

Ickford News

It is not but, it appears to be, quite some time since the last newsletter and I am trying to recall everything that is worthy of report. The first week of Easter was spent in school doing some maintenance with the help of Mr Preston who is not only able to save you from a burning building but also a mean man with a fence post. We have installed a new section of fence and a security gate to the front entrance of the school as part of my continuing project of reviewing health and safety this year. I am now looking at other areas and trying to look for funding streams to support the work.

Everyone should have received an annual school report for your children and a data information sheet with it. As the great majority should know, our reports are deliberately not a summary of the year sent out on the last day of the summer term but a working document that provides important information for children to make the most of the year. I would urge all of you to look at the targets set and consider ways in which you can help the children to achieve them.

I need to congratulate our older Netball Players and in particular the team that attended the County Finals on the last day of the Spring term. We knew that the tournament would be difficult and that we would be facing some much bigger schools, some independent schools and all schools that had won their respective area or regional league but, the team were in good spirits in the mini bus on the way. The tournament took place in Milton Keynes on the site of a very new and very large Secondary School and I must admit, not having the tallest of teams this year with a large representation from year 5, the team looked suddenly very young when they took to the courts. Nevertheless, they shook off any nerves and played, as always with skill and determination.

This is a team that has been unbeaten all year and they remained so until the third game when we faced Olney Middle School who, I have to admit, would have made me nervous on the Rugby pitch so tall were some of their boys! The wind was blowing a gale and it made it difficult for the shooters on both sides but the extra strength and some questionable luck in interpretation of the rules by the officials, saw Olney beat us 4 goals to 2. Sadly, and in spite of winning the other 7 matches we played, that result proved to be the deciding one and Olney were awarded the title with Ickford, runners up in second place.

To say I am proud of the team would be an understatement, their determination and dedication is immense and they represented their school with humility and generosity. We will regroup and I have no doubt that many of these players will get another opportunity for a tilt at the title next year.

Finally, we are going to have a street party to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and we hope that parents who have the time will join us. More details will be sent out soon but start thinking about whether you can donate some party food and helping your children make a crown to wear on the day.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

From the Office

French Award

Elsie Thomas, Babs Smith, Lucy Hird, Jacob Dungey, Jago Miller, Ella Cooke

P.E. Award

Elsie Thomas, Luna Russel-Dyson, Anabel Stevens, Jack Turner, Max Smith, Sam Pierpoint

Music Award

William Jones, Caleb Mortimer

Headteacher's Award

Robyn Barnes, Phoebe Gapper, Edward Nicholls, Mataio Fatialofa, Gwilym Walters



Uniform

Please ensure the children are in the correct Summer Uniform and that it is clearly labelled.

Date for Diary

Key Stage 2 Summer Concert: Friday June 23rd 6.00 pm

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