

## Ickford News

When the going gets tough, the tough...go and play Bingo with children in Reception. Benjamin Herratt is a natural 'caller' and kept myself, Willa and Elsie in order but the girls were too quick with their numbers for me and I couldn't win a game. In my defence, I did have other children from the, Satellite production team vying for my attention and it was a little difficult to concentrate with budding Elon Musks orbiting my head with their designs!

Class 1 is still my 'go to' place when I need to clear the head and somewhere to remind me of why the job is still so rewarding. It was good to get Miss Vukomanovic back this week but devastating to then lose Miss Allen to the virus but everyone, including the children have adapted and pulled together and we shall keep going. It has been an opportunity for our great support team to shine and I know that the teachers will want me to thank, Mrs Ellis, Miss Edmans, Mr Woodley, and Mrs Snell for the extra work they have put in.

If you have looked at the Website today then you may have seen the picture gallery for Class 3 containing photographs from yesterday's trip to Ufton Court. I know from experience that this is a great venue and the children went as part of their topic studying the Romans. It is clear from the photographic evidence that they enjoyed themselves and Miss Basnett, who accompanied them, regaled me with details from a day of building houses, creating fire with flint, making tools and being part of an archaeological dig to name but some of the activities the children took part in.



I am a passionate advocate for getting the children out of school to enrich the curriculum with outings and visits to places of interest but, if I am honest, I am concerned. The costs of such ventures have soared since the pandemic and I worry that we will be forced to decrease the amount of opportunities the children have.

We are taking the children from Years 5 and 6 away on the first residential trip in two years and I am looking forward to it (Who wouldn't? sleepless nights, tons of extra responsibility, travel sickness!). We shall be crossing water this year as we venture to the Isle of Wight for some outdoor adventures and team building exercises so let's hope the weather in March has warmed up. I know Mme Basnett has been looking at provisional dates in order to return to France next year but, if companies are looking to recoup some of the capital lost during the pandemic we may be priced out of going and that will be a shame.

Although we have been bereft of most competitive sport for the past two years, Netball has started again and we currently sit top of the year 3/4 and 5/6 leagues. There is a match at home against Long Crendon on Monday January 31<sup>st</sup> for the Year 3/4 teams and against the same opposition on Thursday February 3<sup>rd</sup> for the 5/6 team. These are both home fixtures starting at 3.30 pm and anyone who would like to watch and support the teams is welcome. The week after next, we have matches against Thomas Hickman School and local rivals Brill so something to look forward to.

Unfortunately, we have had some stomach bug issues and some Scarlet Fever to tend with as well as Covid this week. Please keep the hygiene message going with the children and ensure that you communicate with the school if your children are not well.

Have a good weekend.

# Ickford News from the office

## Dates for your diary...

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

## This Week's Celebration Assembly

### Hall of Fame:

### Music Award:

Caleb Mortimer

Isabella Hawkins

Stanley Johnson

James Harris

Dominic Green

### PE Award:

Elsie Thomas

Oliver Aspden

Stella Anzarouth

Anabel Stevens

Amelia Hargreaves

Molly Harding

Thomas Ansell-Hawes

Isla Thomas

Frank Wilkinson

Daisy Coke

Matthieu Wolff

William Arnold

### French Award:

Oliver Atkins

Henry Preston

Bruce Dingle

Barnaby Potter

Elin Roberts

Sophie Winspear

William Arnold

### Deutsch Award:

Matilda Stow

### Latin Award:

Keira Murphy

### Headteachers Award:

Ruby Dighton

Melek Younis

Beau Marriott

Jago Miller

Ben Readman

## School Uniform and training shoes

We have a child who, for medical reasons, must wear training shoes to school until her feet heal. However, we have had a number of children turning up for school in training shoes this week without any medical reason or Doctor's note so we must remind every parent that proper school shoes are part of our uniform and must be worn. Please ensure that you check your child's uniform before they come to school and in good time.

## Lost property

There are a number of unlabelled items in lost property including two children's watches. Please ask at the office if you are missing anything.

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