

WESSEX WEEKLY

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Q: What is a runner's favourite subject in school?



4P looking very serious as they practise
for their Tudors Assembly on Thursday

This week:

Tuck shop, FLAP, NEW Junk Orchestra, event and term dates, caption
competition and more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

4071KWh of Electricity Produced
2320Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



This week has provided children and families alike with a plethora of activities and events, beyond the normal curriculum, which I firmly believe help to sum up the sustained and innovative commitment by everyone in our community to continue to put Wessex firmly on the map!

On Monday afternoon, Coach Lloyd again leads our football team into another crunch match against challenging opposition. We were up against St Edmund Campion and won 3-1. I would like to congratulate the team (Alex, Robert, Tom, Joe, Ellis, Jack and Kai) and especially the goal scorers (Joe, Kai and Tom). We have another tricky away match at Bisham this afternoon (Friday) and I will report on the result next week. Once again I would like to thank Mr Lloyd for his on-going coaching skills and make a special mention of Mr McAra who has given so much of his time to help the team – whatever the weather! Well done everyone....the season is shaping up very nicely!

On Tuesday, our Y1 and Y2 children all enjoyed a trip to Cox Green to take part in a multi-sports event alongside children from Cox Green and other local primary schools. I have received very favourable reports on the conduct of our children and know they really enjoyed taking part – although they were exhausted by the time they got back to school. Thank you to all the teachers who helped to arrange the trip!

On Wednesday and Thursday mornings, I thoroughly enjoyed two class assemblies on very different themes. Red class taught us all about materials and showed us what they had learned in science. We learned about reversible and irreversible changes, changing state and much, much more – with some very well illustrated (and at times messy) examples! By contrast, 4P gave us a very well presented, entertaining and memorable history lesson about Henry VIII as a part of their topic work on the Tudors. The King was placed in the dock and after hearing facts about his life (and wives) the jury decided (unanimously) that he should be punished. I must say that the executioner did stick up for the king though – for keeping him in business!! Well done children and Mrs Piper, Mrs Sanders and Mrs Steven for really bringing the children's learning to life. I know the audiences enjoyed it thoroughly!

Wednesday afternoon also brought our second school uniform sale, lead and organised by Mrs Leigh and our Community team. The event was very successful, very helpful to many of our parents and raised a respectable £78 for the school fund. Well done everyone – I know this was a popular event!

Finally this week we have enjoyed our 'Sport Mile' today and I know the children and staff have enjoyed dressing up, accumulating a Wessex Marathon distance and raising lots of money for charity into the bargain. I look forward to reporting on the final total when we have it....can we break the £1000 barrier? Thank you to Mrs Town and the school council for organising this fabulous and enjoyable event. Watch this space.....

NOTICES:

Parent Questionnaire: Thank-you to those of you who completed our questionnaire during the last month. We will publish the results and next steps before the end of term.

Road Closure: You will have noticed that Wessex Way has (finally) started the re-surfacing process and I hope it hasn't caused too much of a challenge today.

JUNK ORCHESTRA!!!

I am very excited about starting a junk orchestra at Wessex next term and need your support. I need pots, pans, drums, containers, shakers, pipes, boxes, built, made....anything that can be recycled, hit, bashed, shaken or struck! I am very keen to get a rhythm section up and running and look forward to sharing more details after Easter. The orchestra will be restricted depending on what is donated, so get searching! I want to help children develop their coordination, timing, rhythm and appreciation of percussion, whilst at the same time having lots of fun and making a tremendous noise!! More details to follow.....

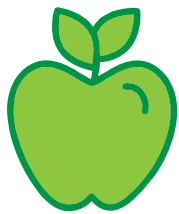
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NEW!!! Upper School Fruity Tuck Shop!



We are starting an Upper School Fruit Tuck Shop every morning break time from **Monday 22nd March**. Fruit such as apples, bananas and satsumas will be available to buy at a cost of 20p per piece. Boxes of raisins will also be on sale at 15p per box. We hope that this will encourage our children to eat more fruit and help contribute to their 'five a day'.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club booking forms for the summer term are available from the letter tree outside the school office or from the ladies at Breakfast Club. Remember you can book your children in to Breakfast club just 24 hours in advance and the club is open every day in term time from 8am. Children enjoy a healthy breakfast (toast, cereal, yoghurt, juice etc) and can play games such as snooker, table football, board games or on the Breakfast Club Wii! The cost is £3 per child per session and we accept Accor and Busy Bees childcare vouchers. More information is available from the school office.

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.

FLAP (Fun, Laughter, Activity, Praise)

FLAP is an After School Service for primary school children, their parents/carers and runs every Thursday in term time from 3.30-4.30 pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Cox Green Community Centre. Come when you can after school. There are drinks and cake on arrival, followed by games and craft activities, and ending with a short, lively time of worship. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Pre-school children and older siblings are also very welcome. There is no charge, though donations towards drinks and running expenses are greatly appreciated.



Puffin Books



Your child should have brought home a Puffin Books brochure last week. We will be sending the order off on **Monday 29th March** and expect delivery immediately after the Easter holiday. If you would like to place an order, please bring it in as soon as possible. The school benefits from all orders placed and we are able to buy new books for our libraries and classrooms.

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!

- Items for our new 'Junk Orchestra' (see note in 'From The Head's Chair')

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
What is music / can music be used for?	How could you encourage people to stop using their cars?

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Saturday 20 th March	Family Problem Solving morning	All the family!!
Thursday 25 th March	3L class assembly – 9.15am, US hall	Parents and carers of children in 3L
Thursday 25 th March	Children's Discos	Reception – Y6
Friday 26 th March	Cox Green School Family Bingo Night – more details from Cox Green School office	All the family!!
Saturday 27 th March	PTA Dinner and Disco	Parents
Tuesday 30 th March	Purple class assembly – 9.15am LS hall	Parents and carers of children in Purple class
Wednesday 31 st March	End of term – 2pm Please note: Nursery sessions will be 9am – 11am and 12pm – 2pm on that day, with lunch club running from 11am – 12pm.	Everyone!
Monday 19 th April	Back to school	Children in Reception – Y6
Wednesday 21 st 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 'the jury' in 4P's assembly. 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 (Mr Porter on the swing) is Samantha Clarke with "Mr Porter began to think that human catapult was not such a good idea after all!"



A: Jog-raphy !