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Q: Why do we paint Easter eggs?



Mr Stevens avoiding(?) the egg throwing shenanigans at the Family Problem Solving Morning last Saturday (note the interesting hair gel!! See what some of you missed!!)

This week:

Maths marathon, Menu modification, Mangled metatarsals, event and term dates, caption competition and more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

4121KWh of Electricity Produced

2348Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



This week has brought a range of experiences to Wessex (as you can tell from the photo on the front cover!) and I am once again proud of the variety of events and activities on which I can report this week.

Last Saturday morning, we held the second of our 'Family Problem Solving' days which was well attended by 13 families (50 people). Helen Maskell planned and delivered a variety of activities which reflected some of the opportunities which we provide the children at school and gave participants an opportunity to talk, plan, build and create together. The main activity involved the construction of an 'egg-firing' machine, and with me as the target, I must say that there was great enthusiasm to get it working! Once again, this is something special about Wessex and I would like to thank Helen for her hard work and organisation!

Some feedback includes: "Great idea to involve parents and bring them into school." (Y6 parent) ... "Good fun, would definitely do another." (Y2 parent) ... "Had great fun. We think we worked better together this time than last time." (Y2 parent).

Our football team has again done us proud as the season draws to a close. Results from last week (for the A team): Wessex 2 Bisham 0, Wessex 1 Oldfield 2, Holyport 2 Wessex 1. We again faced some tough opposition but Mr Lloyd was really pleased how well the team played and really showed improvement. The team was Josh, Mbulelo, Jack, Matt, Mollie, Samuel, Cameron and Ed. Last game of season for the A team is on Friday v Furze Platt and the last game of the season for the B team is April 22nd where they play All Saints and St Lukes. Good luck!

Mr Lloyd would like me to thank all the Mums and Dads who watch training every week and bring and support the children at the matches. He says "the vocal support is really important to the team and they always bring drinks/biscuits and bags of banter, which is appreciated by all.... oh and they behave themselves too without pitch invasions!"

On Tuesday, three of our Year 5 children took part in a Maths Marathon at Heathrow and again represented Wessex perfectly, having won through to the final as one of the top eight teams in the area. Read on to find out more.....thank you Mrs Dawson for arranging the challenge. Well done team!!

Last night most of our children enjoyed a return trip to school for our ever popular school discos. All three were very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone involved. The children behaved themselves exceptionally well and I could tell from their faces how much they had enjoyed it! A huge thank you to the PTA for organising this successful event and also to 'DJ Clarke' (Holly and Samantha's dad) for supplying the tunes! I look forward to finding out how much we raised to support the school.

Finally, I would like to update you on our Sport Relief total. I reported last week that we were well on the way to hitting our £1000 target but not quite there yet. We have

actually raised nearly **£2500** with more still to come!! This is a huge achievement, a record for Wessex and I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part! Well done everyone.

Have a good weekend.

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Spring Forward!

A reminder that the clocks go forward this weekend which means we all lose an hour's sleep! There is no excuse, however, for being late on Monday morning!!



Maths Marathon

On Tuesday 23rd March, three of our Y5 children, Bethany Canty, Sarah Fagence and Aaron Webb, took part in the final of the Primary School Maths Marathon Challenge. The event took place at the Heathrow Worldwide Distribution Centre near Langley and was attended by seven other competing schools. The competition consisted of two very difficult problem solving rounds and the three children involved tried their absolute best; we were very proud of their mathematical skills and their team work. Sadly we did not win the competition but these Wessex children did exceptionally well to be in the top eight schools in the area and to proudly represent their school. Well done!!

Milk Bottle Tops

Our lovely lady who collects the milk bottle tops for the Alexander Devine Children's Cancer Trust is no longer able to store them. She has written us a lovely letter, and wants to say a big thank-you to all the staff, pupils and parents who have made the project a success. This means that *we will no longer be collecting the bottle tops after Easter* so please bring in any that you have next week. Thank you all for your amazing support!

Change of Menu Next Week

Please note that the menus swap on **Tuesday and Wednesday** next week so the very popular roast will be on Tuesday and homemade burgers will be served on Wednesday.

Growing Pains!

Now that the weather is better, we will be having more PE lessons outside. Please check that your child's plimsolls/trainers still fit so that they are able to fully participate. Thank you.



Sports Relief

Please could you bring all sponsor money in to the office on **Monday 29th March** so that it can be banked and a final total can be published. Thank you all very much for your generosity!

Chocoholics

Absolute last chance for orders for Easter is Monday morning! Please bring orders and payment in to the school office by 9am latest as they will be collected shortly after that time.

Clubs

Please note that the following clubs will NOT run next week – Collectibles, Gardening, Tuesday Football, Netball, and Knitting. For other, externally run clubs, please check your original paperwork to see when the club will finish.

Upper School Fruity Tuck Shop!

We have started an Upper School Fruit Tuck Shop every morning at break time. 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'.

Lost Property

Lost property will be put on display on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Please come and claim any lost items – we have all sorts!! As usual, **we will be re-cycling all remaining lost property at 2pm on the last day of term.** Thank you.

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.

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 on Monday morning. 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
- Maidenhead Advertiser Cash for Schools tokens – *last token this week!!!* 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' – tins, buckets, pipes, saucepans, boxes.....

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If the sun shone all the time, would this be a good thing? Why?	Think of 10 questions where the answer isa friend.

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
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 publish a picture and would ask you to think of an apt/funny/appropriate caption. 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 jury) is Samantha Clarke (again!! – well done Samantha!) with 'The jury produced a unanimous verdict when asked to judge Mr Stevens' Sports Relief costume'. There is no competition this week because of the Easter holiday.

A: Because it's easier than trying to wallpaper them!