

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Amy "Tidying Up the Snow" in our Nursery last week!

This week:

Parent Questionnaire, Event and term dates, Music event,  
Caption competition and more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**

3661KWh of Electricity Produced

2086Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Head's Chair



We have really got back to normal this week and as ever, events and activities at Wessex continue to enthrall and inspire! I have enjoyed watching Y1 and Y5 children preparing eagerly for their entry into the Maidenhead Dance Festival which takes place in a couple of weeks. They have certainly been making up for lost time and I am looking forward to watching their performances on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February at the Magnet Leisure Centre. I know they will make us proud. I would like to congratulate Lizzie Frith in Year 6 who was chosen as our winning entry in the Annual Rotary Club writing competition recently and will be attending a ceremony at the Holiday Inn to both share and celebrate her winning entry. Again, I look forward to attending and will share her good news on behalf of Wessex when it happens.

### **...VERY IMPORTANT....PLEASE READ...**

On Monday, you will receive a copy of a questionnaire asking you to give us feedback about what we provide at school for you and your children. We have worked very hard to develop our communication with parents and we need to use this to find out what we do well and what you think we need to keep working on in order to improve even further. We will collect in all completed questionnaires over the coming weeks and present the key findings in a future edition of the Wessex Weekly. We have already gone through a similar process with the staff at school and will shortly be asking your children for their views. Please take the opportunity to think about the progress made over the past 16 months and think carefully about the answers you give. We need your support and I hope you will take time to complete and return your questionnaire promptly. The responses we collect will provide evidence for Ofsted as well as feed in to our School Improvement Plan for the coming year, so it is vital that you tell us what you think! We want to work with everyone at Wessex to ensure we continue to provide the best education and experiences we can, and hope you will support us in this way. If your questionnaire does not make it home via 'pupil-post', I will make sure it is available on our website so that electronic copies can be submitted if you find it easier. Please drop all completed questionnaires into the box outside the school office or ask your child to hand it to their teacher. I thank you for your support and look forward to sharing the results with you soon!

Finally this week, I would like to tell you that our assembly theme this term is 'going for goals'. We are teaching the children that we all set ourselves goals and that persistence and hard work often help us to achieve them. If your child has achieved a goal, please let us know via the golden post box in the entrance hall so we can celebrate these in school. Goals might include anything from learning to tie shoe laces or achieving a swimming badge to learning your spellings or even keeping your bedroom tidy. I look forward to hearing about our children's achievements!

Have a good weekend.

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### **HEADLICE!!**

These little creatures are rife in school. Please could EVERYONE check their children's heads and the heads of all the adults in the house this weekend and treat if necessary. Thank you!


## £1000 Missing!

Thank you to all of you who trawled through shelves and bedrooms last week to help locate our missing library books. The 'library book amnesty boxes' were quite full and we have located a large number of the missing titles. There are still a few escapees out there and we must get them back to avoid paying the library service for replacements. To help keep our library full and save us some pennies (which we can spend much more productively elsewhere) please double check and return any library books to school. Thank you for your support.

## Calling All Nursery and Reception Parents!

We are planning a Multicultural fortnight (1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> February) and would love you to come and share something about your own particular culture. This might involve sharing a story, showing photographs, artefacts, an art activity, teaching us a song, the list is endless!

If you are able to help us out in this way, please see any member of the FS1 or FS2 staff for the timetable. We will be holding a Multicultural Party on **Friday 12th February** for FS1 and FS2 when the children will be invited to wear clothes from different cultures and bring in some food from their own culture too. We look forward to a rich and exciting fortnight!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
<p>We have a new sign at the end of St Adrians Close – what does it tell people?</p> 	<p>Make a list of things that you can catch and sort them into 3 groups. Explain why you have grouped them in that way.</p>

## Half Term Activities

The following **free** activity is taking place at Cox Green library during February Half Term: **Thursday 18 February**, 10.30am to 12pm for children aged 7-10. Explore Learning will be running a fun workshop based around the theme "lost and found". Lots of games and activities to join in with. Places limited, so please phone Cox Green Library on 01628 673942 to reserve a place.

## Cash For Schools 2010

Maidenhead Advertiser Cash For Schools 2010 kicked off yesterday (January 21). We need to collect at least 920 tokens to get a share of the cash so please collect the tokens for us and put in the box in the area outside the school office. Thank you!

### Wessex PTA Dinner & Dance

When:	Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 7pm to late
Where:	Maidenhead Golf Club
What:	Dinner/disco/ raffle
Wear:	Smart dress
Cost:	Cost £25 per head (including 2 course dinner)

The aim of the evening is to raise money for the playground makeover at Wessex whilst enjoying a lovely meal with friends. Come along by yourself or bring friends from within or beyond the school.

Tickets are limited to 120 and available on a first come first served basis.

To reserve your seats or a table to bring guests, contact Diane Armstrong (01628 624336) or call in at the school office to pick up a booking form.

## Elentone Singers Community Choir

**Why not enjoy a good sing once a week, meet new people, and revel in the atmosphere.** Cox



Green School Theatre, Thursdays, 8 p.m. 'til 10 p.m. Entry is open to everyone, whatever your experience. There are no auditions. We have a vast range of abilities within the group from people who have never sung in a choir before, to those with considerable experience. You don't need to be able to read music. We sing a cross-section of genres such as world music, folk and other popular pieces. £40 a term, or £5 a week. For more information contact Lyn

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## **Bottle Tops**

A reminder that we collect **ONLY blue, green and red** milk bottle tops for the Alexander Devine Cancer Trust. Please do not put in any other bottle tops as they lower the value of the plastic. Thank you.

## **Some dates for your diary:**

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents in School (postponed from 11 <sup>th</sup> January)	Pre-booked parents only
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	4E Class assembly – 9.15am	Parents and carers of those in 4E
1 <sup>st</sup> February – 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Multicultural Fortnight	Foundation Stage Children
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	30 Class assembly – 9.15am <b>(PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)</b>	Parents and carers of those in 30
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Special Menu – Chinese New Year!!	Booked hot dinners!!
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Maidenhead Dance Festival at the Magnet Leisure Centre	Y1 and Y6 children
12 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3 (half term)	Everyone

## **Caption Competition**

Each week we will publish a picture (such as the bridge building exercise on the right) and would ask you to think of an apt/funny/appropriate caption. The winner (as judged by our un-bribeable office ladies among others) will win either a free school meal or a free breakfast club place. Entries should be posted in the old 'Newsletter gaffs' box in the reception area outside the school office. The winner of last week's competition (the superheroes) was... no-one! We didn't get any captions in the box!

