

Ickford News

In spite of Spring being some time away, we have been lucky with the weather lately and this has made outdoor learning and outings outside of school much more pleasant experiences. It was remiss of me not producing a newsletter last week so I hope to catch up on recent events in this one.

Anyone who saw Mr Woodley on Thursday of last week may have thought he had recycled his old 'New Romantic' outfits from his misspent youth. Sartorially elegant in knee high boots, leather waistcoat, a belt with the largest buckle I have seen and a debonair hat worn at a rakish angle, it took me a moment to realise that he was accompanying the children on their visit to Holdenby House rather than auditioning for a Spandau Ballet reunion. The children were also splendidly dressed as young Victorians and the whole ensemble marched out of school led by the indomitable School Mistress Miss Honey for what proved to be a day of great fun and learning. (Photographs will be posted on the school website in the near future).

Holdenby House gives children the opportunity to be immersed in another period of time through their Heritage Education programme and the poor orphaned children from the Ickford 'Workhouse' were taken to Holdenby to experience life below stairs in 1891. Once off the coach, they were given clear instructions as to their work contracts and a quick lesson in deportment and manners before meeting Mrs Bumbridge, the fierce housekeeper, Mrs Crumpet, the cook and Mr Rhett, the severe butler, who would rule over them during the day with a rod of iron! It was of course all make believe but I think some came back a little more appreciative of being born in today's era where a child's lot is, in most cases, a much happier one.

Mrs Honey, as you know, has been co-ordinating our Outdoor Learning initiative this year and this week the children worked in their House groups to undertake the challenge encapsulated in the children's book, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch*. The book tells the story of Mr Grinling, the lighthouse keeper, and the trouble his wife has getting his lunch across from the mainland. The children were given ropes and pulleys, blocks and posts and challenged to build a lighthouse and boat before setting up a pulley system to transport things to their lighthouse. This task really was an opportunity for our budding engineers to step forward as well as enabling strong leadership from the older children.

We have played two more Netball fixtures since the last newsletter and both our Year 5/6 team and the two 3/4 teams, are unbeaten. The older children put Long Crendon the sword last week with a convincing 29 – 4 victory and were due to play Brill today. Unfortunately, Brill requested a postponement so we shall have to wait until next term for this local derby.

The two 3/4 teams were given a great welcome at Thomas Hickman School in Aylesbury yesterday and, although we recorded another four wins, it was close between our B and their A team with both level and a minute to go. Fortunately, the cool Faye Kitchen found the net with what was the final shot of the match ensuring that Ickford stay top of the league.

Please remember that next week we break up on Thursday and not Friday. The half-term dates are on the website.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

15 th February	Parents' Evening
17 th February	Parents' Evening
18 th February	Bank Holiday
21 st - 25 th February	Half Term

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This Week's Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Grace Beckett
Beatrice Johnson
Beatrice Beckett
Emily-Jay Friday
Lucas Jayasekara

PE Award:

Oliver Atkins
Beatrice Johnson
Izzy Saunders

Andrew Robinson

Faye Kitchen

James Harris

Sophie Winspear

Amber Chadbone

Daisy Coke

French Award:

Alistair Robinson

Kirk O'Malley

Georgina Preston

Melek Younis

Mia Makris

Oisin Harrell

Jago Miller

Phoebe Boardman

James Harris

Chloe Parsler

Deutsch Award:

Lucas Jayasekara

Latin Award:

Sophie Crafts

Headteachers Award:

Fred Ellis

Matilda Ousley

Beatrice Beckett

Isabella Cooke

Sophie Crafts

Outdoor Learning:

Harry Johnston

Matilda Stow

Rose Dighton

Sophie Crafts

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