

Ickford News

I imagine Mum's that when you put them to bed last night, they lay there for some time, going over the race again and again, Vangelis theme tune to Chariots of Fire, humming in their subconscious and unable to sleep due to adrenaline still coursing through their veins. You may even have had to comfort them with a hand on the brow and a softly spoken, "Don't worry dear, there is always next year," or wiped a tear away from tired eyes. All this in the hope that they didn't wake the children! The Dad's race has emasculated many a budding Usain Bolt and thank God the children handle disappointment much more easily!

Another Sport's Day has finished and the end of the year is nigh. We were lucky with glorious weather and a cool breeze and I was pleased that we had chosen to use Horspath again this year. I say 'chosen' but in truth this option only became a reality due to the generosity of Mr and Mrs Preston who also helped all day either transporting equipment, assisting the staff with events or working tirelessly in the kitchen to provide refreshments.

I have been at a fair few School Sports Days but that was the first time I had been served a steak brioche bun or given the option of iced coffee. Mr Reeve, you excelled yourself and we owe you and your team, Kayleigh Preston, Megan Pentecost, Ma'an Latif (AKA the falafel master) and Jules Ellis, a huge thank you! Not only did you buy and prepare all of the food but the donation of the money raised going to the school, is extremely generous.

Let's not forget Mrs Kerry who sponsored the event and provided her pop-up clinic (Out of the corner of my eye, I did see some poor unfortunates being swathed in rubber bands and manipulated but I am sure they felt better afterwards!) and also Mrs Smith who came as photographer and has provided me with lots of fantastic pictures which I shall try and get up on the website asap.

I also want to thank Mrs Boyles who joined the staff team for the morning and former staff member Mrs Turrell who not only helped all day but, having fought her own battles with serious ill health, also ran the Mum's race.

Finally, I want to thank the School Staff including the Admin Team who donned their School kit and executed the plan to perfection. I am so lucky to have a team I can trust to look after every child and make sure that they had their 'moment in the sun'.

There were some impressive performances on the track in the afternoon but, if I am honest, the most impressive displays were in the morning when one could witness the older children taking responsibility for the younger children, helping them, cheering for them, encouraging them and, most importantly, inspiring them. They were once, metaphorically, in their training shoes and they looked up to and learned from their older peers. It is an Ickford rite of passage that, where once you were led, you lead.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

News from the Office

Dates for your diary...

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

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This Week's Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

George Middleton

Charlie Kendall

Edward Pentecost

Orla Kerry

Amber Chadbone

Latin Award:

Matilda Stow

Headteachers Award:

Edie Turner

Sienna Jones

George Jones

Max Smith

Megan Jones

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