

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Why are Pirates called Pirates?



The Fujitsu team in mid-gazeboat makeover

**This week:**

Science Week, Sports Day success, Pirates,  
dates for your diary and much more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**  
1731KWh of Electricity Produced  
986Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Heads Chair



Last week I had the privilege of accompanying our Year 6 children on their residential visit to the Isle of White. Personally, the trip to Bembridge was particularly special as my grandparents still live on the island and the beach brought back many happy memories.... Every day was filled with exciting activities and new experiences and I was very proud of our children. Please read on for a report about the trip in more detail from two of our 'attendees' and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Razeghi and the team of staff who accompanied the trip for their hard work with all the organisation. Well done – memories of a life time for our children!

Meanwhile, the children at school also had a wonderful week. Note to self: don't arrange to be away when so much excitement is happening at school! As Mrs Savage and Mrs Maskell explained in last week's edition, 'Food in Schools Week' was a huge success and I am pleased with our article in this week's Advertiser. Wessex also has a 'Video Report' so to find out more, please go to <http://www.maidenhead-advertiser.co.uk/news/article-11569-video-healthy-food-frenzy-at-wessex-school/> or seek it out via the Maidenhead Advertiser's website. Once again the children have done us proud. Thank you to all the staff, especially Miss Smith and Mrs Sanders for making it happen and ensuring such a great success.

At the time of writing, I am very much looking forward to the launch of the all new, swash-buckling, ocean-faring GAZEBOAT! I have my costume at the ready and feel nervous about 'walking the plank' tomorrow after school. If you read this before leaving school, pop on to the Upper School playground before going home to see what the fuss is about. Thank you Fujitsu for your hard work – more to follow next week!

Finally a big well done to all the children, staff and parents for two wonderful Sports Days this week. My first experience of a Sports Day (of course since I was 10 years old!) at Wessex was really great, and despite some technical difficulties on Wednesday with the microphone, a good time was had by all. Special thanks go to Miss Oldfield and Mrs Savage for arranging the events....I have applied cream to my grazed knee by the way! I was impressed to see our children being safe in the sun and would remind parents of the importance of the BIG 4 – Hat, Cream, Water and Shade as the sunshine (hopefully) becomes more reliable. Thank you – have a good weekend!

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## Y6 Kingswood Report

By Georgina Dwyer and Connor Phillips

Last week we had the privilege of spending the week on the Isle of Wight at the Kingswood activity centre. The journey there went very smoothly and despite the lack of sunshine everyone had a glorious week. Once we arrived at Kingswood we had a friendly tour of the centre and found out that we were staying in the Whitehouse! Our dormitories were massive and left us with a lot of space to spread out. The beds were very comfortable and secure, and we found sharing a room with our friends very comforting. Our first meal at Kingswood was meatballs or pasta and both choices were delicious. There was always a large variety of food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, so year 5's have no need to worry! There were many activities at Kingswood but we're only going to point out some of our favourites:

Go-karting – one of the best activities there (we advise you to use your brake!)

Zip wire – a VERY unique activity!

Caving – dark, scary but awesome!

Nightline – very muddy, wear old clothes!

We had so much fun taking part in all the activities, spending quality time with our teachers, making new friends and we still can't believe that the long awaited residential trip to Kingswood is over.

## Science Week

Next week is Science Week and Mrs Maskell is busy making sure that it is as exciting as it was 2 years ago. 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. 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 and 2 litre drinks bottles. Please bring them in to the school office if you have any – thank you.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
What's your favourite costume, and why?	What other words mean <b>funny</b> ?

## Class Photos

If you have not yet returned your order for the class photos, please bring them in on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June before school starts** as the order will be collected later that day. Any orders received later than Monday morning will be returned to you to send off yourself, as postage and packing costs will need to be added.

## School Uniform Sale

Thanks to all those parents who donated uniform for our sale. We made £52 which will go towards providing refreshments in our new Parents Room. We are hoping to sell some more second hand uniform at the Summer Fair, so if you have any, please bring it in!

## Chicken Volunteers

Miss Bristow will be offering some training for those lovely parents and children who have volunteered to look after our chickens and who may need a refresher on how to look after chickens or those that are new to chicken husbandry. The training will take place on **25<sup>th</sup> June** at 3.30pm for 15 mins or so.



## Vouchers

Thanks to all those who collect vouchers and tokens for us. Tesco vouchers have now been sent off – we have collected enough for each year group to have a new digital camera which is really FANTASTIC!!! Any more Tesco vouchers can be banked for next year so please bring them in early next week so we can send them off. We are still collecting Sainsbury, Times Books for Schools and Flora tokens so please continue to bring these in.



## School Website

Miss Bristow would like to thank the 14 or so parents who responded to our website feedback letter a few months ago, and would like to invite them to preview the new website and feedback on where we are. The short meeting will take place on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at 3pm.

## 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. This weeks winners are Adam May, Jaiya Chopra and Fiza Anwar who have all won either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club! (Last week's Gaff was "WESSSEX" with three s's on the front page by the way!)

## Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Week	All children
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Foundation Stage sports day	Children and parents Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Class swap day – children visit their new classes (or schools if in Y6)	All children
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the Teacher Evening – 6.30pm	All parents
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Summer Fair 2pm	Everyone
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	End of term - <b>2pm</b>	Everyone

### ADVERTISEMENT (sort of)

#### Wessex Parents - Are you looking for childcare?

If you are a parent looking for childcare, whether full time, part time to include nursery runs, after school or just the odd day during the school holidays, send me details of your requirements and I will try and provide you with contact names of childminders at Wessex with relevant vacancies. This also applies to childminders! Please send me details of any vacancies you may have and I will pass to the parent who will contact you directly.

After being approached by parents looking for help, this will be a way to cut out the long process of finding a childminder that is already connected to Wessex! Wessex School will take no responsibility for the childcare taken as this decision still lies with the parent and the carer in question. If you would like to register your details as a parent or as a childminder please contact me at [janettenewton@talktalk.net](mailto:janettenewton@talktalk.net) or phone 01628 632619 or catch me in the playground!

Please note that Wessex Primary School does not endorse any individual childcare but we thought this a good way of better informing parents.

**Because they just arrrrgghh!!**