

# Ickford News

I spent today with some Italian friends who, noting my face was as long as an Italian lunch, asked me how things were at school. "We came second..." I mumbled barely mustering the enthusiasm for glass of prosecco and an arancini ball. "We came second..." I whispered again. Then, a large hand slapped me on the back and said, "Get over it." The hand belonged to a friend who has been capped 95 times for the Italian national Rugby team and sadly knows a great deal about coming second, generally out of two! So, after the therapy dealt to me by a group of the Azzurri's finest, I am over the narrow, team defeat at Horspath on Friday evening and ready to celebrate the fantastic individual efforts of the team who ran, threw and jumped their hearts out for the school.

As usual, it was an action packed evening full of drama and excitement and whilst we may not have enjoyed as much success in the field events as we have done in recent years (2 Gold, 1 Silver, 1 Bronze) our track performances were up there with the best (12 Gold, 9 Silver, 5 Bronze) and, when you consider that we had boys and girls from Year 2 and 3 running in several Year 5 races, we can be very proud of our athletes.

I urge everyone to come to Sport's Day on Wednesday of next week because it may be the last chance to see a 'Flying Wooten' running as an Ickford pupil. The 'Pocket Rocket' that is Florence (Yr6) deserves special mention for picking up 5 Gold medals on Friday evening and for being so gracious when the organisers insisted our Athletics Captain hand over the trophy to this year's winners. Nonetheless, Florence won't have it all her own way on Wednesday as we have

other very talented sprinters amongst the older girls who will I'm sure be looking to leave their mark in the annals of Ickford sporting history before they leave. You can see the final results from Horspath at the end of the newsletter.

Regardless, of how the sporting year has unfolded, anyone who came to the open evening this week should, like me have appreciated the high quality and sheer diversity of the children's work on display. I know how good the standards are here and I can only hope that everyone else does too. If you have only had children at Ickford and if they have been here for some time, it may be too easy to imagine that all Primary Schools produce the same. Trust me, they don't!

Whilst the evidence of what the children do on a daily basis was there for all to see, it is only a small number each year that have a vested interest in the KS2 SATs results but for those children, their parents and the school, they are very important. Ultimately, the results, used as a judgement of our school performance are put into the public domain and will no doubt be scrutinised by many. For me, they are a small part of what we achieve but that is not to diminish their significance or the effort that goes in to their attainment. I have attached the results and the National comparison for everyone to see and where you may read a name and some numbers, I see the end of individual marathons. Events with only one competitor trying to be the best they can be. No second places, only winners. Well done to all of our children in Year 6 and to Madame Basnett. Someone asked me a while ago why we can't just call her Mrs Basnett? As a teacher, we should call her 'Nobody' because, as you know, nobody's perfect.

Mr Ronane

## Ickford News from the office

### Dates for your diary...

17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
18 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	Ballet Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	Celebration / Latin Assembly
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2pm	Class 4 & 5 Play for grandparents & preschool children
23 <sup>rd</sup> July 7pm	Class 4 & 5 Play - No preschool aged children
24 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	Leavers Assembly

### School Lottery

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>



## **HORSPATH MEDAL WINNERS 12.07.19**

### **Field Events:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Position</b>
Standing Jump – Y4G	Georgina Palmer	3rd
Standing Jump – Y6G	Lacey Marriott	2nd
Vortex Throw – Y4B	Ryan Roberts	1st
Vortex Throw – Y6G	Florence Wootten	1st

### **Track Events:**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Position</b>
60m Sprint – Y4G	Eleanor Hagues	3rd
60m Sprint – Y4B	Jake Fletton	1st
60m Sprint – Y5G	Evelyn Ansell-Hawes	Joint 3rd
80m Sprint – Y6G	Florence Wootten	1st
80m Sprint – Y6G	Rosa Alldread	2nd
80m Sprint – Y6B	Charlie Stow	1st
60m Hurdles – Y4G	Harriet Palmer	3rd
60m Hurdles – Y4G	Eleanor Hagues	3rd
60m Hurdles – Y4B	Zach Stanfield	2nd
60m Hurdles – Y4B	Noah Samuel	1st
60m Hurdles – Y5G	Zahra Pearce	2nd
60m Hurdles – Y6G	Florence Wootten	1st
60m Hurdles – Y6G	Lacey Marriott	2nd
60m Hurdles – Y6B	Harvey Davis	2nd

60m Hurdles – Y6B	Louis Parsons	1st
300m – Y4B	Jake Fletton	1st
300m – Y4B	Zach Stanfield	2nd
700m – Y6G	Florence Wootten	1st
700m – Y6B	Louis Parsons	1st
4x60m Shuttle Relay – Y4G	Tiana Mose-Dixon	2nd
	Harriet Palmer	
	Chloe Makris	
	Eleanor Hagues	
4x60m Shuttle Relay – Y4B	Jake Fletton	2nd
	William Edmans	
	Noah Samuel	
	Zach Stanfield	
4x100m Relay – Y5B	Harry Johnston	2nd
	George Parsler	
	Albert Wilkinson	
	Jago Miller	
4x100m Relay – Y6G	Florence Wootten	1st
	Rosa Alldread	
	Florence Coke	
	Lacey Marriott	
<b>Event</b>	<b>Competitor</b>	<b>Position</b>
4x100m Relay – Y6B	Charlie Stow	1st
	Harvey Davis	
	Louis Parsons	

	Harry Snell	
6x60m Cannon Relay	Anna Kerry	Joint 1st
	Jago Miller	
	Florence Coke	
	Jake Fletton	
	Rosa Alldread	
	Harry Snell	

40 competitors – 22 girls and 18 boys

Medal Table:

Event	Number of Events	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total Medals
Jump	12	1	1		2
Throw	12			2	2
Sprint	12	2	1	3	6
Hurdles	12	2	4	3	9
Distance	6		1	3	4
Relay	7		3	3	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>29</b>