

# WESSEX WEEKLY

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Q: Why is everyone so tired on April 1?



The Greek Legend of Medusa, artistic interpretation  
by Callum and Daniel in 5D

This week:

Freebies!, Reading with your children, event and term dates, and more.....

**SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:**

4162KWh of Electricity Produced

2372Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



## From the Head's Chair



Despite such a short week this week, we still have plenty to share with you and celebrate as the Easter break rapidly approaches. I hope you'll agree that this has been an enjoyable and busy term, with a huge number of events, activities and developments for all at Wessex.

Last week, I had the pleasure of joining 3L and many parents for their class assembly. They have been learning about rocks and soils and threw themselves enthusiastically into the performance. We enjoyed songs, a huge number of facts and complicated vocabulary...all against the backdrop of some super artwork, now proudly displayed in the Y3 corridor. I learned that Granite and Basalt are very hard rocks – well demonstrated by Jack and Connor! Well done children and thank you Mr Lloyd – a great success....you should be very proud.

This week was the turn of Year 1 with Purple class' assembly – again well attended by parents and families. The children shared what they had learned about toys from the past and the present. We enjoyed the string puppets (and the dance that came with it) and I would like to thank Mrs Savage for sharing my old teddy bear, but not the photograph of me in my cot enthusiastically provided by my mum!! The children entered and left the assembly to the sight and sound of the children reciting some of their favourite poems and nursery rhymes on the interactive whiteboard which they had learned off by heart. Once again, the children did very well in front of such a large audience and I would like to thank Mrs Savage and Mrs Pusey for their hard work. Well done Purple class!

This afternoon, you will receive several important pieces of information along with this newsletter. Firstly, we have put together a booklet containing hints and tips about how to support your child with their reading at home. It contains ideas appropriate to all age ranges and I hope you will find it both informative and useful. Secondly, you will receive a copy of the analysis of the parent questionnaire which so many of you kindly completed during this term. It is accompanied by an outline of some of the actions which we will endeavour to implement in the coming weeks and months in response to the feedback received. I would like to thank you for all your responses and ideas and the positive support. Finally, your child will also receive a letter in response to the questionnaire they completed this term. Once again, it summarises the key findings about what your children said we do well and what we need to change or improve. This was a very useful exercise and will help us to continue to work together to improve what we all do at Wessex.

I would like to congratulate the PTA for two hugely successful events we have thoroughly enjoyed this week. As mentioned last week, the school disco's were a huge success and we have raised a stunning £450!! Well done all. On Saturday evening we held a parent dinner and disco at Maidenhead Golf Club. Attended by over 100 parents, staff and friends of the school it was a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxed evening. We enjoyed bingo, a raffle, heads and tails, a really good DJ and managed to raise over £1700 for the school. This is a huge achievement and I would like to thank Diane Armstrong and her fabulous team for all the organisation that went in to making it happen. Well done and thank you!!

Finally I would like to wish you all a happy and restful Easter break. We have a few farewells to mention as the James family (Jem, Jenson and Jasper) are moving away from the area and the Lean family (Sophie and Megan) are moving to America. You will all be missed and I wish you the very best at this daunting but exciting time.

Finally, finally (!) a big thank you to all the staff at Wessex for their passion, hard work and enthusiasm this term. You should all be proud of our achievements and deserve a relaxing break. Thank you! See you all next term!

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## Free Lunches on Thursdays!!!

I am very pleased to inform you that we are able to offer each child at Wessex a free, hot, school meal next term. In order to make this run as smoothly as possible, we have organised the following dates:

Blue Class	22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Purple Class	29 <sup>th</sup> April	Red class	6 <sup>th</sup> May
Green Class	13 <sup>th</sup> May	Yellow and 30	20 <sup>th</sup> May	4E	17 <sup>th</sup> June
Orange and 3L	10 <sup>th</sup> June	4P	24 <sup>th</sup> June	5D	1 <sup>st</sup> July
5C	8 <sup>th</sup> July	6D	15 <sup>th</sup> July	6R	22 <sup>nd</sup> July

Children in these classes will still need to book a lunch on that day – they will just not have to pay for it!!! ENJOY!

## 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***. Thank you all for your amazing support!

## Growing Pains!

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

## 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 – any that you can find as we need to send them off immediately after the holiday, 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 you could award your mum or dad a certificate in 'Good News Assembly', what would it be for?	How many different colours can you think of?

## Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school	Children in Reception – Y6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	30 visit to Waltham Place	Children in 30
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	3L visit to Waltham Place	Children in 3L
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Back to Nursery	Existing Nursery children
26 <sup>th</sup> April – 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Assessment fortnight	Whole school

**A:** Because they've just finished a long March!

**Have a fabulous Easter Holiday!!**



January – Snow!!!

February – Multicultural fortnight in Nursery



March – Sport Relief Mile Run