

WESSEX WEEKLY

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Why don't Polar Bears eat penguins?



Y2 Cookery Club – Making Easter Cakes

This week:

Disco Fever, Lost Property, Building Services Required,
lots of dates for your diary and much more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

418 KWh of Electricity Produced

238 Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



It's been a great week this week and (as usual) there has been lots going on at school. We have welcomed several visits this week from Headteachers and Deputy Headteachers from other schools and all have left with a greater understanding and appreciation of what we do at Wessex. I find it a pleasure to share our ideas and know that, as when I visit other schools, they leave with lots of ideas they want to try in their own schools.

I would like to thank the parents who responded to my request for help last week (collecting tractor tyres from Knowl Hill). We're not quite there yet due to weight and size, but I have had at least three parents offer to step up to the challenge. I'll keep you posted as to how we get on. The most reassuring thing is that you are responding to these requests and offering help where you can. BRILLIANT!

I attended a school team meeting on Tuesday which focused on reviewing the forms you filled in at parents evening a couple of weeks ago regarding the development of our school grounds. There were lots of very positive comments and numerous offers of support, so between us the future looks very exciting. We are in the process of developing a short and long term plan and much appreciate the support from the PTA. Watch out for more exciting news soon.

Yesterday I thoroughly enjoyed an assembly with a distinctly geographical theme lead by the children in Year 1. It goes without saying that young children find it daunting to speak to such a large audience, and I was impressed with both their confidence and the number of parents who were able to attend. My favourite 'bit' was the rendition of 'Our House' by Madness, a highlight shared by many of the mums and dads who I spotted bopping away at the back of the hall! My thanks go to Mrs Bushell and Mrs Sanders for organising such a successful assembly.

Exciting news.....

After a considerable delay (on the part of the manufacturers) we have finally received the furniture and resources for our new family room, funded by the extended schools cluster. The room, at the back of the hall, provides a space for **YOU** to use. Waiting for a club to finish? Come and use it! Want to help a child with their homework? Come and use it! Want to write a new CV or access the internet? Come and use it! We will officially open **YOUR** new resource after Easter and will give you more information nearer the time.

The PTA would like to remind everyone of the disco's that are taking place next week, on **Thursday 2nd April**. For children in KS1 and Reception that would like to join in the dancing and fun from 3.30pm - 4.15pm, don't forget to return your permission slips as soon as possible with payment of £1.50 to the School Office. At this disco the children will receive a drink and sweets to take home - don't forget your party clothes on the day to get changed into. The Y3 & Y 4 disco (5.45pm - 6.45pm) and Y5 & Y6 disco (7.00pm - 8.00pm) will also cost £1.50 on the door - don't forget to bring your pocket money as a tuck shop will be open and you'll be entered into a prize draw! Dress to impress and we'll see you there!

Finally, thank you to those of you who have booked your session next Monday at our '**Parents in School Day**'. You will have received confirmation of the times and places yesterday, and if not, will receive details for our second day next term. I hope you enjoy your time in school and more importantly gain a greater understanding of both what we aim for and how you can help your child in school.

Have a good weekend.

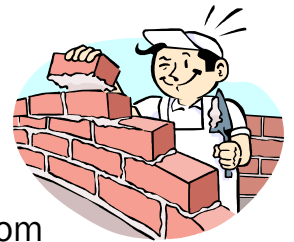
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Y5 French Afternoon

On Tuesday this week, Y5 were visited by a number of students and Teachers from Desborough School Languages Department for a fun afternoon of activities enabling our children to put into practice the French vocabulary they have been learning. The day had an Easter theme with activities including ordering a glass of orange juice and a biscuit in a cafe, following instructions to make a net into an Easter basket and counting and identifying colours. All our Y5 children really enjoyed the experience and we would particularly like to thank the students from Desborough and Madame Sutton.

Can You Help?

Are you, or anyone you know, able to lay bricks? I have a small and exciting project which will make a real difference to Wessex and really help to put us on the map but it requires building a small brick structure. Can you help? I look forward to hearing from you....



Vouchers

As you know we collect vouchers from all of the various schemes. The Maidenhead Advertiser has now finished printing their Cash for Schools tokens so please bring any in that you might have – we need to send them off next week. We have managed to collect over the 880 that we needed but are not sure whether we will be eligible for one of the top prizes..... watch this space! Collection boxes for all the voucher schemes are in the reception area. Please do collect for us and ask friends and neighbours if they would collect for us too.

Headlice

Please, please, please check your child's head at least twice a week for these annoying little critters! If you do find headlice, please do not send your child in to school until you have treated the whole family and checked that everyone is clear. It is very important that the whole family is treated. If you would like more information on how to deal with persistent headlice, please contact the school nurse, Liz Torres, and she will be very pleased to help you. Thank you for your co-operation.



Lost Property

Our lost property box in Upper School is not as full as it normally is at this time in the term–thank you for naming your children's uniform as it makes it so much easier to return lost items to the owners! However, there are still a number of unnamed sweatshirts, shoes, coats, purses, glasses, entire PE kits and other sundry items that need claiming. Please note that all unclaimed lost property will be re-cycled at the end of term!

Nursery Raffle

Open to anyone, 50p a ticket for a chance of winning an Easter Egg and DVD, three prizes up for grabs so hurry up before tickets are sold out and draw will take place on Thursday 2nd April 2009.

This week's....

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
(From my own kitchen!) Eggy-Bread: Ketchup or Jam?	Do you think it is better to be clever or beautiful and why?

OOPS!

A reminder that this week, and every week, we will include a **very oblivious** deliberate mistake somewhere in the newsletter. Please write your name/child's name, the 'gaff' and where it appeared in the newsletter and a contact number all on any piece of paper and pop it in the 'gaff' box. The winners this week are Aaron Webb who receives a free session at Breakfast Club, Hayden Netherwood-Meek who opted for a free fish 'n' chip dinner and Jonathan Henderson, who also opted for the free lunch. Entries were up this week – obviously the slightly over-exaggerated football score was easier to spot, but no less satisfying from my point of view! (I'm sure I'll regret it at some point during the remainder of the season!!)

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 30 th March	Parents in School Day	All Parents (Booked)
Wednesday 1 st April	Y2 Assembly 9.15am, Lower School Hall	Parents and carers of children in Y2
Thursday 2 nd April	PTA Disco's	Rec - Y6
Friday 3 rd April	End of term 2pm Nursery am session 9.00am - 11.00am Nursery pm session 12 o'clock - 2.00pm	All
Monday 20 th April	Start of Summer Term for school	Rec - Y6 children
Monday 20 th April - Wednesday 22 nd April	Y5 Residential Trip to Hooke Court	Y5
Wednesday 22 nd April	Start of term for existing Nursery children	Nursery
Monday 11 th - Friday 14 th May	KS2 SATs week - please do not book holidays at this time.	Y6

The Family Information Service

Information, advice and support as your children grow up

01628 507587 http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/parental_support.htm

They can't get the wrappers off!!