

Ickford News

I need to write this newsletter in time to get to the gym and then home for the Rugby.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Unfortunately, as I expect the children to make an effort with their writing, I have to set a good example and do the same!

Hopefully, many of you will have noticed that we have managed to get the outside of class 1 renewed and finished in a wet pour safety surface. In addition, I managed to dig out underneath the climbing wall last weekend in order to install the same surface there, although sadly not in Ickford green. The new surfacing has, in my opinion, not only made things safer but also helped ensure that the school environment looks clean and orderly and somewhere the children enjoy spending their time.

We are on a roll and I am really hopeful of sharing more good news in the not too distant future, that we will be able to renew the sports hall floor in this academic year as well. It may mean a ban on stiletto heels (Mme Basnett) but it should mean many more years of children being able to enjoy a really good facility that enhances our curriculum.

The impact of having a decent playground and sports hall was very evident yesterday afternoon when, I travelled with the Netball team, and some supportive parents, to Thomas Hickman School in Aylesbury for a league match. Disaster struck earlier in the day when Captain Faye Kitchen had to go home after suddenly falling ill but luckily our Vice-Captain, Molly Harding, stepped up to the plate and led the team to another victory. It was not easy as the court surface was pretty rough, the goal rings misshapen and the opposition full of determination to go for the ball and upset the rhythm of play. It was good for the Ickford players to have to overcome a more physical opposition than they have had to so far and it will hold them in good stead for the future. Anyone who imagines Netball to be an easy game, needs to watch it and understand the fine line between contact and contest! In spite of the challenges, the team won 14 – 1 with Iyla Hitchcock awarded player of the match by the opposition.

Next Wednesday morning, (Starting at 9.30 am) I am hoping we can hold the House Cross Country competition in the fields behind Ickford Village Post Office. All of the children will take part and everyone will pick up points for their houses. We shall have two or three different course lengths and parents will be welcome to come and cheer the children on. I shall send out final information via Parentmail.

Forgive me if this Newsletter is short and sweet but sometimes one has to accept that Rugby is God's own game and, although I am no angel, he/she insists that I watch!

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Awards this Week

French Award

Jack Beckett, Anna Roberts, Wilfred Evans, Matilda Ousley, Emily Jay-Friday

Latin Award

Iyla Hitchcock

German Award

Molly Harding

Music Award

Rogan Reeve, Vika Hardy, Stella Anzarouth, George Jones, Evie Evans

PE Award

Annabelle Whittall, George Middleton, Michaela Mbofana, Wilfred Evans, Asees Samrai, Emily Coxon, Aiden Barnes, Stanley Johnson

Head Teacher's Award

Lizzy Landragan, Molly Parry, Annabel Neal, Beatrice Johnson, Jackson Marriot

News from the Office

Warm school coats are available for £20 each.

Parent evenings take place on February 5th and 6th

It is only permissible to wear school hats – please see website for uniform policy.

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