

# Ickford News

I needed a bit of a 'pick me up' this morning so headed in to Class 1. The children in the Early Years are a wonderful tonic as they only see the good in everything and their outlook is always positive. I hung out on the carpet and was soon encouraged to write a letter to the RSPCA about a Seagull Sanctuary that they are proposing to build next to the school. Helped by Faye, Aiden, Penny, Phoebe, Oscar and Jackson, I was soon able to form my letters and even join my handwriting! Time in the company of the youngest in the school is something I value because it reminds me of how privileged a teacher is.

Last week, it was my privilege to go away on a residential trip with the Year 5 and 6 children and I had an equally good time in their company. Many of these children have been at Ickford since beginning school and I have fond memories of when they were in the Early Years. It goes without saying that they have changed but from what I saw last week, all of them are growing into wonderful young people with talents and gifts and a wonderful sense of friendship and community.

The week was action packed and the children took part in a range of activities including abseiling, climbing, problem solving, archery, fencing, orienteering and even the infamous 'Leap of Faith' and the heart stopping, 'Power Fan'! I was delighted to see the children overcoming their nerves and rising to the challenge such activities provide. Most, with the

encouragement of their friends, succeeded at everything but quite a few failed to conquer the most daunting obstacle of the week, the one that they hear stories of from older siblings or friends from past year groups who have been through the experience and lived to tell the tales...the shower!

Many parents must have been delighted that, having meticulously packed a full wardrobe of clothes for their beloved offspring, they were able to unpack them and place them straight back where they came from. No names shall be mentioned (what goes on tour stays on tour) but some managed the same clothes, day and night for four of the five days!

Thankfully, Mrs Horn and Mrs Vickers were more inclined to cleanliness than some of the party and I want to say 'thank you' to them on behalf of the children for their patience and support throughout the week.

Tonight, the PTA have organised a Race Night in the Village Hall. It begins at 7pm and promises to be great fun. It is quite an appropriate event considering it is Gold Cup day at Cheltenham although I hear a group of racegoers may descend on the event so hopefully they will be 'flush' from their day out and we can wrestle those winnings away from them. I will have a flutter but the last horse I backed came in so late it had to tip-toe into the stables to avoid waking his stablemates.

Ben and his team have really been working hard lately to raise funds so I

hope we can support this event and help to make it a successful, fun evening.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

## Ickford News from the office

### Dates for your diary...

16 <sup>th</sup> March From 7pm	PTA Race Night, Ickford Village Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 6pm	PTA Kids Film Night Paddington 2
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Waddesdon Cross Country
28 <sup>th</sup> March 2.15pm	House Cross Country & Sports Relief Mile
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Inset Day
30 <sup>th</sup> March – 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> May 9am	Class 3 Assembly

### School Lottery

Last week's lucky lottery winner was Ian, congratulations Ian!

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>



### Parking

Please take care and think about our neighbours when parking at drop off and pick up. This morning a neighbour could not get out of their drive way as a parent had parked directly opposite.

# TIDDINGTON GARAGE

