

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Q: How did the football pitch end up as triangle?



Nursery children enjoying colourful windmills at the Forest School.

This week:

Second-hand uniform sale, Family problem-solving morning, event and term dates, caption competition and more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**

3986KWh of Electricity Produced

2272Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Head's Chair



Its been an EXTREMELY busy week at Wessex this week and your children have had a wide range of opportunities to get involved with both within and beyond the curriculum. On Monday, we held our second parent consultation evening which again was a great opportunity for parents to find out how much progress their children are making and what they need to work on next. I would like to thank Harrison's Catering, Sue London (our Parent Support Advisor), our School Governors and the PTA who also attended the evening to answer questions and share information with you about what they do in and for school. Thank you also to the teachers for all their preparation for the evening.

The children have enjoyed a range of sporting activities this week and again every single individual who took part did us proud. On Tuesday, Mrs Dore took our team over to Altwood to take part in a hockey tournament for the first time. In her report, she said "The team played absolutely brilliantly and I was very proud of them all. They were a credit to Year 6 and Wessex. Fran Hodge, who organised the tournament, complimented the children on the skills they had developed in such a short period of time and thought that several of the Wessex squad had county level potential in the future. We came fourth out of five teams in our pool and sadly didn't make it to the semi-finals, however, for us it was all about taking part and having fun, which we definitely did!" The team were Matthew Bournier, Jack Dwyer, Alex Sadler, Daryl Meade, Edward Smith, Cameron Netherwood Meek, Daanyaal Khan, Julia Freeman, Mollie Bagshaw, Jade Anderson and Emily Allen. Well done team and thank you Mrs Dore. Our national hockey team got through to the semi-finals of the hockey world cup recently and perhaps we have a few Great Britain team members of the future in our midst.....

Also on Tuesday, our Key Stage 1 children (Y1 and 2) visited Cox Green to take part in a multi skills event. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting secondary school and took part in a range of physical activities which developed skills such as hand-eye coordination, stamina, speed and team work. I know they were all exhausted by the time they had finished, but the teachers who took them also said they were a credit to Wessex so well done!

On Thursday, we had yet another football match, organised by Mr Lloyd, against two of the strongest teams in the league. We played White Waltham first, winning 1-0 followed by Oldfield who we beat 2-0. This was a great result and I know Mr Lloyd was very proud of the team as well as the results. They were Tom Smith, Alex Ludlow, Lee Wingrove, Joe Park, Ellis Keen, Jack McAra, Robert Pilling and Lewis Conway. Lewis and Joe were the goal scorers.

Some of our children this week also enjoyed taking part in two more of our 'Master Classes', this time for Art and Literacy. These opportunities enable us to really challenge and develop some of those children who have particular strengths in certain subject areas and is an approach which is unique to Wessex. I know those who took part learned a huge amount and Miss Razeghi and Mrs Steven enjoyed working with children from different year groups.

Also on Thursday, we enjoyed the company of one or two mums for our special Mother's Day lunch! Although I wasn't there for the occasion (bad planning on my part), I know that it was both well organised and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended. I look forward to hearing about it from some of the 135 mums who attended (yes...135!!) and their children when I next see them, but in the meantime would like to thank Harrison's and the office staff for making sure the occasion went so smoothly. Gold stars all round!!

Can I please remind children and parents that mobile phones are not allowed in school for any reason unless they are handed in to the office at the start of the day for safe keeping. If a child is found with a mobile phone it will be confiscated and will need to be collected by their parent from me.

Unfortunately this week, one of our teachers had their car scratched quite badly and we think it happened whilst it was in the staff car park. She has managed to remove most of the red paint and will now have a bill to pay to get it repaired. Please could you let me know if you know anything about this incident and can I please remind everyone to take extra care if they are using the school car park for any reason. Thank you.

Finally, I would like to congratulate Mrs Jones from our Nursery who has had her second baby – Suzanna 6lb 4oz. Now that's a really special gift for Mother's Day!!  
Have a good weekend (and children – don't forget to make Sunday extra special!!)

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### Chocoholics



Chocoholics catalogues are doing the rounds so please make sure you pass them on to the next person on the list. If you have never ordered from them before Mrs Cawte can vouch for the quality and yumminess of the goodies! Orders with payment can be brought in to the office – delivery is usually within a week.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale

On **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** we will be holding another second hand uniform sale. This will take place either outside the school office or in the Upper School hall, depending on the weather. We are still very happy to take donations for this – please bring any second hand uniform in to the school office. Prices will start from 50p.

### Church of the Good Shepherd – Mothering Sunday Service

All the family are invited to a special service to celebrate Mothering Sunday on **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 10am. Flowers will be distributed during the service.



### 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 recycling 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 20<sup>th</sup> March** from 10am -12.30pm. It is an exciting opportunity for families to work together as a team to complete a range of challenges. 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.

### 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 on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**, 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.

### This Week's Requests

- Empty seed packets - lots and lots!!! (If you can donate a full packet, we can plant the seeds too!)
- A man's jacket/blazer and trousers (not jeans) – both in a smallish size please
- 2 litre clear plastic drinks bottles (for our eco-greenhouse)
- Maidenhead Advertiser Cash for Schools tokens – *we only have half the number we need!* Tesco, Sainsburys, Flora and Nestle Box Tops tokens too! Please bring your tokens in to school and ask friends and neighbours to collect for us as well!

## 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](mailto:email@wessexpta.org.uk). Thank you!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
What are you going to do to make Mother's day special this year?	Think of 10 questions you could ask a tree if it could talk.

### Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
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
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Sport Relief Day in school	Everyone!
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	3L class assembly – 9.15am, US hall	Parents and carers of children in 3L
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Children's Discos	Reception – Y6
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Cox Green School Family Bingo Night – more details from Cox Green School office	All the family!!
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Dinner and Disco	Parents
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term – 2pm <b>Please note: Nursery sessions will be 9am – 11am and 12am – 2pm on that day, with lunch club running from 11am – 12 noon.</b>	Everyone!
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school	Children in Reception – Y6
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Back to Nursery	Existing Nursery children

### 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 Mr Porter having a spot of fun at the Forest School with the Nursery. 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. Last weeks winner (The pizza chef) is Samantha Clarke with the caption "Hat – check, menu – check, thumb in pizza – check. Just like the real thing!"

A: Somebody took a corner !