

Ickford News

If I was able to capture the essence of the week we have had, I would bottle it and sell it to other schools. It is public knowledge that most parents are relieved to be able to send the children back to school but not many will understand the pleasure it has given the staff, including me, at Ickford. I suppose some teachers and school leaders may not be as enamoured as we are to be back but they don't work here so I don't mind.

The class teachers have reviewed the learning that took place at home and not one child failed to make the effort to complete it. This is testimony to the determination of the children and the parents for supporting them and I thank you all. Your efforts will go a long way to ensuring that any lapse in progress and development is surmountable providing we can maintain the health and morale of the team and the support they need.

Whilst teachers were happy to be back in front of their pupils teaching live lessons again, I was just happy to be enjoying 'sponge ball' club with the children in Reception. It is fascinating to watch children when they are given 30 sponge balls and space. Some will kick them, some will carry them, some try to line them up and some try to collect as many as they can in a corner suffering the frustration of losing one every time they turn their back. It was so much fun that Year 6 demanded that they have a lunchtime 'sponge ball' club as well (which took place today) no variation there though. They just picked the balls up and threw them at each other! Two Badminton clubs, Rugby, Running, Sponge Ball, and of course Netball have kept me on my toes this week and provided some welcome respite from the computer screen but they have been my happy space and I am delighted they are back.

Unfortunately, the weather has tried hard to literally 'rain on the parade' this week and

after a promising Monday and Tuesday, ruined the rest of the week. Nonetheless, I am praying for a sunny day tomorrow so that the Street Food Pop Up is a success and meals in boxes don't get soaked. Nobody wants a soggy Beef Wellington. Thanks to everyone who has supported this fundraiser with such generosity. We open at 12.00 midday for street food and for the meal collection so come at anytime after that and before closing at 6.00 pm. If you have ordered and paid for a meal, I believe it is just a case of ticking you on the list and sending you on your way to warm the oven. Anyone coming for street food please social-distance and bring cash!

On a slightly less happy note, next week would have been our residential visit to Normandy in France and I am desperately sad for the children in Years 5 and 6 who have missed out this year. We are going to do our best to make it up to them and we are planning some themed weeks between now and the summer starting with Shakespeare week beginning on Monday and including a Science week and an Outdoor week later in the year.

Hopefully, we will return to France next year providing the pandemic permits it and Brexit does not make it complicated. We have to go other wise we risk Mme Basnett losing some of her, 'je ne sais quoi' and 'Va va vroom'! She comes into her own during the Ickford invasion of France, like an English Joan of Arc really!

Finally, it was great to have a celebration assembly this morning after so long. This is often a highlight to the week and new staff members were quite taken with the children and some of the little things that have become tradition. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we see parents back to celebrate with us.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office



This Weeks Celebration Assembly Hall of Fame

Dates for your diary...

13 th March	Fine Dining Day
15 th March	Shakespeare Week
31 st March	Last Day of Term

School Lottery

A winner within school every week!

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ickford-school>



Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your child's place for breakfast club with the school office by Friday at midday for the following week.

Uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform have your child's name on please. This makes it easier to reunite children with their missing clothing.

These children exceeded expectations during the period of home schooling.

Stella Anzerouth, Henry Preston, Annabel Neal, William Barber, Jasper Fletton, Mia Makris, Harry Middleton, Emily-Jay Friday
Molly Harding, Neve Woodley, Sophie Winspear, Kathryn Hargreaves, Amelia Hargreaves, Chloe Makris, Matilda Stow, Sophie Crafts, Brayden O'Malley, Max Smith, Megan Jones, Jake Fletton, Pippa Harding, Zara Smith, Eleanor Hagues, Roxie Wakelin.

This Week's Awards

Music Award:

Stella Anzarouth
Zak Flood

PE Award:

Oliver Aspden
Charlotte Wallace
Amelia Hargreaves
Chloe Makris
Jake Fletton

French Award:

Edward Nicholls
Edward Pentecost
James Harris

Harry Johnston

William Edmans

Deutsch Award:

Oscar Neal

Latin Award:

Jake Fletton

Headteacher's Award:

Teddy Merritt

William Barber

Sophie Winspear

Ben Readman

Finlay Addis