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Q: What is the best way to speak to a monster?



Reception class doing capacity work in Maths

This week:

Photo order deadline, Summer fair, School production – can you help?, event and term dates, this week's requests and MUCH more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:
5691KWh of Electricity Produced
3242Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



It has been a week of contrasts this week. We have enjoyed a little peace and quiet with our Y6 children thoroughly enjoying their week away at Kingswood, yet at the same time the other children have 'made up for it' with all the events and activities they have been taking part in. The Y6 children have enjoyed a very busy and exciting week with good weather. I look forward to welcoming them all home later this afternoon!

Meanwhile, at school.....

Y5 have been very busy! The children enjoyed a trip to the River Thames and managed a 6km walk to Cookham and back! They wrote senses poems, learned about how Boulter's Lock works, created observational drawings, spotted all sorts of wildlife and even enjoyed an ice cream! It was a lovely day and the children were a credit to the school. Thanks to Mrs Dawson and Mrs Corbett for arranging the trip and thanks to the parents for dropping off and collecting from the river, meaning the trip was free!

Y5 also enjoyed a DT day at Cox Green. The children worked with teachers from Cox Green and during the day they made bread, used a computer package to design a keyring and then watched how machinery was used to turn their design into reality. They also learned how to use an animation programme to create moving pictures. Many thanks to the teachers who arranged such a great opportunity - both at Wessex and at Cox Green.

Not to be out-done, On Tuesday Mrs Russell (parent, governor and dentist) visited both Year 3 classes to talk to them about different animals teeth, the structure of teeth and how to look after our own teeth. Some children chewed a disclosure tablet to reveal the hidden plaque on all our teeth, emphasising the importance of brushing carefully. On Wednesday morning Year 3 went to Cox Green for a 'Musical Language Extravaganza' involving 6 other schools. They performed 'Les Couleurs' on the main stage beautifully. They also heard other children from Reception to Year 8 singing songs in a variety of different languages, including Italian, Spanish and French. They all learned and performed 'La Macarana' in Spanish with actions too (and personally I am looking forward to Mr Lloyd leading this one in assembly!!) Thank you to Mrs Russell for giving up your time to support our children and thank you to Mr Lloyd and Miss Oldfield for organising these exciting activities.

Year 4 are (as we speak) getting geared up for what I know will be a fun and enjoyable day on the water at Bray Lake. This fantastic trip helps them to learn about safety as well as having fun whilst sailing, canoeing and a host of other water based sports. The trip this year has again been subsidised by the PTA to help keep the cost down and this will enable every child in the year group to learn from and enjoy the day. Thank you - fingers crossed for the weather!

We have some new teachers at Wessex! Our German club have been working to teach our Year 3 children some of the German they have learned. Maeve and Abby even visited Knowl Hill school to teach their children what they had learned. Mrs Forrester, the Headteacher at Knowl Hill said "I just wanted to say thanks for bringing Maeve and Abby to Knowl Hill today. The classteacher and the children in the class thought that they were really wonderful and they really enjoyed the session that the girls had prepared...the girls were real ambassadors for your school!". Well done to the German Club!

I would like to say a special thank you to the Cookham Bridge Rotary Club for donating 50 brand new children's illustrated dictionaries to Wessex. The books are beautiful and will certainly help our children with their learning! I would also like to wish a speedy recovery to Mrs Page who has this week had an operation on her knee. All went well, we look forward to her return in two weeks time and in the meantime would appreciate your patience with our depleted office team!

On top of all that, KS1 children have been preparing for their sports day next Monday, Nursery and Reception children have released their butterflies after hatching from their cocoons and, oh, it's the Summer Fete on Sunday! The PTA have been working tirelessly to get ready for the 'big day', we will have the Wimbledon Final on the big screen for when Andy Murray reaches the

final (surely not!) and I'll have a spare change of clothes for after my sponging!! It should be a great day so I look forward to seeing you all on **Sunday 4th July at 2.00pm.**

Nick Stevens
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STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS... STOP PRESS...
The Apprentice – special report next week!!!

Lower School Sports Day

LS Sports Day for Years 1 and 2 children is on **Monday 5th July at 1.15.** This year the children will follow a circuit of 4 team activities. Please follow your child's class as they take part in each activity. To end the Sports Day all the children will join together to take part in running races. Please send your child to school on that day in their PE kit and wearing plimsolls or trainers. If the weather is sunny please ensure your child has a water bottle and is wearing a hat and sun screen and don't forget your own trainers for the parents races!!



After School Clubs

The following clubs will finish week ending **9th July**: Collectibles, Athletics, Junk Orchestra and Gardening. 'Paid for' clubs each have their own individual end dates so please check with the providing company when the last day is. A new list of clubs will be sent home during the second week of the Autumn term.

Celebrating Talents Competition

Does your child have a special talent? We are holding a talent competition with a difference – no singing or dancing! The categories are Photography, Art (drawing/painting/modeling) Sewing, cookery and cake decorating, gardening (plants/flowers/fruit/vegetables), writing (poetry/report of a hobby) and a World Cup 2010 Football category! All entries must be received by **Monday 5th July**. Competition winners and entries will be on display at the Open Evening on **7th July**.



Lost Property

As the end of term approaches, we have an **enormous** amount of lost property that is waiting to be claimed. More precious items, such as glasses, watches, wallets etc. are kept in the school office. All lost property will be re-cycled/donated to charity on Friday 16th July. **PLEASE** come and claim your lost items before then!!! Can we urge, beg, plead with, implore, exhort, nay **INSIST** *all* parents make sure that all items are named, including purses for lunch money, so that we can return mislaid items to their owners.

Y6 Leavers Disco

A reminder that the form and money must be in for the year 6 leavers disco by Monday 5th July at the latest. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

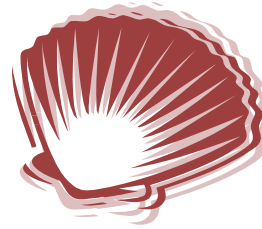
Breakfast club must be booked and paid for by 3.30pm the previous day at the very latest. We cannot take e-mail or telephone bookings as these have proved to be unreliable and do not allow us adequate time to get extra staff if required. Thank you for your co-operation.

Rosemary for Sale

The Gardening club is selling Rosemary - 6 sprigs for 50p (lovely with roast lamb!). Order forms are available from a basket in the entrance lobby. Orders need to be left in the basket no later than Friday lunch time, ready for collection from the same basket in reception after school on Friday. Mrs Elliot apologises for missing the orders last Friday – please try us again we won't get it wrong next time!!!

This week's requests....can you help?

- 25 (empty) shoe boxes
- Shells
- Large Pebbles



Free Lunches on Thursdays!!!

I am very pleased to inform you that we are able to offer each child at Wessex a free school meal this term and have organised the following dates:

5C - 8th July

6R and 6D - 15th 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!

Wessex Primary School proudly presents:

Olivia!

Tuesday 13th July at 4.30pm & Thursday 15th July at 6.00pm.

Tickets priced at £2 will go on general sale on **Monday 5th July** – **order forms will be available from the school office.** Tickets are initially limited to two tickets per family. Please do not bring toddlers to the 6pm event. Thank you!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE
If you went for a walk along the river, what might you see?	The answer is 23, how many calculations can you make?

Caption competition – the final slogan (cue Europe.....)

This was the last caption competition featured the mum's race from Upper School sports day. The winner is Adam May (again!!! – well done Adam) with "After months of intensive training the mum's were ready for the fun run at school sports day"

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Sunday 4 th July	PTA Summer Fair	Everyone!!!!
Monday 5 th July	Lower School Sports Day - 1.15pm	Y1 and Y2
Monday 5 th July	Summer Reading Challenge Launch	Whole school
Tuesday 6 th July	Class swap day (Y6 visiting new schools)	Whole school
Wednesday 7 th July	Open Evening for parents to meet next years' teachers – 6pm	Parents
Friday 9 th July	Basil's Barnyard Buddies visiting Foundation Stage	Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 13 th July	Olivia! – 4.30pm	Ticket holders only
Thursday 15 th July	Olivia! – 6pm	Ticket holders only
Friday 16 th July	End of term – 3.20pm	All
19 th – 23 rd July	Part of school open for those that have booked! Close at 2pm on 23rd July	

A: From a long way away !