

# Ickford News

Another year comes to an end and another group of children leave us for new challenges and different experiences. It is a little like the song, "There were ten in the bed and the little one said..." (google it if you are too young) we roll over and start again. However, though the cycle repeats itself, the year is never the same and the children are all very different.

This year's leavers are a bright bunch who have excelled through sheer determination and hard work. Unusually, not all of them started at the school in Reception but nevertheless, they found their way here and they have become a very tight unit indeed. The performance of Robin Hood last night, in which the year 6 children took the major parts, was a very apt choice indeed as the class really are a group of merry men/women/boys/girls/selected pronouns and all very individual in character. I wish them every success in their futures.

The aforementioned performance of Robin Hood was a memorable experience and, having sat through quite a few end of year productions, I think I am qualified to say that this was one of the best I have seen. All of the children in Classes 4 and 5 excelled and brought an infectious joy and enthusiasm to the stage. It is worth remembering that these are 9 and 10 year olds who learn all of their lines, sing solo, sing together, dance, narrate and act in front of an audience. They should be proud of their achievement, I certainly am.

Hopefully, you will have all received your tracking data for the children which, though it may not be the most engaging information, it is important. We have had another year of very good results and whilst we want to ensure we have a broad curriculum, trust me, results do matter and they do not simply happen automatically.

If nothing else, try to encourage your children to read during the summer holidays. This is the most valuable thing they can do as it will widen their vocabulary, help them to spell, ignite their imaginations and allow them to travel to distant places in their minds.

(Interruption)

This newsletter has been written in two parts, as you can see, I was interrupted. A group of 8 past pupils knocked on the door having just finished their GCSEs at various different Secondary Schools and choosing to pay a visit. We sat in the staff room and chatted.

What struck me was the way that they have all kept in touch in spite of leaving Ickford and going to different schools, how eloquent and articulate they all were, how confident and well mannered and how interested they were in the school today. Each one knows what they intend to do next and each one could tell me about their plans. It was a real pleasure to see them and they have given me renewed faith in what we are doing at Ickford.

If this year's leavers follow a similar path, I shall be happy.

Thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. Have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Mr Ronane

## **Awards this week**

### **Music Award**

Issy Parsler, Sam Anzarouth Ella Cooke

### **Head Teacher's Award**

Harrison O'Mahoney, Izzy Saunders, Timothy Issitt, Orla Kerry

### **Achievement Awards**

Freya Weedon  
Oliver Every  
Grace Beckett  
Isabelle Saunders  
William Barber  
Bryony Ellis  
Lucy Hird  
Stella Stanfield  
Eliza Gapper  
Sam Anzarouth  
Faye Kitchen

### **2023 Leavers Awards**

Literacy – Kathryn Hargreaves  
Numeracy – Max Smith, Elle Cooke  
Music – Sophie Vorotyntsova  
Science- Sophie Winspear  
Languages – Brayden O'Malley  
PE- Jago Miller  
Latin – Max Smith, Ella Cooke

### **Laar Award 2023**

Max Smith



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