

Ickford News

According to Key Stage 1 children, neither Beethoven, Bach nor Mozart ever wrote a song with 'Oo do do do, doo be do' in its chorus. Obviously something was missing in this illustrious trio's musical repertoire possibly because they didn't have the fortune to be taught by Mrs Shackleton. Admittedly, you probably had to be there to understand what I am writing about and if you were not then sadly, you missed one of the highlights of the year, Key Stage 1 Recorder Assembly. The value of learning to read music at such a young age is immense and the amount of musical understanding demonstrated by all of the infant children was incredible. They presented themselves with the style of the Royal Philharmonic, played with precision and sang with gusto! One only had to look at Mrs Shackleton whose performance mirrored that of the children, to see where they get the inspiration from. We are more than fortunate to have her.

This coming week is a very important one in our sporting calendar as tomorrow, we have four teams through to Regional Finals being held at Stoke Mandeville Stadium including, 2 badminton teams, a tennis team and our netball team. In

addition our rugby team compete in their County Finals on Thursday. For many of the children this is the culmination of a year of hard work and practice particularly the netball team who won their area tournament way back in October.

The netball is a very tough competition particularly as we come up against some very large schools with huge numbers of children taking part in sports. Nonetheless, regardless of this, I have great belief in this year's team who have probably worked harder than any other Ickford Team in the past. The squad has been a very close knit outfit and both A and B teams have been very successful. In fact, if it wasn't for a late rule change stating that a school could not put two teams through to the Regional Finals in the same event, both would be on the coach tomorrow. The team know that we are reigning Regional Champions and that last year's team went on to conquer the County but I want them to ignore this and just to do the best they can, game by game. They have earned the right to be there tomorrow on merit and beaten two Secondary Schools this year as well as every Primary School. Whatever they do tomorrow, they are already champions in my eyes.

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Dates for your diary...

18 th –25 th June	Science Week
21 st June 7.30pm	Secondary Transfer Parent Meeting
22 nd June	Bernwode Music Festival
26 th June	Transition Morning
29 th June 6pm	KS2 Summer Concert
3 rd July 9am	Class 1 Assembly
5 th July *6-7pm	Open Evening & Art Exhibition
6 th July 5-7pm	Summer Fayre
13 th July 9am	Ballet Assembly
16 th July 1.30pm	Class 4 & 5 Play
17 th July 7pm	Class 4 & 5 Play
18 th July	Sports Day
20 th July	Leavers Assembly

* Please note time change

School Lottery

Last week's School Lottery winner of £27.90 was Mrs O, 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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A massive thank you to everyone who sponsored me to play at Twickenham in aid of the IRPF last week. It was a great occasion and we raised approximately £125,000!