

# Ickford News

Inspired by the recent Commonwealth Games, our youngest athletes from years 1 and 2 ensured that the Area Infant Indoor Athletics was won by Ickford for the sixth (maybe seventh) year in succession! We entered two teams this year and not only won the event but also picked up fourth place ensuring that some children got their first experience of competition.

I say it often but, I will have to say it again, the children from Ickford stand out at tournaments not just for being able to compete but also for the way in which they conduct themselves. Having coached many youth teams as well as men's rugby and women's netball, I am convinced that instilling good values at an early age holds the children in good stead particularly if they want to play sport in the future.

So much for the bright start to last week's newsletter and reference to the sun with its hat on, it was a miserable week weather wise and unfortunately it does not appear to be improving for next week. Sadly, Friday's French Café was somewhat of a 'wash out' but many thanks to Mrs Walker our new croissant provider or Chef de Croissant as she will now be referred to and to Mrs Milan for helping Mme Basnett in spite of inclement conditions.

One event that was a success was last Saturday's car wash which raised almost £250 towards the PTA target and took place before the sun chose to depart. The addition of another pressure washer and a few trusty chamois leathers made sure that the cars left the school gleaming this time so make sure you catch the next one.

This is the time of the year when events at school come thick and fast so it is important to keep an eye on the diary so as not to miss anything. It is also the time of year when we often seek volunteers to help out and I am

very grateful to those who have contacted Mrs Shackleton following my request last week for help with refreshments at the summer concert. The concert is now confirmed for June 29<sup>th</sup> and I would advise KS2 parents to order tickets early as we expect this to be a sell-out event.

Thank you to everyone who returned the recent Parent Survey questionnaires. We have now configured the results and the information will soon be published on the school website. I am delighted by the amount of support the parents now give and by the fact that in every strand of the survey satisfaction was either 100% or just below. The one area where there was a slight disparity was homework with only 93% of you in agreement that children receive appropriate work in adequate amounts. My experience tells me that this will always be a contentious area but nevertheless, I do plan to look at this seriously before the next academic year. Although our results are testament to the fact that we must be doing something right, I do not want to be complacent and at Ickford we are determined to keep on reflecting upon and evaluating what we do and the impact that it has on the children.

There are many comparisons between running the successful school and coaching the sports teams. The margins between success and failure are very small and one is constantly looking for ways to improve and to get an 'edge'. However, nothing is possible without talented team members and I am very pleased that I have plenty of these at Ickford.

There are some changes planned but more information about these will be released at a later date. In the meantime, let's keep supporting the children and ensuring they have the environment in which to thrive.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office

## Dates for your diary...

8 <sup>th</sup> May 9am	Class 3 Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> May	SATs Week
25 <sup>th</sup> May 9.30am	May Dancing
28 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term
7 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos
14 <sup>th</sup> June 9am	Recorder Assembly
29 <sup>th</sup> June 6pm	KS2 Summer Concert
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9am	Class 1 Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> July 5.30-7pm	Open Evening & Art Exhibition

### School Lottery

Last week's School Lottery winner was Corinne, congratulations !

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

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