

## Ickford News

Winston Churchill said, "Golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose," thankfully, we have a number of children who, after some decent practice, are able to complete this task under the pressure of competition and in extremely adverse weather conditions. I am very proud of the children who made up two teams and represented Ickford in the Sports Partnership Golf Competition this week taking first and second place! They were worthy medal winners and whilst it is of course all about the taking part, winning is what counts!

Caroline Collie said, "Your students were just lovely at the Cricket yesterday, they represented the school so well and are a real credit to you." She may not have the same credentials as Churchill but as Head of the Bucks Schools Sports Partnership, her opinion and the fact that she took the trouble to get in touch, matters and she was talking about the Year 3 and 4 pupils who attended the Cricket Festival this week. I am also proud of them because when we send children out to an event they are ambassadors for the school and the example they set is the impression they leave.

As I extoll the virtues of the children I shall not leave out those in Years 5 and 6 who spent an afternoon landscape gardening on the school field. They worked very hard, got extremely dirty and earned their own plaudits from the local residents who came along to help. As this excerpt from an e-mail received today shows:

*"The children were polite, excellent problem solvers and organised themselves with great adeptness. It was very affirming to see the tasks accomplished with the children taking responsibility and the 'adults' providing a very*

*occasional light touch piece of guidance. I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the team!*

*It was a privilege to see the ethos of Ickford School in action. My congratulations to you both and your colleagues for all that you are doing."*

These achievements, no matter how small or how insignificant they may appear to people outside of our community, are important to recognise and to celebrate. I am a great believer that part of the children's education should be about developing values and we are fortunate that we can give them opportunities in which those values can be manifested and witnessed by others.

As the children get older, it does become more difficult to convince them of the 'value' in such things as being humble in victory, gracious in defeat, kind and respectful towards others and working hard to achieve something, particularly in a world where instant gratification regardless of any consequences for others, seems to be increasingly the default setting. Nevertheless, I have great faith in the young and a great belief in their ability. For example, I had lunch with the School Council today and their sensible approach to taking children's suggestions and making a democratic decision as to whether a request was reasonable and achievable or not, quite overwhelmed me. Our meeting broke up having agreed new bird feeders, a range of playground equipment and a potential Wildlife Club. Unfortunately, those children who requested a swimming pool and a fully equipped gymnastics stadium, will have to wait!

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office

Celebration Assembly



Hall of Fame:

## Dates for your diary...

26 <sup>th</sup> May	House Football
31 <sup>st</sup> May - 4 <sup>th</sup> June	May Half Term
8 <sup>th</sup> June – all day	Cricket Festival Years 5 & 6
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Vision Screening
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Longridge Trip
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Parents Evening
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Parents Evening
6 <sup>th</sup> July – 9am	KS1 Recorder Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup> July – 2.30pm	Year 6 Music Recital
12 <sup>th</sup> July - afternoon	Class 4 & 5 Play
13 <sup>th</sup> July - evening	Class 4 & 5 Play
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Games
14 <sup>th</sup> July - overnight	Year 6 Camping
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term

### Music Award:

Beatrice Johnson  
Morgan Parkes  
Sophie Vorotyntsova  
Sophie Crafts  
Georgina Palmer

### PE Award:

Xavier Flood  
Anabel Stevens  
Dylan O'Mahoney  
William Arnold  
Eleanor Hagues  
Gethin Walters

### French Award:

Luke Dungey  
Bryony Ellis  
Pippa Harding

### Latin Award:

Cassie O'Kennedy

### Headteachers Award:

Jude Barnes  
Beatrice Beckett  
Stella Stanfield  
George Wallace  
Oscar Neal



Golf Team

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