

Ickford News

One of the things that always impresses me is the speed with which our newest children adapt to school and, considering this is far from being a normal first term, this year's cohort probably impress me the most.

Being in charge is not always easy because I am ultimately responsible for dealing with adverse behaviour when necessary (thankfully there is not much to deal with) and, though I love them all dearly, there are times when I have to have the difficult conversation! It is not just about coming in to school and learning routines but also about how to mix with other children and to socialise in such a way that the needs of others are often placed above our own. Children tend to be quite selfish in the early days but it hasn't taken long to see change and I love being able to add an entry to the Golden Book about an individual action, a demonstration of kindness or a change in behaviour over a period of time that I have spotted.

Grazed hands and knees are part of school life and, although some children seem to be more prone than others, I imagine that every one of us has succumbed to the vagaries of a tarmac playground at some point. During last week's first aid training session that every member of staff took part in, we covered injuries of all kinds including the humble graze, so I think I was a more sympathetic '*graze aider*' as a result. Young Fin Rouse should be able to vouch for me as he hit the deck two days in a row and I was incredibly impressed with his courage. Those grazes sting like mad and I would undoubtedly have drawn on a range of expletives and had a few tears in my eyes! I am really pleased however that at Ickford, every member of staff and not just a chosen few, has regular first aid training.

The grass, weeds and hedges around the playground took full advantage of the recent wet weather and grew in abundance but, the school looks neat and tidy thanks to the work of our own unsung hero, Ben Sayer, the Chair of our PTA. He regularly comes in during a weekend with his strimmer, mower and blower to tidy the verges and hedgerows and I am immensely grateful. Ben

has been unrivalled in his ability to fundraise for the school over a number of years now as Chair but this is a very lean time for the PTA due to the Covid restrictions on social events and I feel Ben's pain. The school relies a great deal on PTA support particularly when buying playground activities and funding playground climbing equipment and I am sorry to say that, during our annual equipment inspection last week, the climbing frame opposite pre-school was condemned and the one at the front of the school put out of action until parts can be replaced. With the Christmas Fayre looking unlikely and no sign of a Michelin starred supper on the horizon, things are looking bleak. Let's hope we can give Ben some cheer by making sure we have plenty of volunteers to help out on the PTA when events can begin again and by subscribing to our School Lottery.

We do have a breakthrough in the sporting Calendar and Buckinghamshire Sports Partnership have announced that a virtual inter-schools' Cross-Country event can take place in two weeks. We shall be combining this event with the House competition so that every child can get out on to the field and either walk or run 1000m or 1500m to gain points for their house. The KS2 races will be timed and the four fastest times from boys and girls in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be sent in to the Sports Partnership for comparison with other schools and to decide winners.

We have been used to winning for a long time and although Covid-19 may have marked the end of a Golden era of sport here, I am sure that we can begin a new one soon. Thank you all for the continued support during these difficult times particularly in ensuring your children are in school each day.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office



Dates for your diary...

20 th October	Flu Vaccinations for all year groups
20 th October 4pm-6.30pm	Parents Evening
22 nd October 4-6.30pm	Parents Evening
26 th – 30 th October	Half Term
3 rd November	Y6 Secondary Transfer Testing
5 th November	Y6 Secondary Transfer Testing

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. Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.

This Weeks Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Luna Russell-Dyson
Harry Weeden
Emily Aspden
Keira Murphy
Oscar Neal

PE Award:

Teddy Merritt
Harry Middleton
Sophie Vorotyntsova
Matilda Stow
Oscar Neal

French Award:

William Harris
Florence Arnold
Sophie Winspear
Sophie Crafts
Finlay Addis

German Award:

Zara Luckhurst

Latin Award:

Gethin Walters

Headteachers Award:

Sienna Jones
Bryony Ellis
Sam Pierpoint
Harry Johnston
Alfie North



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