

# Ickford News

In spite of a rather testing early morning, it was a real pleasure to see our youngest children joining the Celebration Assembly this week. It is not the first time (and will not be the last) that being surrounded by great children has reminded me why I do what I do and reassured me that the world is a good place.

As I alluded to last week, the new children in Reception are a making a great start and I was very fortunate to have spent time in the classroom this week with them and the children in Year 1. In fact, I was sent for because they had CCTV evidence of the Gingerbread Man and his motely crew having broken into the school at night in order to cause some havoc in the classroom! The children were clearly not happy and very forthright in their determination to bring the culprits to justice. I was very impressed by their ideas for setting a trap for the crumbly crew and feel reassured that we have a cohort of law-abiding detectives, intent on making the school a safe place. Of course, it is important to recognise the part that Officers, Cashmore, Snell, Woodley and Cooper have played in this crime scene. Their support and creative thinking have given the children in class 1 some really great learning experiences this week.

Somebody else working tirelessly for the children is Mrs Ellis who, beyond her role in Class 2, is also our librarian (yes, the Book Fairy). Please check out the website and our connection with the Book House in Thame to see how you can support our school library and help in providing new reading books for the children. Reading, is the cornerstone of everything we do and, success in this is fundamental in the child's positive journey through school. If you are keen to know how you can help your child in this area, please come along on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm for our session on Phonics and Learning to Read. Hopefully, both myself and Mrs Cashmore can give you something to take away and use in partnership with us and for the benefit of your children.

I know that Jackie (the PTA fairy) and Tank (perhaps not quite as fairy like) will also be looking for some support this year so this is a plea on their behalf for parents to step up and help with the fundraising events coming up. Whilst the PTA has a committee, it is *not* the PTA. Every parent, by having a child in the school, is a member of the PTA and, as such is entitled to attend meetings, vote on committee membership and, most importantly of all, help out. The money raised by the PTA is some of our most important funding and always goes towards things that have a direct impact on the children at the school. Last year the money raised helped purchase our new PE storage as well as funding school trips, subsidising Science Week and providing our library systems and MyMaths subscription. Sadly, we don't have a Michelin starred Chef on board anymore (although Messrs Reeve and Younis look to be liable replacements) but I am sure there are plenty of you with hidden talents and a desire to get involved, don't be shy!

Earlier in the week, we had the visit of Mr Tim Martin the Headteacher of Wheatley Park Secondary School who spoke to a decent number of parents who came along to listen and to ask questions. Of course, I am grateful to Tim for coming along but, as a school, we have no particular allegiance to any other institution and make no recommendations as far as where the Ickford children go on to. All I can hope is that we try and have some influence on what the Secondary Schools offer by consistently promoting high standards in all subjects

and in all areas of school life. Our children work hard and learn lots and I am determined to ensure that they leave Ickford adding value to wherever they choose to go on to. It is already clear that this tradition is set to continue, that is as long as the Gingerbread Gang are captured before causing too much disruption.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

## **Awards this week**

### **French Award**

Alex Nicholls, Oliver Atkins, Stella Anzarouth, Beatrice Beckett, Evie Evans

### **Latin Award**

Orla Kerry

### **German Award**

Poppie Klein

### **Music Award**

Jesse Jones, Freya Weeden, Issy Saunders, Anabel Stevens, Oliver Jolliffe

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

Gracie Gill, Jacob Alfrey, Isabella Saunders, Harry Middleton, Stella Stanfield

### **PE Award**

Molly Harding, Pippa Hunting, Dylan O'Mahoney, Annabel Neal, Alfie Peck

## **Sponsors**

Please get in touch if you are interested in joining this group.



**ICKFORD PTA**

**Cafe**  
*in the*  
**Park**

***Ickford Pavilion***  
***Fridays 3.30 - 4.30***  
***during term time***



**Cash**  
*Or*  
**Card**

# WALK & TALK PHYSIO CLINIC SHABBINGTON TUES 26TH SEPT 9.15AM

Free guided community walk,  
talk all-things-physio, and a casual cuppa after  
with Chartered Physiotherapist **Lisa Kerry**.



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Postcode: HP18 9HJ

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Depart from the car park 9.15am, walk approx 75 mins and a cuppa  
in the pub after. All welcome.

Please wear clothes and footwear suitable for field conditions

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**LISA KERRY**

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details of upcoming walks in Thame & the  
surrounding villages.

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