

Ickford News

An impressive effort from staff and parents saw everyone enjoying the snow day together. Remaining open not only ensured that the children's learning continued uninterrupted it also meant that they could enjoy the snow in the company of their friends. Nonetheless, when the children are making snowmen in the likeness of Michael Bubl  you know you have problems! In my day, we hoped to find a carrot and a couple of lumps of coal but at Ickford the children are looking to find suitable material for designer stubble and gelled hair. Miss Vukomanovic has a great deal to answer for.

I was delighted that we were able to complete Science week, another resounding success for Mrs Honey, and to present the 'Scientist of the Week' awards in assembly. The mixture of boys and girls who took the coveted awards this year was evidence that Science is a subject that really engages all of the children particularly when it is fun and focused on investigation. I was very fortunate to be able to get involved as well. Not only did I get to judge the 'best sherbet' created in Year 6, I was also happy to do some cooking with classes 1 and 2 yesterday although I use the term 'cooking' loosely!

Science at Ickford does not just happen for one week in the year. Whilst it is great to have a themed week, I am confident that our coverage of the science curriculum is strong and that the investigative approach is inspiring the children to think about the world around them. The complexity of some of the questions asked of me in Classes 1 and 2 yesterday proved this point and reminded me of the natural curiosity children have. Let's hope that health and safety never

becomes so stifling that we have to prevent children exploring the world completely.

You should be pleased to know that, although I am from the 'let them find out' camp, we do take health and safety very seriously and this week myself, Mr Woodley and Mrs Addis all completed our Fire Warden training. The course was very good and delivered by a Firefighter with more than 30 years' experience who definitely came from the 'common sense' camp. We practise our drills regularly at Ickford but I have been concerned about a vulnerable period of the day which is between 8.45 am and 9.00 am, the period when parents are on the playground with the children. I will be sending out a copy of the correct fire and lock down procedures for parents on the premises very soon and we shall look to test these out.

Next week we have parent and teacher meetings and hopefully everyone has made their appointments. Please take the opportunity to come to these so that you can get an update of progress and information about how to support your children as they continue on their journey through school life. Of course I am more than happy to meet with anyone who would like some of time to discuss the children.

The term is flying by and it is not long before we welcome 'Disco Steve' back for the children's Valentine Disco. I just hope Steve has broader taste in music than Miss Vukomanovic.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

5 th February	Parents Evening
7 th February 9am	Class 2 Assembly
7 th February	Parents Evening
12 th February 7pm	Y5&6 Residential – Parent Meeting
14 th February 5-6.30pm	School Disco

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