

## Ickford News

Please would those people using Breakfast Club try and book the slots before 12.00 pm (Noon) on the Friday before. This helps us to have an accurate register.

I thought that if I started the newsletter with this request rather than include it in notices from the Office, it may get noticed. Breakfast Club is fantastic and has expanded a great deal from when I first started it with a handful of children. So much so, that Miss Southgate was recruited to help and now takes the lead role in my absence but, like me, worries about children not on the register particularly should we have a fire drill.

It has been a very good week and I have been impressed by the standard of children's work and the general 'can do' attitude that pervades the school at the moment. It is the time in the term when for many children, 'the penny drops' or the 'lightbulb suddenly turns on' and what may have been difficult becomes easier. There is a sudden surge in progress and with it a new enthusiasm. It is particularly evident in the Early Years as children begin to feel confident in their phonic knowledge and reading suddenly becomes a pleasure and their pencil squiggles begin to form letters and they are at once, 'writers'. For the older children, it may be that simile and metaphor slip into narrative or the concept of distributing in subtraction makes sense or, dare I say it, algebra (I'm still waiting for my personal penny here). Every child has made progress in some area and no doubt, will continue to do so.

In assembly this week, we have been talking about the meaning of being 'inspirational' and I was really impressed by some of the children's choices of people who inspire them. Tom Hanks, Greta Thunberg, Marcus Rashford and of course, Miss Allen because, "She is brilliant at maths".

The challenge for the children was to try and be inspirational during the week and to try and inspire others. Most children had tried to be kind or to commit to learning as much as they could and it was lovely to hear their feedback.

We have missed our sports and I was reflecting on our position before lockdown with the children in Year 6. By this time last year, we had entered 5 festivals and won 5 festivals and by lockdown we had extended that to 9 wins out of 11. We are going to enter a 'virtual' Badminton tournament that replaces the usual, real tournament but I am not sure how this will pan out. We have been Area, Regional and County Champions in Badminton a number of times and it has been a real area for success. To be restricted to four technique tests and scores sent in from each school just doesn't have quite the same feel and I am disappointed for some of our children who can play the game very well indeed. This is the Area competition and having not been defeated in 8 years at either age group, it would be a shame to miss out on the Regional competition which could, depending on Covid in the New Year, be a normal event. Nevertheless, we shall do our best and post honest scores and keep our fingers crossed we can succeed.

Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent and that means that December begins on Tuesday. Anyone who has been at Ickford for a while will know the significance of this...Mme Basnett month! Yes, the Queen of Ickford Christmas will come into her own and we will all be forced to endure constant Christmas music and endless references to "favourite time of year". Look out for glitter and sequins in the work suits (hers not mine) and festive nail varnish.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office



## Dates for your diary...

7 <sup>th</sup> December	*No Y5/6 Badminton*
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Class 5 visit to Bletchley Park
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Inset Day

## School Lottery

### A winner within school every week!

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ickford-school>



## Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your child's place for breakfast club with the school office by Friday at midday for the following week. Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.

## Uniform

Please make sure that you adhere to the uniform policy that can be found on the school website. Please label all articles of uniform clearly with the child's name.

## Music Award:

Melek Younis  
Beatrix Holliday  
Samuel Anzarouth  
Chloe Parsler  
Alexander Snell

## PE Award:

Isabella Hawkins  
Matilda Ousley  
Thomas Ansell- Hawes  
Oscar Addis  
Zara Smith

## French Award:

Bruce Dingle  
Dylan O'Mahoney  
Emily-Jay Friday  
Aiden Barnes  
Chloe Betteley  
Abigail Pedder

## German Award:

Oscar Neal

## Latin Award:

Harriett Palmer

## Headteachers Award:

Annabel Neal  
Mia Makris  
Phoebe Merritt  
Matilda Stow  
Zara Luckhurst

## School Council Page

This week, Class 5 pupils were tasked to create their own vegetable cartoon characters with inspiration from WWII's famous Doctor Carrot and Potato Pete. Students designed a variety of vegetables, from butternut squashes to leeks and gave them comical names, including Caroline Carrot and Bertie Broccoli. Every vegetable was given a slogan and a WWII food recipe for them. Some made models using clay, LEGO or actual vegetables with stick-on faces whereas others made drawings and posters in their Learning Logs.

Lower down the school in Class 1 and 2, they have been learning about the Titanic. Many children are enjoying learning about this historic tragedy so we asked them about it.

Melek said: "It was the longest ship ever." Beatrice said: "More third-class passengers died." Charlie commented, "The boat sank straight into the water whilst snapping in half!" and Jacob Shannon added: "The Titanic had four tunnels but only three worked as one was decorative. The problem was they didn't have enough lifeboats leading to many deaths".

We are all really lucky to have such fun lessons at Ickford.

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