

## Lickford News

I am feeling slightly uneasy that I may have been teleported to a scene from the Alfred Hitchcock film, the birds. Numerous feeders have appeared outside of my office and the variety as well as the number of our feathered friends has increased dramatically. Yet, this is no horror movie but rather a real pleasure to see not just for the wildlife but also for the evidence of the children working creatively together outdoors this week. Miss Honey has been instrumental in developing ideas and this week it looked to be particularly enjoyable.



I am inspired to source some wildlife cameras to set up around the site. Hopefully, the children can download film and see what animals inhabit the field at night.

Any available cameras last night would have picked up a great deal of human activity late into the night as we held a Learning Trust AGM and a Trustees meeting. I am particularly pleased to be able to share the news that Mr Nick Jones has been elected as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Mrs Kayleigh Preston as Vice-Chair. The role of a Trustee is completely voluntary yet vital to the success of the school and the full list of the Board can be found on the school website in the About Us section.

I don't want the Trustees to be faceless names anymore and we have agreed that a notice board with every Trustee and Member profile picture will be purchased for the Reception area so that you can put names to faces. I have no doubt that, once Nick and Kayleigh have settled in to their respective roles, they may want to write a few lines of introduction and perhaps their vision of the future for the school.

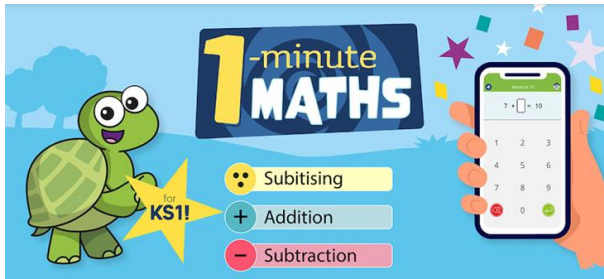
Covid continues to cause problems and, as some will know, Miss Vukomanovic has been absent all week. It says a great deal about the competence of our team that the children have been largely unaffected as Miss Allen and the Early Years support staff have ensured learning continued. Several children have contracted the virus but I hope that my Parentmail made it clear as to the procedures we must follow.

The virus is delaying my desire to open the school during the day for visitors but I still have every intention of making this possible. I really want to give parents the chance to walk around the school on a normal working day and to see just exactly what it is like. The rather concise Ofsted report, included some very positive description,

*Pupils' behaviour is impeccable. Leaders achieve this gold standard because they set the highest of expectations for pupils' conduct. In all classrooms, pupils' focus is astounding.*

but I really want parents to see it in action. If I am honest, I don't think there are many better environments. As soon as it is safe to do so, I shall plan open days and inform you of the dates.

I send the teaching staff lots of information and ideas relating to learning and resources and often find that my efforts are wasted. Ironically, I sent something this week that they have been quite excited about, an App called, 1-Minute Maths.



This app is free to download and, by all accounts, is fun and easy to use. I do not think for one minute that any app will replace good teachers but, along with Rockstar Times Tables which I am about to subscribe to, could provide a little extra engagement and support for the children with their mental arithmetic.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

## Ickford News from the office

### Dates for your diary...

27 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 Trip Ufton Court
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Class 4 Trip Holdenby House
4 <sup>th</sup> February	French Cafe
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Outdoor Learning Lighthouse
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Bank Holiday
21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half Term

### 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 by Friday at midday for the following week. Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.

### This Week's Celebration Assembly

#### Hall of Fame:

#### Music Award:

Jacob Alfrey  
Emily Coxon  
Jack Turner  
Sophie Vorotyntsova  
Gabriel Walker

#### PE Award:

Alfie Peck  
Ethan Crispin  
Emily Coxon  
Beau Marriott  
Pippa Hunting  
Ella Cooke  
Jago Miller  
Megan Jones  
Matthieu Wolff

#### French Award:

Zeynep Konak  
Charlie Kendall  
Stanley Johnson  
Iyla Hitchcock  
Harry Johnston

**Deutsch Award:**

Lucas Jayasekara

**Latin Award:**

Matilda Stow

**Headteachers Award:**

Freya Weeden

Luna Russell-Dyson

Phoebe Merritt

Abigail Hird

Kiera Murphy

**Outdoor Learning**

Teddy Barber

Ethan Crispin

Anabel Stevens

Elsie Thomas

Dominic Green

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