

WESSEX WEEKLY

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Why did the footballing chicken get sent off?



Sara Fagence in Y4 made a purse in Design and Technology

This week:

Cox Green May Fair, Second-hand uniform, Maidenhead Carnival, ,
dates for your diary and much more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
802KWh of Electricity Produced
457Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Yet again, there is lots to tell you about this week and with so much information in this week's edition I've been asked to keep my introduction brief, so here goes....

Last Friday, Y1 and Y2 took part in a problem solving TASC (Thinking Actively in Social Contexts) day for the first time. Their challenge was to work together as a team to design and create a model of a working farm. The children (and staff – all dressed up as farmers) had a fantastic day. The children said that it really taught them to work together as a team, to take care and not to rush their work. It was a great success and I would like to thank Mrs Maskell for organising the day. Well done to the teachers for making it happen and well done to the children, who successfully put their excellent ideas into practice. The models can be seen in lower school, but unfortunately Mrs Bushell is no longer sporting her full beard!

One or two parents are becoming understandably frustrated regarding the number of times their children are coming home with headlice, particularly in Lower School. We have contacted the School Nurse for advice to see if any change in our policy would help and I will be informing you of these changes next week.

On Wednesday this week, Mr Lloyd proudly escorted our Y5 football team to a tournament, again being hosted at Courthouse. Twelve teams took part and our boys (and Molly – the only girl in the whole tournament) played five grueling qualification matches. All the teams in our group were well matched and only 6 goals had been scored after all qualification games were completed. We played 5, lost 3, drew one and won won. Despite the disappointing results, our losses all came in the dying seconds and were very lucky! Throughout, the team demonstrated passion and sportsmanship and I know they thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. Just like Arsenal, it's a young team, and I know the future is bright for next year! Well done to Kai Watts, Molly Bagshaw, Tom Brinsden, Jack Armstrong, Sam Richards, Ed Smith, Kaine Head, Josh Neiman and Matthew Mundy. They were a credit to the school in all respects and I would like to thank Paul Batimelli for coaching and supporting the team – and for the biscuits too!

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend – see you on Tuesday next week.

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Clubs

The clubs booking letter was sent out earlier this week. Remember that the school will only contact you if the club is full, so if you don't hear from us you can assume your child has a place. Separate forms for other clubs will be sent home as soon as we have them!

Cox Green May Fair

As usual, some of our Y2 children will be performing a traditional May Pole dance at the May Fair on Monday. The children have been learning the dances for the past two weeks and have even given up some of their playtimes to practice. It would be lovely to see lots of Wessex families at the May Fair to support our Y2 children. Thanks to Mrs Armsdon who has given up her time to lead this activity!

Dodgy Drivers – again!!

Could the driver of a maroon people carrier, registration Y797AGK, please consider the safety of children when driving down St Adrians Close, opening the passenger door in to the middle of the road and allowing two children to walk across the road and into school. The driver then reversed half way up St Adrians Close and turned around. We ask all parents and carers (including the driver of a silver Honda RK03DOU) **NOT TO DRIVE DOWN ST ADRIANS CLOSE**. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Uniform Sale

We would like donations of any second hand uniform in good order, especially: Sweatshirts, yellow polo shirts, skirts or trousers, pinafore dresses, yellow summer dresses, grey or white cardigans, PE shorts in white or black, PE tops in house colours, shoes, plimssoles, trainers and football boots! Please bring these items in to your child's classroom as soon as possible and before Friday June 5th.

OOPS!

A reminder that this week, and every week, we will include a **very obvious** 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 a piece of paper and pop it in the 'gaff' box. The winners all of whom have won either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If you could write a play or a musical, what would it be about?	How might our lives change if we had no electricity?

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 4 th May	Star Wars Day (Bank Holiday) (May the fourth be with you...) Don't forget the May Fair at Cox Green Community Centre!!	A day off for all!
Tuesday 5 th May	PTA Meeting 7pm US	All parents and carers very welcome
Monday 11 th – Friday 14 th May	KS2 SATs week – please do not book holidays at this time.	Y6
End of term	Friday 22 nd May - <u>3.20pm</u>	Everyone
Monday 1 st June	INSET day – please don't send your child to school!	All children
Tuesday 2 nd June	Start of term for children in school and Nursery	All children
Sunday 12 th July	PTA Summer Fair 2pm	Everyone
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of Term 2pm	Everyone

British Gas

I would like to thank the team from British Gas who came in to renovate the climbing frame in Lower School on Thursday. They have really lifted the whole 'bottom end' of the Nursery Garden and the children are already taking advantage of their 'new' play equipment. Thank you for all the hard work – the impact on the children has been tremendous!

The Family Information Service

Information, advice and support as your children grow up

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

For persistent fowl play!



SUNDAY 14th June 2009

Wessex Primary School will be appearing at the relaunched carnival parade this year which takes place on **Sunday 14th June 2009** in Kidwells Park

The PTA would like to invite children and adults to dress up and take part and join the parade. Our Theme is "Oliver the Musical" and we need scruffy urchins, Fagin, Nancy and other parts from the musical. So get out those scruffy clothes and here is one excuse not to wash for the day!!

The whole carnival is in support of the Alexander Devine Trust and we will carry begging bowls for this worthy cause. Also up for grabs is the best school trophy which we won in 2004 and still retain.

If your child can take part, please complete the slip below and hand in to the school office.

Please note that you will need to deliver and collect your scruffy urchins from Kidwells Park, details will be provided nearer the time. We are also proposing a dress rehearsal the week before where we will practice and finish off the handcart carrying the PA.

If anybody has Music from Oliver or any props we could use please also let us know.



**Maidenhead Carnival
Sunday 14th June**

Name of Child: _____

Class: _____

Name of Parent:: _____

Tel: _____

- Yes, we would love not to wash for the day
- No, I want to have a wash but am happy to come along with soot on my face and dressed in scruffy clothes

*Delete as applicable

Links:

Alexander Devine Trust: www.adcct.com

Carnival Website: <http://www.maidenhead-advertiser.co.uk/leisure/carnival/>