

Ickford News

Many thanks to everyone who turned up on Wednesday to meet their class teacher, by all accounts these meetings were successful.

When I spoke to parents beforehand, I tried to emphasise the importance of being aligned with our school ethos and what we are trying to achieve namely, a really good education for all of the children in our care. Schools bring together a collection of different individuals with a variety of tastes, beliefs and values and I recognise that many in my profession work a great deal trying to keep everyone happy. I have learned over time that, you can't achieve this so instead, we set out quite clearly what we want and rely on those who send their children here, to recognise what we consider important and supporting us in our endeavours.

The great start I mentioned last week has continued and I must admit to being blown away by the new Reception children. I had imagined a difficult week but they have taken it in their stride and are now demanding to join in assembly. It is clear that this group are going to keep us all on our toes simply through having such a thirst for knowledge and an enthusiasm for learning.

The Secondary transfer tests (Eleven Plus) took place this week and are, thankfully, now completed for the year. I am sure that the children who took the test will have given a good account of themselves and I hope that those who are keen to pass will get the marks they desire. I know that many will not be concerned about whether they pass or not and I think we are lucky to have some very good comprehensive and independent schools relatively close by. It is a fact that, most of the children who leave us this year will go on to Oxfordshire Secondary schools as is the case of those who have gone before them, so I think it is a positive thing that Tim Martin, Head of Wheatley Park Secondary School, is coming in to talk to and answer questions from parents on Monday evening. This session is open to all parents but it is not something to bring children to. I am sure Tim would not thank me if he had to face a barrage of questions from under 11s about mobile phones and pizza lunches!

Please excuse the look of the front of the school at the moment, I am trying to get the new fencing erected and the courtyard back in order but I am facing some delays. There are a number of jobs to be done around the site that I hope to get ticked off before half term ready for the installation of our brand new canopy areas. I need to get everything completed ready to show potential new parents around some of whom are already phoning up to arrange a visit. It is disconcerting to think that having just welcomed one new year in, I am forced to think about the next!

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Awards this week

French Award

Freya Jones, Oliver Evemy, Ethan Crispin, Andrew Robinson, Pippa Hunting

Latin Award

Emily Aspden

German Award

Oliver Jolliffe, Emily-Jay Friday

Music Award

Alex Nicholls, Willa Goode, Phoebe Gapper, Zak Flood, Molly Harding

PE Award

Molly Parry, Finlay Bennett, Fred Ellis, Xavier Flood, Wilf Evans, Frank Wilkinson, Emily Coxon, Thomas Ansell, Poppie Klein

Head Teacher's Award

Alex Nicholls, Willa Goode, Wilf Evans, Asees Samrai, Jacob Dungey

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