

Ickford News

What's App groups and a few individual parents are having a negative impact on staff and children. I respect everyone's right to an opinion and to the use of social media but I would prefer those who choose to make public their opinions about the school on What's App to arrange a meeting with me because, as I said, it is having a negative impact and I have a duty of care to staff and children.

Hopefully, you have all enjoyed a relatively celebratory weekend of bonfires and fireworks without any accidents. Gone are the days I remember when children had to be satisfied with a 'sparkler' in the garden and trying to write your name in the dark although, perhaps that was only the Catholic kids like me whose parents felt Guy Fawkes was a hero rather than enemy of the state!

Some of you will know that we had our very own 'fire starter' on Friday evening when DJ Harrell managed to empty the building with his over enthusiastic use of the smoke machine at the Halloween Disco! Thankfully, although not without some difficulty, I was able to silence the alarms and the party was able to carry on amidst a dense, disco lit fog.

Spirits (literally) were not dampened by the interruption and before long parents in attendance were able to return to the Class 2 lounge bar and their glasses of wine while those more inclined to a 'boogie' tripped the light fantastic with the children. I tried to keep my distance as no-one wants their Headteacher hanging around when they are about to throw a few shapes hoping to impress their peers but, from what I saw, it was a real success and all of the children seemed to be enjoying themselves.

This was a great effort from the PTA. Not just the committee, but the many parents who helped set up, decorate, run the bar and clear away. Events like this not only help to create a community but money raised, really goes a long way to improving the environment. You can see the impact of fundraising in the new canopy outside of classes 1 and 2 and hopefully we can make further improvements assisted by PTA funds from the Disco. Thank you so much and special thanks to DJ Harrell who is completely forgiven!

The highlight of my week was the Athletics Club after school on Thursday. At the moment, I am quite involved on the 'coal face' with the children either teaching or with clubs and sometimes, I find it hard not to think about the work being put off in the office but when the children are buzzing and really supportive of each other there is nowhere I would rather be. It was a damp, cold autumn evening but we all went for a run around the village and several children really pushed themselves to go, as they say, the extra mile, literally! We finished with team relays and had a lot of fun cheering each other on.

I am hoping we can enter the County Cross Country again this year and go with a strong team. It will take effort and resilience to get fit enough not just to make up the numbers but to have a chance of taking home a trophy but, judging by the attitude of the after-school club, team Ickford is in a good place.

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Awards this Week

French Award

Otis Woods, Vika Hardy, Melek Younis, Thomas Betteley, Aiden Barnes

Latin Award

Evie Evans

German Award

James Harris

Music Award

Jack Evans, Michaela Mbofana, Georgina Preston, Beau Marriott

PE Award

Jack Beckett, Maya Warren, Robyn Barnes, Issy Parsler, Bruce Dingle, Ronin Reeve, Ella-Rose Cantwell Wilkinson, Asees Samrai, Edward Pentecost, Jackson Marriott, Eliza Gapper, Faye Kitchen

Head Teacher's Award

Jack Beckett, Zeynep Konak, Xavier Flood, Mataio Fatialofa, Thomas Ansell-Hawes

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