

Ickford News



With fuel prices increasing almost 36% in the past 3 months, Ickford children are promoting the latest, environmentally friendly forms of transport on offer. The picture above shows the single seater, Space Hopper and below, the completely invisible, motorcycle. Just right for getting to school on time!



Of course, the pictures are in fact evidence of the great fun had by all the children in Reception and KS 1 who took part in the multi skills event organised by Ignite Sports yesterday.

Much to my dismay, I could not go but the reports back from staff and children were very positive. Activities included throwing, running, jumping, golf and football to name but a few as well as the more unusual, yoga s, something for everyone. More photographs will be put on the website.

Photographs were the theme of the week and thankfully, the rain held off on Thursday when Mrs Smith (Babs Class2) came in to take the class photographs. I have no doubt that these will be very good and I am given to understand that sizes, prices and how to order will be available soon.

I am not sure how the PTA are communicating with parents at the moment but I would imagine Jackie will be drumming up some support and help for the Summer Fayre now. I may risk her wrath if this is already in hand but I know from experience, the more people that get involved, the more successful the event will be.

At this time of year, there is quite a bit of time and attention put to transitions and moving to and from schools. On Wednesday June 15th, we shall be holding a meeting for the parents of children in Year 5 about applying to Secondary Schools and the 11+ transfer test. Please note that this meeting has been brought forward and will not be repeated so please make a careful note of it in your diary.

On Wednesday June 27th, Tim Martin the Headteacher at Wheatley Park Secondary School, has offered to come in and talk to any parents and to answer any questions. This meeting is open to all parents regardless of the year your children may be in and it gives parents a chance to ask Tim questions. Although the children from Ickford go to a wide variety of Secondary Schools, Tim is the only Secondary Headteacher who offers to come in and talk about his vision for the school and I appreciate this.

We also have our own, new starter morning coming up soon when the children starting in September will come in

and spend time in Class 1 whilst I meet with new parents. This is a very important meeting for me and Mme Basnett who joins me, because it enables time to clarify expectations with parents before they commit to the school. We always find that those parents whose children begin in Reception (EYFS) know what to expect and what they sign the Home School agreement for. This in turn makes for a positive long-term relationship.

We have been moderating the Early Years assessments this week and looking at the progress the youngest of our children have made. Mme Basnett described some of the evidence as ‘insane’ which is a fairly strong adjective and brought a big smile to Miss Vukomanovic’s face. Personally, I never doubt Miss V’s ability to create magic and I love to see the children’s books and to hear them reading so well after what is a relatively short period of time. The year maybe coming towards its end but there is still plenty of time for more learning and more progress and I know Miss V will continue to provide an environment in which the children can flourish.

I chatted with Ella Aben at breakfast club on Friday morning before she went off to the multi skills:

“Mr Ronane, you know it is really funny, for a while, I thought Mme Basnett was the boss.”

“Really Ella? Well, perhaps she is.” (I winked)

“No, don’t be silly Mr Ronane...you know she is not.”

“I know Ella.” (Puff of chest)

“Miss Vukomanovic is...she told us!”

I went back to making the toast. :-)

News from the Office

Dates for your diary...

24 th June	Key Stage 2 Summer Concert
15 th June	Secondary Transfer Meeting -Year 5
8 th July	Summer Fayre
14 th July	Sports Day - Horspath
18 th July	School Play Class 4 and 5
19 th July	School Play Class 4 and 5
20 th July	Final Celebration Assembly
21 st July	Leavers’ Assembly
21 st July	Last Day of Term

Reminders

Please label all items of uniform, we have a large number of clothing items that we are unable to return including hoodies and sweatshirts.

Please inform the office when the arrangements for collecting a child after school change.

A winner within school every week!

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