

Ickford News

I hope that anyone preparing to sit down and watch the Strictly Come Dancing Final tonight, is able to erase from their memory the sight of yours truly's representation of '9 ladies dancing' during the annual community rendition of the 'Twelve Days of Christmas' at the celebration assembly. I live in the full knowledge that I shall never be invited to take part in the show!

Nonetheless, what a great celebration Friday's assembly was. As always we had the abundance of awards achieved outside of school and of course the week's academic awards but we were also treated to songs in English, French and Latin! The fact that Mr Calcutt was in attendance ensured that the Year 6 children who he teaches Latin and Classics to, were determined to make him proud and that they did. Their rendition of Oh Come All Ye Faithful' in Latin was superb.

Friday was not the only day of notable performances, Tuesday and Thursday saw our infant and early year's children, take part in this year's nativity in front of a packed house on both days. I was fortunate to be able to watch on Thursday evening and I couldn't help but be impressed by all of the children involved. Not only did all of the children sing and act beautifully, several too on the role of narrator and learned an incredible amount of dialogue by heart which they delivered with exceptional confidence for children so young. Huge congratulations to Emily, Max, Neve, Molly and Hugo for their performances. As I have said, the collective singing was fantastic but I have to say another congratulations to Emily-Jay who had the courage to sing solo and, I daresay melted a few hearts.

Whilst Christmas Jumper Day and the big celebration ended the week with a bang, it was certainly started with one as well.

Both Mme Basnett and I were attending safeguarding training when the 'call of doom' came and we had to make a hasty exit back to school on Monday so that I could take a telephone call from the Ofsted Inspector by which time it past almost 2.30pm.

At 8.00 a.m. the next day the inspection was underway and there was certainly no let-up in the interrogation until gone 6.00 p.m. that evening. By the end of it, I felt as if I had completed ten rounds with Muhammed Ali and was licking my wounds.

This was a section 8 inspection which Ofsted give to 'good' schools in order to assure that they remain delivering a good education. It is only through the process of a section 5 inspection that a school can have its 'grade' changed. Rather ironically, the best outcome a school can achieve is the recommendation that another, longer inspection is needed!

Next week, although learning will always carry on, we have the Christmas lunch, the evening and daytime Carol Concerts, a trip to the pantomime and the grand finale, the Christmas Fayre. If you can keep going just for the next few days and support these events it will be wonderful.

I would like to say a huge, public, "Thank you" to Mr Beckett (Bea Class 1) and Mr Ansell-Hawes (Thomas Class 1, Evelyn Class 4) both of whom have donated money to ensuring the Christmas Dinner and the Pantomime go ahead and cost less for everyone. I really appreciate their kindness and generosity and will now plug DAF Trucks and Hawes Construction shamelessly!

You will all get the results of the inspection in due course but as it was so close to the end of term, the letter may be delayed until after the holiday period. The only thing I can be certain about is that there was an awful lot of on-line support from the parents for which, on behalf of the team here and myself, I thank you.

We await our fate. If anyone has a job opportunity for a slightly worn ex-Headteacher please let me know! Maybe I should kick off that dancing career after all!

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

Dates for your diary...	Christmas Lunch
17 th December	
18 th December 7pm	KS2 Carol Concert, St Nicholas Church
19 th December	Whole School Visit to Pantomime
19 th December	Christmas Fayre

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