

Ickford News

Although I am sure they will hate me for it, I can't write this newsletter without first publicly thanking the team of people who turned up at school last Sunday and helped demolish the old PE sheds. I was going to resist naming them but, Mr Issit, Mr Preston, Mr Stevens, Mrs Thomas, Mr Thomas, Mr Vorotyntsova and Mr Dingle you are stars and I owe you all a beer!



Unfortunately, having had really good weather for so long, the heavens decided to open this week and preparation work for the new building has been delayed. Nonetheless, I remain undaunted and hopeful that we can get this project finished within the next two weeks. The children have been curious about the work and the disappearance of the sheds. It may be something to do with the Police tape that I used to cordon the area off but, judging by the questions, I think it is more concern about where Santa will set up his Grotto at the Christmas Fayre.

Talking of which, there is still time to join Jackie and her team organising this and time to enter a stall of your own whether it be entertainment or a trade stand. Contact Jackie via ptaickfordschool@gmail.com The Christmas Fayre is a significant fundraiser for the school and I know Jackie will be working hard to make it a fun event. I can announce with some certainty that, Larry Jayasekera our resident (or was) michelin starred Chef, famed for his superb fundraising dinners, will be sending his team to the Fayre to provide some memorable 'street food'. Even if you are a 'bah humbug' about Christmas, it will be worth coming just for this!

Christmas in the trenches will, I have no doubt, be something covered very shortly by Year 6 as they continue their studies involving the First and Second World Wars. This topic was supplemented this week by a visit from the Chinnor War Horse very kindly arranged by Mrs Winspear. As if taken from another time period, an officer astride a horse appeared in full uniform on the playground and, rather than facing a barrage of bullets, faced a similar onslaught of questions from the children. Once year 6 had exhausted supplies, the children in the other classes also got the chance to go out and see the Officer and his mount. At Ickford, we never look a gift horse in the mouth!

We do have a bit of a name for being competitive in the sporting arena but, lest anyone think that we hide behind our hockey sticks, we entered the Wheatley Area Maths Challenge that took place last Tuesday and I had the pleasure of taking Max and Ella from Year 6 to the event. With 48 other children competing from different local Primary Schools in Oxfordshire, I imagined that our hypercalculia pair could have been forgiven for being nervous. I have to say I was when the first challenge was revealed but they were not and they continued in self-assured fashion to dispatch with the other challenges posed for them. We had a tense wait whilst the scores were added up at the end but I was delighted when Ella and Max were announced winners. Not only is this proof of their mathematical proficiency at a young age but also testament to the great teaching they have received during their years at Ickford.

Quite by coincidence, Mme Basnett has been observing maths lessons today and reports are that all seen were outstanding!

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

From the Office...

ICKFORD SCHOOL HALL OF FAME

French Award:

Elsie Thomas, Harry Jolliffe, Poppy Rhodes, Sophie Potter, Kirk O'Malley, Jacob Shannon,
Edward Nicholls, Isla Thomas, Stanley Johnson, Zak Flood, Harley Hudson

PE Award:

Robyn Barnes, Sophie Potter, Grace Beckett, Henry Preston, Oliver Aspden, Sienna Jones,
Sam Anzarouth, Mataio Fatialofa, Beau Llewellyn

Music Award:

Robyn Barnes, Izzy Saunders, Beatrice Beckett, Pippa Hunting, Percy Jenkins,

German Award:

Neve Woodley

Latin Award:

Brayden O'Malley

Headteachers Award:

Harry Weeden, Lyla Gill, Vika Hardy, Alfie Peck, Amelia Hargreaves

DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| 2 nd December | Christmas Fayre |
| 12 th & 13 th | Nativity |
| 14 th December | KS2 Carol Concert |
| 15 th December | Christmas Lunch |
| 16 th December | Whole School Panto Trip |

Have you entered our School Lottery???

Every week someone with the school is a winner!

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