

# Ickford News

The academic year has ended and we have bid farewell to another group of children moving on to various Secondary schools in September. It is always a somewhat emotional day and today was no exception. This year's leavers are a talented bunch who leave us with some outstanding academic results, a list of sporting successes and many memories of fun times and laughter.

Those who were lucky enough to watch the school performance of Treasure Island last night, will know exactly what I mean. Not only was the singing and acting excellent throughout, there was a pervasive feeling of comradeship and friendship amongst the children that shone out and enveloped the whole audience. We were fortunate to share the joy and the laughter and privileged to see such wonderful performances from young children. Mrs Honey is our great Director and manages to bring the best out of the children. Yes, some individual performances stood out but it would be foolish of me to try and highlight the few when every child made this an evening to remember (as did Mrs Thomas, Reeve. Hunting and O'Mahoney who braved torrential rain to erect the gazebos and served drinks both before the performance to adults and after to children. Thank you so much.)

If Treasure Island was the joyous, evening finale to a great year, the performance of Odysseus and the Cyclopes was the cultured prelude. To perform your lines in front of an audience is something, to perform them in Latin is something else! I am delighted that such a large number of parents got to see the production not only to see what the children are capable of but also to show some appreciation to the somewhat bashful Mr Calcutt. Nine years of dutiful, voluntary service, never late and always immaculately attired in pin-stripe, I cannot thank him enough.

One of the most enjoyable parts of today for me has been the return of a number of past pupils, Ickford Alumni, who turned up for the Leavers Assembly and then stayed around for most of the day. It has been lovely talking to them and hearing of their achievements and successes at their various schools. It has also been a joy to listen to them recalling their memories of Ickford and watching them celebrate the success of the current children. I suppose that what makes me happiest is to see that they have remained friends and are all articulate, kind and confident young people. To have them back made me very proud indeed.

Another past pupil has left Ickford today for the second time in her life. Charlotte Basnett has been working as a Teaching Assistant this year and made a huge impact on the school. She has worked tirelessly and supported many children and teachers. She goes off to Cardiff to study in September and to begin her journey to becoming a Physiotherapist. I can say with absolute certainty that she will succeed and also that, if for any reason she does not, we shall welcome her back as a teacher.

It has been a day to celebrate our children past and present and for that I am happy. Thank you, on behalf of staff, for all of the cards and presents and for the support throughout the year. Enjoy your summer.

Mr Ronane

**This Week's Celebration Assembly****Hall of Fame:****French Award:**

Poppy Rhodes

Fred Ellis

Emily Coxon

Matilda Ousley

Bryony Ellis

William Barber

Anabel Stevens

Philippa Hunting

Sophie Winspear

Sam Anzarouth

**PE Award:**

Anabel Stevens

Timothy Issitt

Eliza Gapper

Dylan O'Mahoney

Edward Pentecost

Percy Jenkins

Emily Aspden

Chloe Betteley

Keira Murphy

**Latin Award:**

Daisy Coke

**Headteachers Award:**

Ronin Reeve

Asiya Hassine

Faye Kitchen

Brayden O'Malley

**Consistent Achievement Awards**

Ethan Crispin

Bea Beckett

**Year 6 Leavers Honours****Award for literacy**

Matilda Stow

**Award for Maths**

Daisy Coke

**Award for Science**

William Arnold

**Award for Languages**

Matthieu Wolff

**Award for History**

Harry Johnston

Nathaniel Wakelin

**Award for Music**

Chloe Makris

**Award for Sports**

Anna Kerry

**Award for Latin**

Matilda Stow, Harry Johnston, Matthieu Wolff

**The Laar Award**

Ben Readman

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