

Ickford News

Ever had the feeling you are being watched? Mysterious cameras on rather long poles suddenly appeared out of nowhere on Monday only to disappear again just as quickly and discretely as they had arrived by Tuesday. Big Brother? Russia? Trump? All rather spooky and somewhat disconcerting. I can only imagine that the Class 5 outing to Bletchley Park led by the mistress of espionage, Mme Basnett (formerly known as M) triggered a security alert at MI5 and we are now under surveillance.

Bletchley Park is of course famous for being the site of the British Code and Cypher School and eventually home of all the Allied Force code-breakers during World War II and where, amongst hundreds of other men and women, Alan Turing disrupted German intelligence and helped to prevent a successful invasion of the British Isles. Every child I have spoken to about the trip said it was fantastic and they all enjoyed being taken back in time and gaining an insight in to what life was like for those who spent the war years living and working at Bletchley.

The children in Class 5 study WWI and WWII. Today, the same children took part in what can only be described as, an 'outstanding' lesson, during which each one was given a replica Princess Mary Gift Tin. This was a tobacco tin given to the soldiers serving on

the Western Front and its contents included, amongst other things, a postcard from King George V with his Christmas greeting, "May God protect you and bring you safely home" and an Oxo cube (several children had never seen one).

The outing and the effort that went into the lesson today are just a couple of examples of how the teachers enrich the curriculum for the children and manage to engage them in their learning. To go to the trouble of purchasing tins and then filling them with items to fascinate the children is something only a very good teacher would do and I am sure the children will always remember this year.



I managed to show around 18 prospective parents around this week all looking for a school place in September. My advice to each one of them was to look at as many other schools as they can. Ickford is a special place but maybe not everyone's 'cup of tea' and I would rather only those who really appreciate it apply to come here.

Now perhaps those cameras were...

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ickford-school>

Dates for your diary...

20 th November	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
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21 st November 7.30pm	Parents E-Safety Evening
27 th November	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
30 th November 9am	Guitar & Ukulele Assembly
1 st December	Carducci Workshop (KS2)
4 th December	Year 5 & 6 Swimming Lessons
5 th December 2-3pm	KS1 Nativity for whole school, grandparents and siblings
7 th December 6.30-7.30pm	KS1 Nativity (No preschool children)
8 th December 5-6.30pm	Christmas Fayre
12 th December 9am	French Assembly
*14 th December	*Christmas Lunch
14 th December 6.30pm	KS2 Carols at St Nicholas Church, Ickford
15 th December	Whole school trip to Pantomime

*Date change

School Lottery

Last week's lottery winner for the third time was Anna O'Kennedy.

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

Christmas Fayre

The PTA are looking for volunteers for the Christmas Fayre, if you are able to spare some time before the day, on the day to set up or are able to man a stall please speak to Ben Sayer, Nikki Dawson, Richard Shackleton or Victoria Johnston alternatively let Mrs Addis know how you can help!

Boaters

School boater hats are now in stock and can be ordered through ParentMail.

Parking

We have been asked by the neighbours opposite the school to mention to parents about being mindful when parking. On occasion, they have not been able to get out of their drive due to the way cars are parked.

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