

Ickford News

The delayed newsletter this week is due to having to thaw out following Saturday morning's Cross Country competition in Wendover. Mrs Vickers, our wonderful TA who suggested we enter the competition, took to her bed immediately after the event and has not been seen since!

Cross Country is not for the faint of heart and the challenging conditions on Saturday morning would have made even the keenest of fell runners roll over in bed and pull the duvet over their head. Nonetheless, all of our children who volunteered turned up and gave a good account of themselves against some of the big Primary schools in and around the Aylesbury area.

We have a thriving athletics club at Ickford and many children train with me and Mrs Vickers throughout the year keeping fit and working on techniques in preparation for the summer team events. This event was a bonus really and we were able to enter because Mrs Vickers had a contact from her past life as a TA elsewhere (she came over from the dark side having got fed up with being beaten). For the past couple of weeks we stepped up the

training and the children were out almost every day running around the village in between their other activities.

Sport often throws up a good emotional story of the underdog pitted against the odds and our own Sam Readman completing the course with his father at his side was a tremendous achievement. Sam can be very proud for challenging himself and succeeding. As can the other children who volunteered for the event and though finding it difficult, managed to complete the course. Well done to everyone.

Nonetheless, the biggest congratulations go to those who picked up medals, in particular, Florence Wooten who came first in the Year 5 girls race and Payton Carter who won the Year 6 girls race. Winning is not easy and the girls faced very stiff competition in fields averaging more than 50 competitors. Without doubt both girls have talent but both work extremely hard for their achievements and never miss a training session. Their dedication belies their age and I am happy that we have provided them with opportunities to test themselves.

The combined efforts of Louis Stanfield, Ben Straughan and Albert Wooten ensured that Ickford won silver medals in the Year 6 boys team event and we also won team Bronze in the Year 5 boys thanks to Dylan Sayer, Harvey Davis and Charlie Stow. Jago Sidgwick also won an individual bronze in the Year 3 boys race in a field more than 80 runners! Other notable individual finishes were, Louis Stanfield 4th, Evie Boardman 6th, Dylan Sayer 7th and Rosa Alldread 10th.

I have already mentioned Mrs Vickers but she needs huge thanks for giving up her Saturday morning to act as our team manager and for all of the help and support she gives the children in lunchtime clubs. She has been a fantastic addition to the staff at Ickford and a great help to me personally.

Today, Sunday January 21st is World Religion Day and next week we have the Rabbi Zvi coming in to school to give the children an insight into the Jewish faith. Though not a church school RE is part of the National Curriculum but beyond that, it is important to educate children about different faiths and communities particularly when there is so much discord in the world.

One of our targets this year is to raise the profile of 'Citizenship' in school and the School Council have been preparing some work on this which we hope to publish via a new school blog aptly called the 'Ickford Citizen', in the near future.

The term is passing very quickly and it is not long before we have parent evenings again. Please ensure that you sign up for an appointment to see the class teacher and, if necessary, me. The communication between parents and the school is very important is every child's education.

Mr Ronane

Ickford NEWS from the office

Dates for your diary...

20 th January	KS2 Cross Country
30 th January 7pm	Y5&6 Residential – Parents Meeting
3 rd February 6.30pm	Nicola Benedetti Concert, Sheldonian Theatre
6 th February 9am	Class 2 Assembly
6 th February	Parents Evening
8 th February	Parents Evening
9 th February 5-6.30pm	School Disco
12 th -16 th February	Half Term
5 th -9 th March	Y5&6 Residential

School Lottery

Last week's lucky lottery winner was Will Richards. Congratulations Will!

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

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



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