

Ickford News

I received a message from a friend on Tuesday morning (following the success in the Athletics) with children who attend another school. The children had asked, "Why are the children at Ickford so good?" and he wanted to share his answer with me. "They succeed because they do not turn up expecting to win and they prepare in order to try their best." I am happy because I completely agree. You have to earn the right to compete and prepare not only to win but also to be defeated.

It has been a week of highs and lows particularly for some of the children competing at events. Without doubt, Monday's District Athletics was a 'high' and I cannot praise the team enough for their performances both as individuals and as a team. Athletics is a tough discipline and an event on the track or in the field can feel like a lonely place. Yes, there were some fantastic individual performances that had the crowd on their feet screaming but I am most proud of those who stood in at fairly short notice and worked to gain points for the team. Our results were superb and we posted a significant number of first places but what won the overall team event was consistency and the fact that every child worked hard to secure the best place they could.



If Athletics were a high point, then the County Cricket Finals provided a low one. Both Boys and Girls teams made their way through to the finals (albeit the girls were quite fortunate in getting a late invitation) and the glorious weather and beautiful setting at Dinton Cricket

Club set us up for a good day. The format was simple, Girls and Boys separate tournaments, split into two groups within each, win your group and go through to the final.

The girls played really well and showed great determination with bat and ball. For some, the week before had been a crash course in bowling and the results showed. They fought hard and won their pool games apart from one in which they were unlucky to lose by one run to the eventual winners of the overall tournament.

The boy's team, it is fair to say, tore through their group games and thoroughly deserved their place in the final. By the time the match started a fairly large contingent of parents had gathered and formed our very own, Ickford 'Barmy Army' although a rather more sedate and genteel version. The match was exciting to say the least and the umpire did his best to unsettle all of our players by constantly announcing the score throughout our fielding innings. Sadly, although we set a high score for the opposition to chase, we dropped some wickets and, in this game, they cost runs. In the final over, Butlers Court managed to get the score they needed and pipped us by two runs to take the title.

Our boys were unhappy to lose but we have a phrase that we say before every sports event that Ickford compete in and that is, 'no tears, no excuses' so they shook hands with the opposition, clapped them as they received the trophy and their medals and thanked the Umpire. Sure, there were a few disappointed faces, even the odd tear but we will be back to compete again and we will have earned the right. I am very proud of them.





So, to highs and lows of another kind, recorder notes and the joyous KS1 recorder assembly that took place on Tuesday morning. It is always wonderful to see the progress our youngest children make with music and I am left in awe at what Mrs Shackleton achieves in only a short time with them each week.

Our aim is to ensure that every child leaves Ickford being able to read music and having had the opportunity to learn an instrument. They may not all turn out to be classical musicians but hopefully some will continue to play and all will be able to appreciate the effort that goes in to being a musician. The assembly was really well supported by parents and friends so thank you for making it special.

I must also thank Dr Caroline Campbell an ex-parent and head of Genetics and the John Radcliffe Hospital, who came in to give a workshop to the children in Class 5 this week. In spite of the fact that the last of her sons left Ickford over 8 years ago, Caroline gave up her time to spend the morning with the children teaching them all about chromosomes and genetics. I am hopeful she will have inspired some to pursue careers in medicine.

Final thanks have to go to Jackie Thomas, Louise Arnold and all of the PTA team for setting up and running the Summer Fayre on Friday. It was a simple, sunny affair and a lovely opportunity for people to simply relax and have a bit of fun on the school field whilst raising some funds. I hope you continue to relax and enjoy the weekend. Mr Ronane

News from the Office

Dates for your diary...

8 th July	Summer Fayre
14 th July	Sports Day - Horspath
15 th July	French Cafe
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:

Jacob Alfrey

Stella Anzarouth

Elin Roberts

Brayden O'Malley

Keira Murphy

PE Award:

Ronin Reeve

Sienna Jones

Georgina Preston

Lyla Gill

Jack Turner

Thomas Betteley

Oliver Jolliffe

Sophie Winspear

Gabriel Walker

French Award:

Caleb Mortimer

Edie Turner

Finn Rouse

Jude Barnes

Charlie Kendall

Xavier Flood

Oliver Jolliffe

Orla Kerry

Louis Raeburn

Latin Award:

Amber Chadbone

Headteachers Award:

Luke Dungey

Ella Aben

Thomas Ansell-Hawes

Kathryn Hargreaves

Darci Turrell

Library Books

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