ham from the sandwich options with immediate effect. This product will be replaced with sliced turkey, cheese, egg mayonnaise or tuna. Metrofresh will keep schools informed if they are able to source a compliant product.



E-Safety

Please be aware of the internet sites that your children maybe are accessing on their computer and, for some, on their phone.

Here are some ground rules that work for many parents:

Use privacy settings. Privacy settings aren't fool proof, but they can be helpful. Take the time to learn how privacy settings work on your children's favourite sites and apps, and teach your children how to control the information they make public or private. Encourage them to check privacy settings regularly, since sites' policies often change.

Tell your children to think before they post. Remind them that everything can be seen by a vast, invisible audience (otherwise known as friends-of-friends-of-friends), and, once something's online, it's hard to take back.

Be a friend and follower. Each family will have different rules, but, especially for younger children, it's a good idea for parents to have access to their children's pages, at least at first, to be sure that what's being posted is appropriate. Parents can help keep their children from doing something they'll regret later.

Keep private information private. Don't share your home address or other sensitive information online.

Be respectful of others. Children may use social media to act out because they feel anonymous and that their actions are consequence-free. Make sure they understand that the Internet is a giant community that works best when everyone respects each other. The minimum age to open an account on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat is 13. YouTube requires account holders to be 18, but a 13-year-old can sign up with a parent's permission.

School Values Awards

Reception ~ Raghad N – Excellence
 Year 1 ~ Tia K – Excellence
 Year 2 ~ Ibrahim M – Respect
 Year 3 ~ Carlie C – Determination
 Lewis S – Inspiration
 Year 4 ~ Olivia C – Excellence
 Year 5 ~ Grace J – Inspiration
 Year 6 ~ Leo W – Excellence

Attendance for week commencing 23.01.17

Reception	93.7%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	98.6%
Year 6	96.7%

Dates for your diaryUpdates are in **bold**

Date	Event	Notes
Every Wednesday	Unify Bank in our Hippo Zone 8:35am – 9:00am	
Thursday 2 nd February	Year 4 Growth Mindset Assembly – 11am	
Tuesday 7th February	Trip to Chester – Y3 & Y4 Year 5 Trip to Haigh Hall 12:00 – 1:30pm	
Thursday 9 th February	Year 3 Growth Mindset Assembly – 11am	
Wednesday 15 th February	Valentine's Disco	
Thursday 16th February	Class Group photos	
Half Term	Monday 20 th February – Friday 24 th February	
Thursday 2 nd March	Year 6 Growth Mindset Assembly – 11am World Book Day	
Thursday 9 th March	Year 1 Growth Mindset Assembly – 11am	
Thursday 16 th March	Reception Growth Mindset Assembly – 9:30am	
Thursday 16 th March	Year 5 Growth Mindset Assembly – 11am	
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 23 rd March	Year 2 Growth Mindset Assembly – 11am	
Friday 24 th March	Red Nose Day	
27th March – 31st March	Tear 6 Residential Trip to Hinning House	
Tuesday 28th March	Trip to Manchester Science Museum – Y3 & Y4	
Friday 31st March	School closes for the Easter Holidays – 3:20pm	

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.



S E A L Going for Goals

Learn something new!

It is your challenge to teach each other something. It could be anything you like, but if you can't think of anything, then here are some ideas:

- 🌈 A poem or song
- 🌈 How to make something
- 🌈 How to knit or crochet
- 🌈 How to cook something special
- 🌈 How to count to 10 in French or another language
- 🌈 How to play a playground game
- 🌈 How to play a game on the computer

You could write or draw about what you are going to teach each other: