

Ickford News

I have made a promise to Mrs Snell (Mrs Snail to Class 1) not to begin this newsletter with anything other than joyful news and witty repartee so, this may be an opportune time to extol the virtues of the wonderful lady in question. The Wednesday Club with Mrs Snell is one of the first tickets to sell when Parentmail opens that golden window of opportunity each half term and it is rapidly becoming the 'favourite' thing to do in school for some.

I would be quite certain that I speak for every member of our team at Ickford when I say, Mrs Snell brings a great deal to the proverbial table not only through her endeavours in Class 1, where she is the 'go to' person for humour, love and support, but also with her wit, charm and razor-sharp perception when amongst us mere mortals. Boots' loss was certainly our gain although their profits have soared due to the number of painkillers I have to purchase to alleviate the headaches she gives me!

Unlike Mrs Snell, the weather this week has not put much of a smile on our faces and a great deal of 'wet play' has taken place. I have been impressed by the resilience of the classes that I teach PE to though, because the cold and wet did not appear to impact on enthusiasm. Rugby (God's own game) is on the menu at the moment for KS 2 classes and I am impressed by how quickly some of the children have taken to the challenge of passing backwards to go forwards.

Once again, I must also give a 'shout out' (I am so modern) to the Athletics Club this week who braved the rain and the cold with me to run again. This week we included the new Deansfield development on our course and, having completed a circuit, we were cheered on past the Rising Sun as we jogged along undeterred by driving rain.

The league fixtures for our KS2 Netball teams have now been published and we have some first round games against big schools in Aylesbury coming up quite quickly. Every year, the competition seems to get tougher and a return to individual league fixtures this year rather than playing a number of shorter matches in a tournament style, is, in my opinion much better for the children. They will play longer matches and it will give them the opportunity to prepare for different teams as well as adapt their strategy according to the strengths of the opposition and what is happening in the match.

Netball is a big deal for us and having won the County Championship on a number of occasions and only missing out in the final last year, the squad feel the pressure but relish the opportunity to keep up our tradition and of course, make the wall! (The Sports Hall wall of fame) It would be great to get some more support at home fixtures so I shall be posting the dates and inviting anyone who would like to see the team play, to come along. Who knows? Maybe Mrs Snell will make a guest appearance!

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Awards this Week

French Award

Edward Evemy, Freya Weeden, Edward Nicholls, Dylan O'Mahoney, Stella Stanfield

Latin Award

James Harris

German Award

Jackson Marriott

Music Award

Drew Wyse, Molly Parry, Beatrix Walters, Thomas Betteley, Orla Kerry

PE Award

Gracie Gill, William Jones, Elsie Thomas, Ella Aben, Oliver Aspden, Zak Flood, Jack Turner, Faye Kitchen, Poppie Klein

Head Teacher's Award

Freya Jones, Elise Thomas, Jude Barnes, Issy Parsler, Pippa Hunting

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