

Ickford News

An Archbishop of Canterbury once described cricket as 'organised loafing' although I rather like an English historian's view that, if the French nobility had played cricket with the peasants they would not have suffered the ignominy of revolution and the burning of their Chateaus.

I 'loafed' for two days this week and thankfully my house still stands in one piece despite the fact that our boys and girls teams had mixed fortunes in the area cricket competitions. The boys were undefeated in their matches and overall winners which means they can now go on to contest the County Final. They all played very well but some notable bowling from Max Smith and Ben Readman and fine batting by Harry Johnstone were the cherries upon the icing of a very good cake.

I am particularly proud of the girl's team who showed great comradeship and spirit during their tournament but fell at the last hurdle losing one match. They won't contest a County Final but they can be pleased with their achievement and progress. There were some big hitters, Chloe, Sophie, Daisy, some energetic fielders, Anna, Matilda and Tiana, a bowler of the 'googly', Chloe B and the secret weapon, Megan who will now be known in cricket as the, 'Smiling Assassin'!



In other news, we held the meeting for Parents who will be applying for Secondary School places next year and those whose children may sit the transfer test (11+) in order to be able to apply to a Grammar School.

Over the years, the testing process has evolved so that it is very different now to what it was 10 years ago and the test itself is more aligned with the school curriculum rather than a giant puzzle book. Reading, vocabulary, spelling and an ability to interpret a text, play just as much a part in the exam as maths calculations and non-verbal reasoning. Though I am adamant the school's commitment to providing an excellent education will never be shaped by an external examination, I am realistic, and recognise that in a County that still retains selective schools, the 11+ will be of significance for some parents more than others.

We enjoyed a lovely Celebration Assembly this morning with lots of awards and singing suited to the beautiful weather. An added bonus was the opportunity to see some of the written French that the children in KS 2 had completed on the subject of the Rain Forest. Not only was the presentation impressive, the vocabulary content and standard of writing surpasses any expectations for Primary School French outside of a bilingual school. One only had to witness the number of language awards given out in assembly to recognise how Mme Basnett manages to enthuse the children and, having spoken to a couple of parents who are Secondary School language teachers, she certainly knows how to get the best from them.

Felicitations Madam et merci beaucoup!

Mr Ronane

News from the Office

Dates for your diary...

24 th June	Key Stage 2 Summer Concert
15 th June	Secondary Transfer Meeting -Year 5
5 th July	Recorder Assembly
8 th July	Summer Fayre
14 th July	Sports Day - Horspath
18 th July	School Play Class 4 and 5 2pm
19 th July	School Play Class 4 and 5 7pm
20 th July	Final Celebration Assembly
21 st July	Leavers' Assembly
21 st July	Last Day of Term

This Week's Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Elsie Thomas

Asiya Hassine

Oisin Harrell

Gwilym Walters

Chloe Parsler

PE Award:

Elsie Thomas

Barnaby Potter

Isla Turrell

Jack Turner

Gwilym Walters

French Award:

Benji Herratt

Phoebe gapper

Annabel Neal

Luna Russell-Dyson

Frank Wilkinson

Jack turner

Thomas Betteley

Andrew Robinson

Emily Jay-Friday

Neve Woodley

Amelia Hargreaves

Kathryn Hargreaves

Iyla Hitchcock

James Harris

Daisy Coke

Chloe Betteley

William Arnold

Ben Readman

Deutsch Award:

Megan Jones

Darci Turrell

Latin Award:

Ben Readman

Headteachers Award:

Molly Parry

Lyla Gill

Lucy Hird

Amelia Hargreaves

Anna Kerry

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