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Q: What would you get if you crossed a bat with a magician?



Learning to use chopsticks in Nursery during Multicultural Fortnight!

This week:

School shoes, Sports Relief, Mother's Day Special, event and term dates, caption competition and more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

3899KWh of Electricity Produced

2222Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Our sporting pursuits got off to a good start on Monday this week with our second round of football matches, the first for the Wessex 'B-Team', in what proved to be considerably better weather than last week. In our first match we drew 1-1 with Larchfield and we beat Cookham Rise 2-1 in the second. The team played brilliantly and Mr Lloyd was very proud of their competitiveness and sportsmanship. The team were Callum Little, Tom Smith, Aaron Webb, Alex Ludlow, 'Super-striker' Joe Park (who scored all the goals), Ellis Keen, Jack McCara, Robert Pilling and Lewis Conway. Well done boys, and thanks to Mr Lloyd for organising the match.

Our footballers were followed closely on Tuesday by our rugby team, who as you may remember had won through to the Borough finals held at Maidenhead Rugby Club. Again, the children did us proud and played enthusiastically against the best teams in RBWM. We lost our first two games against Oldfield (the overall winners) and St Mary's, 6-1 and 6-2 respectively. Our team's determination increased and the play improved as we went on to beat Cookham Rise 4-1 and draw with Bisham 4-4. Having got through to the play-offs we faced Ellington, and despite a very close game we lost 4-2. Although disappointed, I know the team did us proud, and to come this far at the first attempt was a real achievement. Our team was Dylan Masters, Ben Mulley, Joshua Jones, Megan Pechereau, Lauren Hubbard, Dannii Jones, Matthew White, Brian White, Jack Carey, Jonathan Henderson. All the children played extremely well, working as a team and keeping their heads held high at all times and giving the other teams very strong competition. Well done to you all and thank you Miss Oldfield for organising the event.

On Thursday, our eldest Nursery children enjoyed a visit to the Forest School in Windsor Great Park. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn outdoors in a school with no buildings! They learned about trees, built dens and even roasted marshmallows over the fire! The children behaved beautifully and I know Mrs Thomas and Miss Lacey are very proud of them. Thank you to those parents who accompanied the trip and thank you Mrs Thomas for getting out and about in your wellies!! Watch out for photos of the trip on the electronic noticeboard for a flavour of what our children got up to...

Many of our Y5 and Y6 children have been taking their Bikeability course this week (the modern version of their cycling proficiency test) and have behaved attentively, safely and responsibly at all times. Oh....and they have enjoyed it too! They have been out and about in Cox Green, learning how to cycle safely on the roads and I know have really learned some very important lessons. Well done children!

Also on Thursday we held our first parent consultation meeting of this term giving you the opportunity to come and find out how your child is doing in school. Again I was bowled over by the positive feeling to the evening and the comments I received as I talked to parents – it is great to see how proud you all are of your children! The PTA also used the opportunity to tell many of you a little more about the great work they do to support the school and even managed to get some parents signed up to help! Gail, the area manager from Harrison's Catering (who provide our hot school meals) also attended to give parents more information about what they offer, including recipes to take home and even some tasters to try out! We will repeat this on Monday for our second consultation evening, and I look forward to catching the last few of you who may not have had the chance to return our parent questionnaire. Thank you to all the teachers who put so much work in to preparing for our consultations.

Finally – SCHOOL SHOES. I have noticed an increasing number of children not wearing their school shoes into, at and on the way home from school. This is not acceptable and I will be checking to make sure they are being worn on Monday. I do understand that shoes break and get worn out, and if this is the case, a simple note of explanation to your child's teacher will be fine. Thank you for your support.

Finally, Finally.....I would like to thank Richard Goff from Mr Signs for donating our flashy new sign on the school gate, along with a huge Wessex Primary School banner proudly waved by several children and parents in support of our rugby team on Tuesday.

Have a good weekend.

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Lost Property

Our lost property box in Upper School is overflowing (again!) with coats (yes, really!!) PE kits, sweatshirts and numerous other items of clothing, as well as several lunchboxes. Please come in and see if any of it belongs to your son/daughter. As usual, we *will be re-cycling all remaining lost property at 2pm on the last day of term.* Thank you.

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.

Hooke Court

The Y5 residential trip to Hooke Court is getting nearer and we would like to remind parents that the final payment of £60 is now due. Please make cheques payable to Wessex Primary School.

Sport Relief 2010



**Rise to the
challenge**
19-21 March

The children and staff will be joining in with this year's 'action' and will be having a number of events throughout the day, including an opportunity for parents to join in with the Sport relief Mile after school! Children will be invited to dress in sports related clothing (anything from a ballerina to a footballer to a

tennis player) for a donation to the charity. More details regarding the other activities will be sent home separately.

Mothers Day Special Lunch

We are expecting over 100 mums (!!!!!) to join their children for lunch on Thursday 11th March. Please note the change of menu on that day:

BBQ chicken with Chunky Chips Or Creamy Vegetable Pie; Sweetcorn and Carrots followed by Strawberry ice cream with a shortbread biscuit.

PTA Dinner and Disco

Many thanks to those of you who have already donated items for our Dinner & Disco raffle. We are still looking for prizes - chocolates, wines & spirits, luxury food items, toys, books, etc. (in new condition please) - just drop them off at the office as soon as you can. If you have any queries, or are in doubt about what is suitable, then please ask at the office or email the PTA via email@wessexpta.org.uk. Thank you!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If you could give anyone in the world a special gift, who would it be and what would you give them?	Make a list of all the different ways animals help humans. Do you think any of the jobs these animals do can be done in other ways?

This Week's Requests

- Empty seed packets - lots and lots!!! (If you can donate a full packet, we can plant the seeds too!)
- Kitchen roll tubes or similar (for rocket making in the Nursery)
- A man's jacket/blazer and trousers (not jeans) – both in a smallish size please
- Second hand uniform for our sale later this month (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?
Monday 8 th March	Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.00pm	Parents Y1 – Y6
Thursday 11 th March	Space Party Day in Reception	All Reception children
Friday 12 th March	Nursery Pyjama Day!	All Nursery children
Wednesday 17 th March	Red class assembly – 9.15am, LS Hall	Parents and carers of children in Red class
Wednesday 17 th March	Second Hand Uniform Sale – 3.30pm	Everyone
Thursday 18 th March	4P class assembly – 9.15am, US hall	Parents and carers of children in 4P
Friday 19 th March	Sport Relief Day in school	Everyone!
Thursday 25 th 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 showing you a 'pizza chef' from the Nursery multicultural fortnight. The winner (as judged by our unbribable 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. Last weeks winner (The banner) is Adam May with the caption 'Pupils demand a 4 day week and longer holidays!'

A: A flying sorcerer.