

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Q: How do you know that carrots are good for your eyes?



Philippa and Zoe preparing for their big performance and bringing some 1940's style to the Maidenhead Dance Festival.

**This week:**

Problem Solving Day, Disco's Galore, event and term dates, caption competition and more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**

3822KWh of Electricity Produced

2178Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Head's Chair



This week has been a really positive start to the new term, and despite the continuing chilly and inclement weather, it's very much 'business as usual' at Wessex.

On Wednesday, the children all enjoyed marking the national 'Big Sing-Up' day and took part in a special assembly where they learned and enjoyed singing together. This is a national initiative to encourage more singing in schools and Mrs Dawson did a great job of involving every child! I particularly enjoyed listening to our Upper School children learning how to sing a variety of songs 'in the round' and was proud to share the enthusiasm of our Lower School children with a prospective parent – who was very impressed! Well done children and thank you Mrs Dawson for your hard work – it was great!

Last night, I enjoyed watching our football team take on the might of White Waltham and All Saints as we began our campaign in a new and improved division. The weather was somewhat damp (to say the least), but the team played extremely well and were supported valiantly by many enthusiastic (yet soggy) supporters! We played two games, beating White Waltham 3-2 thanks to two goals from Mbelelo and a third from Cameron. Our second game was a bit tougher and we were just beaten 2-1 (Sam was the goal scorer) by All Saints who had a very strong team and had beaten our first opponents 5-0. The team, captained by Matthew Mundy, were Mollie, Sam, Josh, Lee, Ed, Cameron and Jack. Well done to all of you, a great start to the new season! Thanks to Mr Lloyd – I'll make sure we have a large towel on stand-by for the next match!

I would like every parent to take note that from this week the school gates will be kept closed during the school day. If you are visiting school, please ensure you close them behind you and sign in at the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, I would like to share the good news that a recent application for additional funding to the Local Authority has been successful. We have secured a grant to create a superb outdoor learning space for our reception children which I hope to see come to fruition over the coming months. I also hope to combine this with a new environmental garden and pond area that every child at Wessex will learn from and enjoy for years to come – so watch this space! We are currently in the process of obtaining quotes for the work and look forward to the forthcoming improvements in support of our playground makeover project.

Speaking of the environment, I would like to thank Mrs Elliot and the School Eco-Team. As part of their work, children have collected four large sacks of litter in just a few days and I know the impact will be a better environment for everyone at school. Please make sure you play your part by 'binning your rubbish' rather than throwing it on the ground. I look forward to watching the team grow as they introduce more effective initiatives in the weeks to come. Have a good weekend.

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## PTA Dinner and Disco

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> March

Maidenhead Golf Club

£25 per head

Forms available from school office or PTA section of school website

Or call Diane to discuss further - 01628 624336

Only a few places remaining!!



### Children's Disco's

The PTA would like to let you know that the very popular School Discos will be taking place again this term, watch out for the details.

### Flora Tokens

We are collecting the tokens from packets of Flora. You can either register the tokens online yourself or bring them in to the school. We are currently 32<sup>nd</sup> on the leader board and would love to get in the top 10! The tokens will enable us to buy more equipment for our kitchen area in the Lower School.

### Problem Solving Day

We are holding our second family problem solving morning on **Saturday 20th March** from 10am -12.30pm. It is an exciting opportunity for families to work together as a team to complete a range of challenges. The event we held last year was a great success. This is what some of the families thought:



*"Great fun!"*

*"We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. It was very interesting to find out that we all interpret the same instructions very differently."*

*"It would be great to do this once a term."*

If you would like to take part please can you let the office know so that we can organise everything prior to the day. If you would like

further information regarding this event please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Maskell.

### Berkshire County Blind Society - Fundraiser

**TODAY 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - help** raise money for the **Berkshire Blind Society**. The whole family is invited. There will be a range of events including; Lucky Dip, Henna patterns, Face painting, Raffles, Guess the Teddy's name, Beat the goalie, Decorate the cake, Cake sale, FREE tea/coffee/squash. **LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON at Woodlands Park Primary School, Main Hall from 3.15 - 5.15pm.**

### Who Would Live in a House Like This?



This is the mess that the Lower School Role Play area was left in by person or persons unknown on Wednesday during the after school football club. We always encourage the children to tidy toys and books away and leave all areas nice and tidy ready for the next person. If you are coming in to school to wait for your child, either in the Community Room or elsewhere, please respect the environment and property of the school and leave things as you would like to find them. Lets work together to do better please. Thank you.

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If someone leaves somewhere untidy or something broken, how does it make you feel?	Think about ways in which humans and animals are the same and ways in which they are different. Put your thoughts in a table.

### This Week's Requests

- Empty seed packets - lots and lots!!! (If you can donate a full packet, we can plant the seeds too!)
- A mans jacket/blazer and trousers (not jeans) – both in a smallish size please
- Second hand uniform for our sale in March (see dates)
- 2 litre clear plastic drinks bottles (for our eco-greenhouse)
- Maidenhead Advertiser Cash for Schools, Flora and Nestle Box Tops tokens.

### Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Green class assembly – 9.15am, LS hall	Parents and carers of children in Green class
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Everyone
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 5.30 – 8.00pm (Nursery leavers and Reception January intake only - 3.30 – 7pm)	Parents
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents Y1 – Y6
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red class assembly – 9.15am, LS Hall	Parents and carers of children in Red class
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Second Hand Uniform Sale – 3.30pm	Everyone
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	4P class assembly – 9.15am, US hall	Parents and carers of children in 4P
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	3L class assembly – 9.15am, US hall	Parents and carers of children in 3L

### Caption Competition

Each week we will publish a picture and would ask you to think of an apt/funny/appropriate caption. This week we are repeating the picture from just before the holiday and would like you to suggest what words might have been on the banner carried by Alice for the House Netball competition. The winner (as judged by our un-bribable 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. There was no winner from last term (just one anonymous and very funny entry with a reference to a poorly parked car whose number



plate has already been mentioned in previous editions!)

A: I've never seen a rabbit wearing glasses!