

# WESSEX WEEKLY

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March

ASSEMBLY THEME – Right conduct – looking after property

## Important Dates

- ✚ Wednesday 21st March: Parent Consultation meeting from Reception to Yr 6
- ✚ Thursday 22nd March: Parent consultations meeting from Reception to Yr 6
- ✚ Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Run a Mile Challenge for SPORT RELIEF dress up as a sports person (£1 donation)
- ✚ Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Cox Green Fair Poster competition deadline
- ✚ Thursday 29th March: last day of term -Close at 2pm
- ✚ PTA Film Night: 18<sup>th</sup> June: 3.20pm to 4.45pm
- ✚ Summer Fair: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 11am to 3pm

## **From the Head's Chair**

As I write this I have just come from a Year 6 classroom where they have been dissecting a heart! The joy and love of learning was fantastic which I think has really topped off our science week at Wessex Primary School. The children were treated to a famous scientist assembly on Monday with Mrs Cooke which set the tone for the week and I know we have had an array of baking, rocket launches, volcanic explosions, slime making and recreating the

digestive tract in a pair of tights! I would like to say how impressed I am with the children's love and joy of all the scientific concepts they have been taught this week and how much it has enthused and informed their learning. Also a big thank you to the staff for arranging such a fun week.

Thank you also to the Waitrose team who helped clear some of our site this week and who got stuck into the various jobs we have planned around the school it was great. I know a number of you have volunteered teams for work at the school and we will get in touch when we have more planned.

Have a great weekend and as we finish our science week let's have a moment of reflection for Professor Stephen Hawking who passed away this week, one of the greatest minds of the 20th / 21st Century.

## **Sickness Bug**

Can we please remind you that if your child has the sickness bug he/she cannot come to school until 48 hours have subsided following the last bout of sickness. Thank you.

## **A Medley of Fun Activities!**

Year 1 to 6 have been engaged in a number of fun and highly enlightening activities! Let us

get a peak into what they have been up to!

Roving reporters Olly P and Manishka J went to all of the different year groups and this is what they found:

## **Year 1**

Year 1 have been looking at different types of animals including mammals, amphibians, reptiles and birds. They have also been labelling fish and frogs.

## **Year 2**

Year 2 have been investigating food chains. They have used their science to look at graphs and tables in Maths.

## **Year 3**

Year 3 have made volcanoes and were looking at different chemical reactions for the eruption including baking soda and vinegar and coke and Mentos. They have also studied Charles Darwin, made slime with nursery and made healthy pizzas.

## **Year 4**

Year 4 have had a very interesting week looking at the digestive system and even made their own poo using bananas, crackers and orange juice!

## **Year 5**

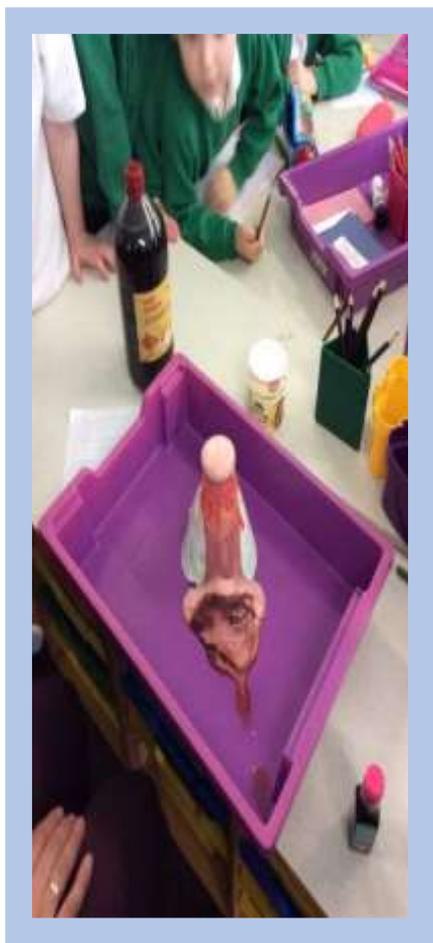
Year 5 have been looking at dissolving, irreversible and reversible changes and Stephen

Hawking. They have also made bread.

### Year 6

Year 6 have looked at healthy eating including the different food groups and how much of each group you should eat. They have also learned about the heart; investigating what happens to pulse rate after exercise and even looking at a real life heart!

Here are some pictures we took of all these exciting and stimulating events!



### Campaign for Maggie Mae Morgan

We have just been made aware of a campaign for Maggie Mae Morgan and the day to "Turn Maidenhead Red".

There are a number of local schools involved and whilst it is short notice we have been asked if Wessex can also be involved.

Therefore if you would like to be part of this we will hold a mufti day on Tuesday 20th March where children can wear their own clothes and something red. As we are already organising something for Sports relief that week there will be collection for Great Ormond Street hospice so if you would like to donate anything please feel free to do so, either via the class collection or the office.

Further details can be found at <https://www.gofundme.com/in-memory-of-maggiemae-morgan> but if you do not wish to children can still come in own clothes and something red.

We apologise for the short notice but it appears other local schools are involved as well.

### **Friends For All**

Simon Mole the first Poet Laureate for the London borough of Brent visited Wessex Primary in 2017 and shared his wonderfully inspiring poetry with the children. He is now performing in Norden Farm, Maidenhead  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 11.30AM & 2PM



**Friends For All** is a story about having the confidence to be yourself and stand up for what you believe in and features rapping, dancing and awesome video projections.

*“8 year old Lexi doesn’t make friends as easily as some. If only her school would allow a non-school uniform day then she could be herself and find others like her. Inspired by Grandad’s hippy stories from the swinging 60s, she decides to fight the powers that be, namely her class teacher, Mr Marsh, and the class bully, Suzy.”*

**Age guidance:** 5+

**Running time:** 40 minutes

**Tickets:** £10 (£8 under 16s) //

Family and Friends (4 people)

£32

**Booking & Info:** Call 01628

788997 or visit

[www.norden.farm](http://www.norden.farm)

Simon Mole was the first Poet Laureate for the London borough of Brent. He is a nationally recognised writer and performer with ten years’ experience using rap and poetry in community and education settings, including projects with Arsenal FC and Great Ormond Street Hospital. Since becoming a father Simon has written increasingly for young people, and his first play for children and families was commissioned by the V&A in 2016. He now lives in Maidenhead with his family, and he says his career highlight was visiting Wessex Primary in 2017.

### **Sports Relief**



Wessex always prides itself in supporting National causes such as Comic relief and Race for Life and is very proud of the generosity shown by all of the children and parents in raising money for such good causes.

On March 23rd Wessex is once more supporting Sport relief. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can with your support. The sport leaders will be holding sporting challenges every lunchtime for the children and on the Friday we are challenging every child to run/walk/skip or hop a mile around the field (approx. 6 laps) to raise money for this worthy cause. Mrs Ford is tackling the London Marathon in April and your support for

her would also be greatly appreciated. For a voluntary donation of £1, the children will be able to dress up as a sportsperson of their choice on the day.

We would love it if parents could come and join in running with their children - not only to raise money, but to be active with their children and have some fun along the way. The lower school children, including reception and nursery, will be starting their laps from 11:30pm and the Upper school will be starting from 2:30pm. We will be asking the PTA to offer a much deserved refreshment for your efforts!

We would love for you to join in as best you can on the day with your child, and we would appreciate a contribution for the Wessex Sport Relief fund. Dust off those trainers!

As we are now cashless, all donations should be online to the Wessex Sport Relief Just Giving page below, where our goal is to raise £500. Any contribution would be brilliant!

<https://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/wessexprimaryschool9746656>

Thank you to all of you who have already contributed a fantastic £75 towards our target of £500!

### **Help with our Garden from the Waitrose Team!**

Mr Jack Strawson brought in a team of about twelve volunteers as part of an eco-friendly project that they are currently engaged in with various schools. As part of development works to improve outdoor spaces and make the environment safer, they painted our fences green and cleared all the shrubs outside Year 5 so that our children can move around with more ease. It was a great contribution to add to our eco learning activities and we thank them for their help and dedication!

### **Easter Dance Workshop**

