



Global Handwashing Day October 15th, 2010



On **October 15th 2010**, over 85 countries will be joining together to celebrate the third annual **Global Handwashing Day**. Why? Because handwashing with soap has been proven to:

- reduce the risk of diarrhoeal diseases** up to 50% [1-2];
- protect against respiratory infection**, reducing risk by an estimated 23% [3];
- reduce the risk of pneumonia** [4];
- protect against pandemic flu** [5];
- reduce absenteeism amongst pupils [6].

Global Handwashing Day aims to **motivate children to embrace and share proper handwashing practices**, acting as agents of change. Educational settings provide an ideal environment in which to achieve this.

This year, the organisers of Global Handwashing Day in the UK are calling on teachers, parents and children to get involved.

100 Schools Survey

Children are encouraged to participate in Global Handwashing Day 2010 by **reporting what they think about their school's toilets and handwashing facilities**, using an online survey. The survey is intended to provide a picture of school handwashing facilities from the perspective of pupils.

The survey takes under 10 minutes to complete and children who complete the survey before 12pm on Wednesday 13th October will also be given the chance to enter a prize draw. The survey is available at

www.globalhandwashingday.org.uk/2010/survey .

School Resources

Global Handwashing Day UK partners have compiled a variety of resources for use in schools, providing teachers with **guidelines, ideas and inspiration**, not only for Global Handwashing Day, but **for hygiene promotion throughout the year**.

The resources include lesson plans, games, posters and assembly plans and are available to download at www.globalhandwashingday.org.uk/2010/resources

Primary School Competition

UK primary schools are invited to participate in an 'Artwork for Handwashing' competition, for the chance to **win £ 2500**. The competition encourages pupils to design artwork for their school toilets, to motivate others to wash their hands with soap.

The £ 2500 prize money can be used to **improve the school handwashing**

facilities or for other school improvements.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on 24th September 2010. competition details are available at www.globalhandwashingday.org.uk/2010/competition.

Further information

Supported by the National Union of Teachers (NUT)

We are delighted to be supported in our campaign by the National Union of Teachers (NUT). The NUT are organising a one-day conference on health matters connected with school, at which School Councils and Global Handwashing Day will be represented, as part of the ongoing initiative to raise hand hygiene levels in schools and as part of the NUT's CPD programme. [Click here for more information on the conference](#).



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