

Ickford News

After work last night, I ventured to Waitrose! (I can hear the gasps) Yes, sitting in the car park watching how the other live is Friday evening entertainment. Sometimes, I get out when everyone has gone and just imagine being able to afford to enter those hallowed aisles!

I jest, I grabbed a basket of shopping and queued at the one till that was open only to find it operated by a past pupil who greeted me with a cheery "Hello Mr Ronane, remember me?" and, after pointing out that we both had beards now, explained that this was his second job and that in between working, he was studying hard for A-levels which he wants to take next year. I remember this young man well and, if I am honest, he didn't always find study as easy as others in his early years at Ickford but did succeed in upper KS2 and, with the support of Mme Basnett exceeded expectations in Year 6. Nonetheless, I did worry when he left that he may become disillusioned with Secondary school (he did for a lengthy period) and lose the enthusiasm for learning. Now, here we were, fellow bearded gentlemen, discussing the merits of studying Politics, History and English Literature and I could not help feeling that, we had done a good job.

The real success of any institution tasked with influencing and teaching others can be measured in how its efforts are manifested outside of its immediate environment. Another example of this that made me proud this week was celebrated via the Golden Book in assembly. Three of our Year 6 boys, who happened to be in the pub last weekend (legitimately in the garden with families) saw one of our youngest pupils in the early years, and went straight up to him and invited him to join in playing football with them. It was the younger child's father who took the trouble to tell me about this because he felt that these boys were demonstrating admirable values and that their behaviour reflected what we advocate and celebrate in school. Harry, Ben and Matthieu, well done and thank you.

We have, as a community, talked quite a bit in daily assemblies about the importance of being polite and having good manners and it is lovely to see the children taking this on board and being recognised for it. It was not the first time that his week I heard someone say, "You can always tell an Ickford child" and if I am honest, comments like this mean as much if not more than attainment results.

I introduced our new librarian, Mrs Ellis last week and some of you will have received a letter from her this week. Sadly, this is not a party invitation or an announcement that you are a prize winner. No, it is a reminder that your child has a book or books that are overdue and need to be returned to the library. If this is the case, then please do your best to find books and get them back to us. We are trying to update resources and will be investing in new books but they are very expensive and we need all of the ones we own accounted for and back in place before the term ends.

Last week, I finished by wishing Miss E Basnett good luck on her new career path and this week I can make a joyous announcement that Miss Allen and her partner are expecting their first child. I am sure that you will not mind me congratulating them on behalf of the whole community. Have a good weekend. Mr Ronane

News from the Office

Dates for your diary...

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
18 th July	Camping Y6
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

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>



This Week's Celebration Assembly Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Molly Parry
Oliver Aspden
Mia Makris
Percy Jenkins
Sophie Crafts

PE Award:

Oliver Evey

Jacob Shannon
Luna Russell-Dyson
Asees samrai
Edward Pentecost
Max Smith
Ella Cooke
Nathaniel Wakelin
Isla Turrell

French Award:

Oliver Evey
Bruce Dingle
Matilda Ousley
Edward Pentecost
Zak Flood
Beau Llewellyn
Percy Jenkins
Keira Murphy

Deutsch Award:

Lucas Jayasekara

Latin Award:

Anna Kerry

Headteachers Award:

Layla Murphy
Izzy Saunders
Oisin Harrell
Abigail Hird
Isla Turrell

Outdoor Learning

Ruby Dighton
Florence Arnold
Phoebe Merritt
Abigail Hird
Brayden O'Malley
Jago Miller
Harvey Chapman
Matthieu Wolff
Lucas Jayasekara
Ben Readman
Matilda Stow

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