

WESSEX WEEKLY

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Have you seen the baked bean website?



Little Tanks - After School Drama Club

This week:

Shine Week winners, The Year in Pictures, dates for your diary and much more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
2189KWh of Electricity Produced
1247Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Well, we've reached the end of my first year at Wessex and I would like to express my sincere appreciation to everyone who has made such a huge contribution to what your children have experienced throughout the year. This 'bumper' edition of our weekly newsletter contains a selection of photographs which reflect some of the events and opportunities we have enjoyed throughout the year and I hope you enjoy some of the memories.

It is at this time of year that we need to bid a few fond farewells and offer some congratulations.

Firstly, I would like to wish our Year 6 children every success in the future and best wishes as they move on from Wessex to their chosen secondary schools. Although I have only known you for a year, it has been a pleasure. I am proud of all of you and thoroughly enjoyed joining you on the Kingswood trip. Work hard, fulfill your potential and continue to prove to everyone what you have been taught and are capable of. Secondly, I would like to bid a fond farewell to several members of staff. Good luck to Katy Day who is moving on to a full time Nursery Nurse position in Slough. We have appreciated your hard work in the Nursery and know our children will miss you. Good luck also to Erin Bushell and Nicola Dean who have both secured new posts at Polehampton Primary School. You have meant so much to the children and colleagues alike this year and we all wish you well for the future. They are extremely lucky to have you and we will miss your smiles and ideas. Finally, good luck to Sobia Mirza who is leaving us after only a year to a promoted position in a primary school in Slough. Our Year 6 children have thoroughly enjoyed having you in their final year at Wessex, but as for the singing....that's another story!! Good luck.

Now for the congratulations....

I would like to wish both Miss Mirza and Miss Smith best wishes from all at Wessex for their forthcoming weddings. We all hope you have a fabulous day, a wonderful honeymoon and we look forward to welcoming Mrs Dore (Miss Smith) back to Wessex in September! I would finally like to congratulate Val Wyatt who reaches a very important milestone this year. At the beginning of September, Val will celebrate 25 years of working at Wessex. Over the years, she will have helped to support thousands of children and families and in the meantime has become a highly valued and respected colleague and friend to all at the school. Well done Val...here's to the next 25!!!

I wish everyone a restful and happy Summer Holiday and look forward to welcoming you all back at the beginning of September for what I know will be another fantastic year. Remember that we close at 2pm on Wednesday, stay safe and enjoy the break.

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Shine Week Winners

Following last week's fantastic competitions, we are delighted to be able to list the winners in each category below

Category	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Highly Commended
Photography	Rachel Beavis	Katherine Wilson	Matthew Mundy	Harley Jones
Models	Emily Allen	William Y4	Seran Yucel and Lucas Ould	Tom Murphy
Writing	Lilly Thomas	Megan	Emma Reid	Emma Hill
Artwork	Prachi Raizada	Alexander Taylor	Sam	Jasroop and Nosheen Y3
Miscellaneous	Maeve Dolan	Anoushka Pant	Annabel Battimelli	Saima Ali
Cookery	Christopher Henderson	Oliver Briggs	Alice Barnard	Hannah Risk
Sewing	Gemma Cocksedge	Alice Barnard	Riya Longia	Annabel Battimelli

In addition, the School Council were delighted with the number of creative, innovative and imaginative designs that children from across the school entered into the Playground Design competition. Picking a winner was tough! However, after consultation with Mr Stevens and other members of staff involved in the playground makeover we eventually reached a decision. The joint winners of the competition are Emily Allen (5C) and Mollie Haines (Red Class) who both designed fantastic climbing walls. Ellis Keen (4E) with his super maze design was highly commended. The climbing wall will be on its way to the Wessex Playground at the start of next year thanks to money donated by the PTA, so watch this space!!



Summer Fair Update

The PTA would like to thank everyone who visited the Summer Fair last Sunday. What a brilliant atmosphere - fantastic performers, enthusiastic audience and lots of fun! A big thank you to all our helpers, including those who stayed longer than expected on the day or who hadn't planned to help at all!! They all did a marvellous job. Together we raised just over £2000 for the school (keep an eye on the noticeboard for the exact amount) - well done everyone! The PTA welcomes your feedback and is always looking for more volunteers to help organise such events! They can be contacted via the school office or at email@wessexpta.org.uk. Just drop them a line, they'd love to hear from you!

Grocery Competition

Once again, 4E succeeded, nay, triumphed in the Upper School grocery competition on Friday. The grocery lines measured as follows:

3L - 11m 40cm	3O - 8m 40cm	4E - 50m 90cm !!!!!	4P - 14m 40cm
5C - 13m 80cm	5S - 14m 25cm	6R - 4m	6M - 2m 40cm

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
No homework - it's the holidays!!!	Can you think of a Thinking Skills Challenge for next year?

Quest Seekers Challenge

Become a Quest Seeker this summer. Join the Summer Reading Challenge at any Royal Borough Library from **Saturday 11 July to Saturday 12 September**. Are you aged between 4 and 12? Can you complete the challenge and find the golden book? Just read 6 books and you will collect stickers and other gifts. Everyone who completes the challenge will receive a medal and certificate. Get ready to get reading!



Free Outdoor Cinema

Another outdoor cinema event is being held in Kidwells Park on 24th, 25th and 26th July. There are films for the whole family – your child should have brought home a leaflet earlier this week – but we think ‘Mamma Mia’ on Saturday night will be very popular with the mums!

End of Term

As you will know, school finishes at 2pm on the last day of term, and consequently the Nursery times for the last day of term are as follows:

Morning session 9am – 11am
Afternoon session 12pm – 2pm

New School Lunch Menu

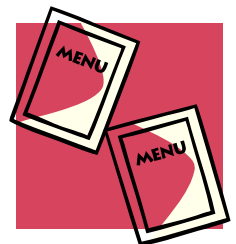
The new autumn/winter menu starts next term and new menu cards will be sent home on the first day of term. In the meanwhile, I am pleased to let you know that the menus for the first two days of term will be:

Thursday - Lasagne and warm bread or Roasted Vegetable Puff followed by Pineapple Upside-down cake and Custard.

Friday – Fish and chips (of course) or Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese followed by Iced Sponge. In addition, the kitchen will continue to serve the very popular ‘grab bags’ until the October half term.

After the holiday, the children will be able to pre-order their lunch rather than choose when at the servery. We know this is what parents have been wanting for some time and we are very pleased to be able to introduce this again.

*** Next week there will be a slight change in that **roast day** will be **Tuesday 21st July** and **chicken korma** will be served on the **Wednesday 22nd July**.



ParentMail

We would encourage all our parents to sign up to our ParentMail facility, which means you can receive newsletters, letters and other information from school by e-mail. Signing up is easy – e-mail Wessex@rbwm.org with ParentMail as the subject line and let us know who your children are! We will then add you to the database and you will automatically receive all newsletters and other correspondence by e-mail. We will remove you from the ‘paper copy’ list for correspondence but you may opt to receive both as long as you let us know. We also use ParentMail to let parents know about school closures (snow days), residential trip daily updates, late returning school trips, and other information.

School Lunch Price Increase

From September, school lunches will cost £2.10. Children can pay per day or you may write a cheque for a minimum of 5 days worth of lunches which can be taken over a number of weeks – you can even pay up front for the whole term!

Breakfast Club

Booking forms for the Autumn term are now available from the office or from the Breakfast Club ladies. Our Breakfast Club runs every day in term time from 8am and costs £3 per child per session – places are limited and MUST be booked in advance. For more information, please contact the school office.

Childcare Vouchers

We are now registered to accept Accor Childcare Vouchers for Breakfast Club and Nursery Lunch Club. Parents in receipt of electronic vouchers will need our code – P20444421. If you have any questions about using childcare vouchers for these clubs, please contact the school office.

Lost Property

A reminder that all lost property will be disposed of at 2pm on Wednesday – please come and claim your lost sweatshirts, coats, trainers and PE tops!

OOPS!

There is no 'Oops' this week as it is the end of term but the Gaff Competition will continue to appear in the newsletter after the holiday. Last week's winners (out of LOADS of entries) are Abigail Tinsey, Lainey Craythorne and Amy Henley who have all won either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club! (Last week's Gaff was the date on the front cover '3009' by the way!)

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 20 th July	Leaver's Performance – Upper School Hall, 6.30pm	Y6 Parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of term - 2pm	Everyone
Thursday 3 rd September	Start of term for children	Reception – Y6
Monday 7 th September	Start of term for existing Nursery children	Existing Nursery children

Wessex - the Year In Pictures - 2008-2009









Have a wonderful summer break – see you in September!

The Family Information Service

Information, advice and support as your children grow up

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

I've only just got wind of it.