

Ickford News

A post England victory against France newsletter will hopefully catch everyone in good mood, although, I hope to have nothing to report that may dampen spirits.

In fact, I received a letter last week which I should probably have mentioned earlier as I am not sure it has been copied to parents. The letter is a joint composition or at least carries two signatures, one the Secretary of State for Education and two the Minister of State for School Standards so probably worthy of printing the first two paragraphs below:

"We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results...show progress scores of 4.3, 4.0 and 4.5 in English, reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England. In addition, all your pupils were working at expected standard in all three subjects, placing your school in the top 0.1% of schools overall for the third year in a row – a remarkable achievement."

I have reproduced the above so that we can share some pride in your great children and my great staff. There are over 20,000 Primary schools in England and I feel very fortunate.

I spent last Tuesday at Stoke Mandeville Stadium with two Badminton teams who were competing County Finals the highest

level our teams can aspire to. Our Year 6 team, came fourth, which, though they were disappointed, was a really great achievement considering this is of all schools in Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes including independent schools. Such was the quality of Badminton, three out of four players of the eventual winners were nationally ranked and our girls double only lost by one point!

Our Year 3/4 team fared better and playing BISI badminton which requires great concentration and a collective team effort, they saw off all of the competition as they had done in the qualifying tournament, and took the County title! It was, as always, a pleasure to take the children, and we are delighted to have another trophy for the cabinet.

On Thursday morning, Class 2 shared with the rest of the children and lots of parents, their assembly about Heroes. The class had worked hard to learn dialogue, acting and a song that illustrated their message, we can all be heroes. This makes complete sense because being a hero is really about what we can do for others no matter how small or trivial this action may seem. It is those who are affected by our actions who bestow heroic status according to how big the impact of the act is. Whilst we often look to the famous for our heroes, I am sure that the great majority of young children find theirs very close to home. How important then, that as parents and teachers we must continually try to do the right things (not always easy) because we can't always know when a child is searching for their heroes.

Have a good week,

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

7 th February	Parents Evening
12 th February 7 pm	Y 5 & 6 Residential – Parent Meeting
14 th February 5-6.30 pm	School Disco
21 st June 6 pm	Summer Concert

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