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Q: Why did the child study in the aeroplane?



Pictures from 'The Apprentice: Parents v Children', one of our Masterclass events

This week:

School production, Breakfast club, German in the Community(!),
event and term dates, and MUCH more.....

SOLAR PANEL ECO TICKER:

5807 KWh of Electricity Produced

3309 Kg of Carbon Dioxide saved



From the Head's Chair



Last week, Year 6 spent a sun-filled, fun-filled, adventure-packed 5 days at Kingswood Activity Centre on the Isle of Wight. The children enjoyed every single minute of their Kingswood experience and were brilliantly behaved throughout the entire trip. We are proud of every single child for all of their individual achievements – well done everyone! Also, thank you to Mrs Butler, Mrs Vee, Mrs Woolford and Mr Porter for all of their help and support. It wouldn't be possible without you! (Mrs Poole & Mrs Dore)

What the children said:

“My best memory of Kingswood was the Zip Wire! Although it was terrifying at the top, it was ever so much fun when I went down. It was really funny watching Mrs Woolford go down too! My group was really supportive because everyone always cheered you on.”

“Go-Karting was excellent and we all really enjoyed it! The go-karts were really fast and some people crashed!”

“I loved sharing a dorm with my friends – it was cool!”

“Caving was amazing – I'd definitely do it again if I had the chance.”

Well done children – it sounds like you had an amazing week and I am very proud of you. Thank you to all the members of staff who organised or accompanied the trip – the children were a credit to Wessex!

Before the trip to Kingswood, children from across the school were invited to take part in a special 'apprentice' style challenge during which they worked in small groups and challenged their parents to make, test and market a child's bath toy. The photos on the front cover give a flavour of the fun afternoon and everyone involved had fun and learned through the event. We had our own 'Sir Alan' (actually Alan Stevens – my dad) who had even grown his stubble especially for the afternoon! He was very impressed by the quality, teamwork, confidence and leadership skills shown by our children and we will certainly like to repeat this opportunity for our children in the future. In the end, the team of Lizzie, Scott, James, Lili and Eilidh emerged victorious so congratulations to them. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to Mrs Maskell for organising it – we even had a very positive visit from the Department of Education who had heard about what we were doing at Wessex and wanted to find out more!!

Speaking of coverage of Wessex on a national scale, a group of Year 4 children and staff presented our scarecrows at the Hampton Court Flower Show on Monday. They had a brilliant day and we enjoyed a brief view of our scarecrows on the BBC 2 programme last night. I will be watching again tonight as Mrs Palfrey had spent such a long time doing her hair she must make an appearance!!

On Tuesday this week, the children enjoyed their class swap day during which they spent time with the teachers they will have in September. All the children had a really good day and on speaking to them it sounds like they are really looking forward to September! Class swap day was followed on Wednesday by our extremely well attended Open Evening. I'm pleased that so many parents were able to attend and take up the opportunity to meet their child's new teacher(s) and I hope you found it both useful and informative. I would like to thank the staff for preparing for the evening and making it such a success.

Next week will be the Premiere of 'Olivia', an all singing all dancing production lead by our Year 6 children and supported by children in Years 3,4 and 5. If you haven't got your tickets already, there are still a few left – all available from our Box Office! We also look forward to the Mayor joining us on Tuesday evening as we follow the performance with the special presentation of dictionaries to our Year 6 leavers.

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Vacancies at Wessex Primary School

- Cleaner – 3.30 – 5.30 daily in term time
- Nursery Lunch Club Assistant – 11.30 – 12.30 daily in term time
- Occasional Breakfast Club Assistant – to cover absence and busy days, sometimes at short notice, 8.00 – 9.00 in term time.

For more information and an application pack please contact the school office.

German Club (in the community!!)

Last Wednesday we (Abi and Maeve from Y5) went to Knowl Hill School. We were teaching the children there German by playing lots of fun and exciting games. We really enjoyed teaching them and think they enjoyed it to! By Abi and Maeve.

Absences

If your child is absent for any reason, it is extremely important that the parent informs the school of the absence and not a friend of the parent as this has proven to be incredibly unreliable and we may need further information which the friend cannot give us. Thank you for your co-operation.

After School Clubs

The following clubs will finish this week: 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.

Year 6 Leavers

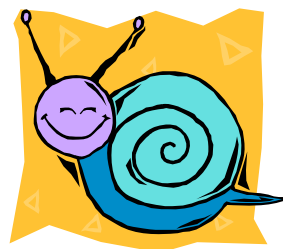
The Maidenhead Advertiser will publish a 'My Last Class' on **Thursday, July 15** and have asked us to let parents know.

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.

Snails

Would anyone like to look after our African Land Snails over the summer break? They are very sociable, chat a lot, are cuddly and loving creatures (Mrs Dawson says!) They just need lettuce, cucumber and water daily, washing weekly and new soil every 3/4 weeks. If you will be able to help, please see Mrs Dawson in Y5, or ring the school office.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club booking forms for the Autumn term are now available from the letter tree outside the school office or from the ladies in Breakfast Club. Please can we remind parents that 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

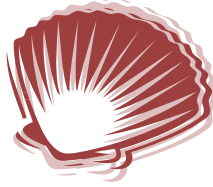
The Gardening club is selling Rosemary - 6 sprigs for 50p (lovely with roast lamb!). Order forms are available from a basket in the entrance lobby. Orders need to be left in the basket no later than Friday lunch time, ready for collection from the same basket in reception after school on Friday.

Woodies Holiday Club

MONDAY 26TH JULY TO FRIDAY 27TH AUGUST 9.30am to 3.30pm. Activities will include: Movie Afternoon, Swimming at Windsor, Bowling, Visit White Waltham Air Field, Circus Workshop, Laser Quest, Arts & Crafts, climbing and much more. Further details are available from Cox Green Leisure Centre 01628 777518 or Woodlands Park Village Centre 01628 823964. The scheme is lottery funded and can offer exceptional rates for activities to families in the area.

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

- More 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:

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 are now on general sale.

Please do not bring toddlers to the 6pm event. Thank you!

TALKING HOMEWORK	THINKING SKILLS CHALLENGE

Some dates for your diary:

DATE	OCCASION	WHO?
Monday 12 th July	Year 6 leavers disco 7.00pm – 8.30pm	Y6
Tuesday 13 th July	Olivia! – 4.30pm	Ticket holders only
Tuesday 13 th July	Yellow base trip to Waltham Place	Yellow base
Thursday 15 th July	Olivia! – 6pm	Ticket holders only
Thursday 15 th July	Orange base trip to Waltham Place	Orange base
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	
6 th September 2010	Start of term for school	Children in Reception – Y6
8 th September 2010	Start of term for all existing Nursery children	Nursery

A: He wanted a higher education!