

WESSEX WEEKLY

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How did the football pitch end up as triangle?



Christopher Franks (Y3) and his fruit kebab!

This week:

Fabulous Food, Science Week, Sports Days, Pirates,
dates for your diary and much more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

1606KWh of Electricity Produced

915Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Assistant Heads' Chairs



It has been a very healthy week in school. The week started with Mr May, a parent chef, visiting Reception to teach the children how to make fresh pasta. Other exciting food activities that have taken place during the week have included: Nursery made salad sandwiches using home grown produce. Year 1 have explored the different types of honey and used it in cooking. Tasting and then making their own bread and butter have been activities in Year 2. Year 3 children have had the opportunity to taste breads from around the world. Making cheese has been a highlight for the Year 4 children this week. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed making and tasting their tropical smoothies. This was all brought together with a whole school food awareness day on Thursday. A range of activities included a demonstration from a professional chef, making salad caterpillars and fruit kebabs, the importance of physical activity and hygiene when cooking. This wonderful day was organized by the NHS with the support of the Co-operative society and Cox Green School students.

Orange Base enjoyed a stimulating day at Waltham Place Organic Farm on Tuesday. The children had the opportunity to watch animals in their natural habitats and see how food is grown organically. There was lots of fresh air and fun in the woodland area and by the end of the day we had very happy, but tired children. I am sure that Yellow Base have enjoyed it as much today.

Mr Stevens has given us regular updates about the activities that the Year 6 children have been involved in at Kingswood this week. It has been a thoroughly enjoyable week for all involved and we look forward to hearing all the stories on their return. We suggest that you get your washing machines ready for cleaning the clothes from Nightline!

We have both enjoyed being in charge this week and are very proud of what the children have achieved, especially all their enthusiasm and willingness to try new foods.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Sports Days next week.

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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. There was only ONE WINNER this week – Jonathan Henderson - who has won either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club! (Last week's Gaff was "Issue 328" when it's actually only Issue 32 on the front page by the way!)

Science Week

Science week is rapidly approaching and Mrs Maskell is busy making sure that it is as exciting as it was 2 years ago. We have received lots of application forms already from children who would like to be considered for being part of the media team. Any children who would like to have the opportunity at being a photographer or journalist that week have got until **Tuesday 16th June** to get their application form into the school office. On the Thursday of science week there will be a science fair in the upper school hall straight after school for families to come and see what the children have been learning as well as having an opportunity to try a few experiments and enter a few science related competitions. Has your child decided if they want to be Saturn, a wind turbine or a sunflower on the Friday? The children can come into school on the Friday wearing a hat or a full costume related to science. If you would like to donate any money to help fund all the festivities during science week class teachers will be collecting it on the Friday.



***We need** old photographic film canisters (remember the days before digital....?) Please bring them in to the school office if you have any – thank you.

Pirate Day!

We are delighted to tell you that we have a team of graduates from Fujitsu coming to Wessex on the **18th June** to transform our Gazebo into a Gazeboat! To celebrate and 'launch' the new Gazeboat, and also the fabulous new play boat/plane/bus in the Nursery (paid for by the PTA – thank you!!!) , we are going to ask all children, staff and parents to join in with a **PIRATES DAY** on **Friday 19th June**. Children and staff will be invited to dress-down (or dress-up) as a pirate and may make a donation to school fund if they wish. After school all children and parents are invited to the Upper School playground to join in pirate day celebrations around the Gazeboat. Drinks and biscuits will be available courtesy of the PTA and we hope to be joined by the Maidenhead Advertiser (and Johnny Depp....we can but wish.....)



Sports Days

A reminder that next week we have our Upper and Lower School sports days – weather permitting! **Upper School** sports day will start at **1.15pm on 16th June** and **Lower School** will start at **2pm on 17th June**. Upper School children should wear their PE kit to school on the day. Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school as they will be given an opportunity to drink from it during the afternoon. It is particularly important that your child has plimssoles or trainers in school for sports day and that they fit properly. Without suitable footwear your child will not be able to take part in the activities. Please keep an eye on the weather. If it is a sunny day please ensure your child has a sun hat and is wearing sun protection cream. If it is wet the reserve sports days are **30th June** for Upper School and **1st July** for Lower School. Don't forget to bring your trainers so that you can take part in the parents' races!! Harrison's will be providing a special lunch menu on each of the sports days of a take-away style burger/sausage/fish in a bun with wedges and fruit muffin. A roast lunch will be provide for Lower School on the Tuesday and for Upper School on the Wednesday (as usual).



TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
What new foods have you tried this week?	How would we manage if no water came through our pipes?

Dangerous Scooters!

While we positively encourage children and parents to walk to school, please could we ask you to discourage your children from using scooters and bikes on school grounds – we have had a number of near misses (and a couple of hits!) this week and we don't want anyone to get hurt. Thank you.

Class Photos

The class photos taken last week are available to view – Nursery photos will be in the Nursery entrance, Lower School and Upper School photos will be in the entrance area by the school office. Order forms with a small proof of the photo will be sent home today with this newsletter and **MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY 19th JUNE** absolute latest! Any forms returned after this date will not qualify for free postage and will be returned to you to send off yourself.


School Uniform Sale

Many thanks to those parents who have brought in school uniform for our sale. We are still very happy to receive all sorts of school uniform in good condition, including PE tops and shorts, yellow polo shirts, trainers, shoes, football boots, trousers and skirts. Please bring the uniform into your child's class. Thank you. The sale will take place on **Wednesday 17th June** from 3.30pm, either at the front of school if the weather is fine or in the Upper School hall if wet.

PTA Summer Fair

Do you run a business making or selling jewellery, make-up, books, clothes or other crafts or wares? Why not hire a stall at the Wessex Summer Fair? It's a great way to beat the credit crunch and a good day out for the whole family. For more information contact Miriam Baker on 01628 639970 or e-mail Miriam.baker@clocktowerweb.co.uk

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Tuesday 16 th June	Upper School sports day 	Children and parents Y3 - Y6
Wednesday 17 th June	Lower School sports day	Children and parents Y1 and Y2
Wednesday 17 th June	Second hand uniform sale 3.30 - 4.30	All parents and children
Friday 19 th June	Pirate Day!	Everyone
Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June	Science Week	All children
Thursday 2 nd July	Foundation Stage sports day – more details next week	Children and parents Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 7 th July	Class swap day – children visit their new classes (or schools if in Y6)	All children
Wednesday 8 th July	Meet the Teacher Evening – 6.30pm	All parents
Sunday 12 th July	PTA Summer Fair 2pm	Everyone
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of term - 2pm	Everyone

The Family Information Service

Information, advice and support as your children grow up

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

Somebody took a corner !