

Ickford News

I always feel privileged when I watch any performance in school. Firstly, because I recognise the hard work and effort that goes into producing them and secondly, because I am aware that they often provide a window into a school's effectiveness which is partly my responsibility.

Yesterday, I felt even more privileged than usual as did all of the staff because, we were able to enjoy this year's Nativity with the children when I know that parents can't. I have to say that, although it was very good, it was not the same without an audience and I am incredibly sad that Covid-19 has robbed us of the opportunity to share this event this year along with the Christmas Fayre and the Carol Concerts.

All is not lost however and we have our very own Covid hero who has stepped up to rescue us Mr Aben, and we are hopeful that he will be able to film the Nativity so that it can at least be shared on screen. It may lack some of the tension a live audience brings and the sound track won't include the noise of sniffles or tissues wiping the teary eyes of proud parents and grandparents but it will capture the excellent singing and acting that our youngest children have been capable of this year. I don't want to give away the plot but it includes children and animals both of which I believe actors are advised never to work with!

Miss Vukomanovic and Miss Allen deserve great credit for the way in which the youngest children shine when challenged. The confidence that they have and their ability to memorise so many songs and, for some, a multitude of spoken lines, is amazing. I was really impressed by everyone and some whom I remember as shy and retiring little ones, now seem to have lost any inhibitions and found their voices! This burgeoning confidence is also evident in the infant classrooms and I am delighted to have such

capable and professional teachers on the team.

Talking of teams, sport made a welcome return to school this week when we held the House Rackets Competition and, unless injured or absent, every child in the school took part and earned points for their House. The children in the infants including the Early Years all took on technique challenges and I was impressed to see some of the youngest children showing early promise of talent for the future. The older children played Badminton in their House teams and, for those who don't know, they play as a team taking alternate shots and rotating on court. This makes for a very challenging game that requires concentration, quick movement and teamwork. As has become the norm, some of the Badminton in Key Stage 2 was excellent and really entertaining to watch. Once all of the points had been totalled, the results were very close but it was Blue House who were overall winners and their House Captain Cassie O'Kennedy and Vice-Captain Alex Snell, lifted the trophy in assembly.

I had an interesting letter from a local resident today which has rather unsettled me. The letter, amongst other things, suggests that the school should be converted into retirement homes as it is in close proximity to a bus stop, a shop and the pavilion on the Recreation Ground. It would also rid the village of the "hideous hall" (actually I'm rather attached to it) apparently. Now I am not sure if there is a subliminal message here that I should be picking up on but, sadly, I lack any financial security that would enable me to retire just yet! It is a genuine letter and apparently, the County Council have been informed of the suggestion. If anyone spots a bald bloke with a beard and a small dog wandering off into the distance you will know the plans have been passed!

Have a good weekend.

Ickford News from the office



Dates for your diary...

14 th December	Class 5 visit to Bletchley Park
18 th December	Inset Day

School Lottery

A winner within school every week!

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>



Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your child's place for breakfast club with the school office by Friday at midday for the following week. Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.

This Weeks Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Amelia Vorotyntsova
Andrew Robinson
Frankie O'Kennedy
Jago Miller
Pippa Harding

PE Award:

Ella Aben
Dylan O'Mahoney
Stanley Johnson
Isla Turrell
William Edmans

French Award:

Luna Russell-Dyson
Matilda Ousley
Neve Woodley
Matilda Stow
Molly Sayer

Latin Award:

Oscar Neal

Headteachers Award:

Isabella Hawkins
Anabel Stevens
Neve Woodley
Ben Readman
Zara Smith

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