

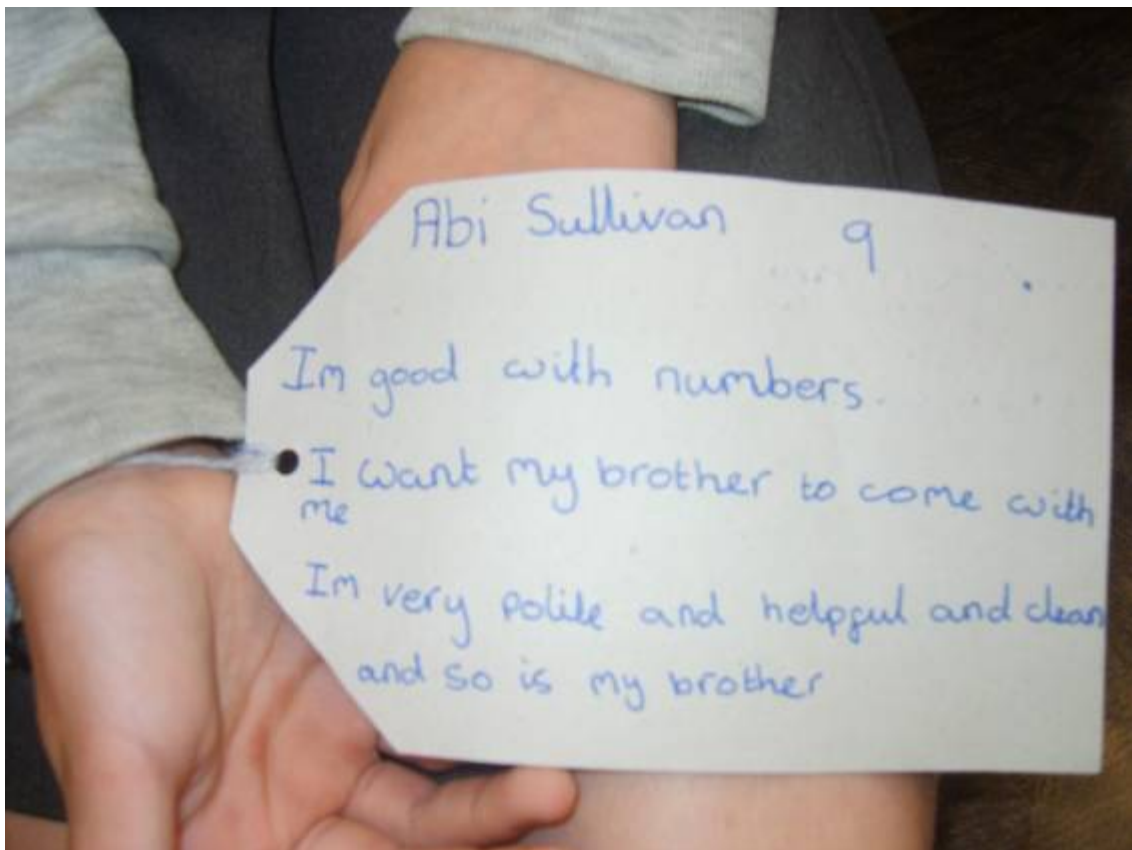
# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Why did the burglar take a shower?



Abi's WW2 evacuee label!

## This week:

Half term activities, Fireworks, Breakfast Bangers,  
STACKS of dates for your diary (including Christmas activities)  
and much more.....

## **SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**

3312 KWh of Electricity Produced  
1887 Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Haad's Chair



We've enjoyed another packed week at Wessex this week, and I continue to be amazed at how many different activities I want to share and celebrate with you in just one page by Friday!

On Monday evening we held the second of our Parent Consultation evenings and I was very pleased with the positive comments I received from parents and teachers alike. These meetings, although formal, are the best way for you to get detailed information about your child in school, as well as an opportunity to have a look at the work they have achieved so far. Thank you to all the teachers for their preparation to make sure that the appointments were so useful. A reminder that our Community Room is now available. I will be contacting those parents who expressed an interest on the night shortly. Please get in touch with the school office if you would like to use this space either during or after school.

Our PTA meeting on Tuesday was attended by 18 parents and members of staff, and I will be approaching more of you on the playground to muster up even more support. The PTA raised over £9000 last year and every penny will be put to great use to make your children's experiences of life at Wessex even more special. The next project, a 10m traversing wall, will be installed during the first week of next term. A huge thank you to our committee and to the wider parent body for your continued support – we couldn't do what we do so well without you!!

On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure of awarding prizes to the KS3 children at Cox Green School and was impressed by the number of ex-Wessex children whose achievements were both recognised and celebrated. My sincere thanks to both Ian Hylan and Jackie Scott at Cox Green for inviting me and congratulations to all the children involved...it's great to see so many of our children going from strength to strength once they leave us! A fabulous event, thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thursday morning saw the first of our inter-house competitions and featured a 'house quiz'. We are working hard to raise the profile of our house system to encourage competitiveness between the children in a positive way. The teams were selected at 'house meetings' last week and Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams competed to answer general knowledge questions. The teams were all supported by house members from lower school and it was a great occasion. The winning house for Years 3 & 4 was LANCASTER with 1300 points, and the Y5 & 6 winners were WINDSOR with 1380 points. The overall winner was WINDSOR with a grand total of 2510 points who win the inaugural quiz trophy for 2009. Future events are planned, including inter-house football and netball competitions later in the year. Well done to all the children who took part and represented their houses and a huge thank you to Mrs Maskell for organising the event.

On Thursday afternoon, Coach Lloyd led our football team out to face White Waltham in our third home match of the season. It was a great game which we won 3-1. As always, I look forward to the full report in assembly next week, but would in the meantime like to congratulate Cameron, Matt, Dannii, Samuel, Josh, Jack, Ed, Mbelelo and our 'hat-trick' hero Joe. Well done team, and congratulations Mr Lloyd for a fabulous result.

Finally this week, I am very excited about the first of our three 'enrichment weeks' this year which will take place next week. The theme is all things Literacy, with a particular focus on writing. Your children will enjoy creative and challenging literacy based activities throughout the week, including visits to the local library in Cox Green, a visiting poet to school and a raft of other exciting activities. I will report more next week, but please take the time to ask your children about what they have been up to – you might well be surprised!

Finally, finally (!) – please note all the dates for your diary in this week's edition. I will confirm specific timings in next week's edition to ensure you have the information well in advance for the festive season. Exciting times ahead! Have a good weekend.

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## Wessex PTA Fireworks Night – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November



It's that time of year again when Wessex comes to life with a dazzling 20 minute fireworks display. Tickets are the same price as last year (and for the past 7 years!) – just £3.50 for adults or £1.50 for children IF PURCHASED BEFORE THE 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER!!! We are also looking for volunteer marshals on the night in order to help keep everyone safe and to help with the BBQ. In return you will receive free entry and free hot drinks. Booking forms for tickets and volunteering are available from the letter tree outside the school office.

**Harrisons Caterers** have re-launched their website [www.harrisoncatering.co.uk](http://www.harrisoncatering.co.uk). In their words: “Hopefully when you visit the site and ‘open the book’ you will feel like you’re seeing the company from our point of view; the many dedicated, skilled and specialist individuals who combine to make a family business that we like to think is as much a family as it is a business. You’ll be delighted to note that you can access your termly menu through the new website. Simply click on Maintained Education, then Group School Menus – then follow the link to the Windsor and Maidenhead menu flyer.”

### Wotta Lotta Bottle (Tops)

As you may know, we collect plastic milk bottle tops for the Alexander Devine Cancer Trust – a collecting box is in the reception area by the school office. We have had a request from our contact who has asked us to ONLY collect plastic milk bottle tops (red, green or blue), washed please, and no other bottle tops at all. Thank you all for your help.

### Starting School

Do you have a child who is born between 1<sup>st</sup> May 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006, who is due to start statutory schooling during the school year 2010/11? If you have not already contacted the Borough you should register now for an application pack. Ring 01628 683870 or email [school.admissions@rbwm.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@rbwm.gov.uk). It is important to note that even if your child is in our Nursery or first term of Reception, they do not automatically qualify for a place at Wessex.

### Waterproof Suits

You may have seen the rather snazzy waterproof outfits worn by our Reception class on our website. The suits have a kagool and trousers and come in size for ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10 and 11-12. They cost just £10 each and are available to order from the school office. Delivery will be in approximately 10 days. .

### From the Church of the Good Shepherd:

Do come and join the fun at 'B4T' - a monthly event for parents, carers and their children in Cox Green Community Centre, Highfield Lane. This Sunday - 18th October at 4pm (finishing around 5.30 pm) A relaxing time for young families with craft, games and other activities followed by a short time of lively worship, and a shared tea together. There is no charge for B4T, but please bring a plate of food (e.g. sandwiches, sausage rolls, cake etc) to share for the tea, if you can. All welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Children's Fun Day** - Wednesday 28th October from 10 am-12 noon at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Cox Green Community Centre. Games, craft, films, songs and lots more! Registration forms available from the School Office, or the Church or Community Centre offices. No charge for the Fun Day although donations towards running costs are welcome. Pre-school children welcome if accompanied by a parent or carer. Tel. 632567 for more information.

### Top Tips from Parents:

Re: Headlice. Tea tree conditioner is great but you don't always want to be washing their hair to get the benefit. There is a spray on to dry hair conditioner with tea tree that is brilliant. A quick spray (or 3 for those with hair like my daughter) in the morning and it dampens the hair to help put it up and the bugs don't like it. Good for girls and boys alike. I bought mine from the pharmacy in Furze Platt near the Co-op supermarket. It was £2.93 and will last months.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
Which piece / counter are you when you play Monopoly and why?	If the answer is 12, what was the question?

### Lost Property

The box in Upper School is CRAMMED full of sweatshirts, PE kits and coats!!! Please note that all items left at the end of the day next Friday will be disposed of – come and claim your lost property NOW!!!!

### Breakfast Club

We are holding a ‘bonfire night special’ breakfast on 5<sup>th</sup> November with a ‘hot dog’ breakfast of hot sausage in a roll (the usual fare will also be available that day). Booking forms are available from the letter tree outside the school office.



### 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 any piece of paper and pop it in the ‘gaff’ box. The first three correct entries pulled from the box will win either a free school dinner or a free session at breakfast club!

### Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Literacy Enrichment Week	Whole school and Nursery.
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2009	Y6 trip to Katesgrove Victorian School	Y6
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2009	Y5/6 visiting Cinema – Film Week	Y5/6
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2009	End of term 1 – <b>3.20pm</b>	Everyone!
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2009	INSET day – please don’t send your children to school	Everyone!
3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2009	Children back to school	All children
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	PTA Fireworks!!	Everyone!
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> November	National School Meals Week	Everyone
W/b 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Be a Teacher for the day! More information to follow.....	TBA
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	5D Class Assembly	Parents and carers of children in 5D
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Parents invited for School Lunch – more info to follow after half term	All parents
7 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Nursery Nativity	Parents and Carers of children in Nursery
8 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Lower School Christmas Production	Further details to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	No morning Nursery!! PM Nursery Christmas Party	Nursery children
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	No afternoon Nursery!! AM Nursery Christmas Party	Nursery children
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	School Christmas Lunch	Whole school
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Carols Around the Tree	Everyone!!
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	End of Term – <b>2pm</b>	Everyone!!

He wanted to make a clean getaway!