

# Ickford News

If, unlike me, you managed to get to the Celebration Assembly on Friday, you will have seen Edward Nicholls congratulated for his recent domination of the National Cycling U9 Championships. Edward has had to overcome some challenges with illness in the past few weeks making his achievements even more incredible and I am delighted for him that he was able to compete and continue winning wearing the colours of Ickford School. A future Tour De France winner? Bien sur!

Pierre de Coubertin, father of the modern Olympics, coined the phrase, "it's the taking part that counts" and I agree, there is great pleasure in taking part in something and we must not be deterred from taking part just because we may not win. Nevertheless, winning feels good and, when you have worked really hard to achieve success, not quite making it hurts.

So, spare a thought for our girl's cricket team who came third in the County Finals this week having lost one group game (to the eventual winners) by just a few runs only to find that the semi-final format which would have kept them in with a chance, was cancelled. This despite the fact that the boy's competition stuck to the format with first from each group playing second from the other group and the girls had to simply accept the fact that the boys were deemed more important. To add insult to injury (and I did think that our very own South African firebrand might just have clumped him!) one male spectator thought it sensible to tell Mrs Ellis how 'nice it was to see the girls playing proper cricket'.

We have no choice but to move on but I can't help but feel desperately sad for some of our year six girls who have been so unlucky this year just missing out on the Netball and now the Cricket at County level. Faye, Molly, Iyla and Stella in particular have been at Ickford since Reception and have collected winners' medals in different sports throughout their time here but I know that they wanted to leave the school as champions.

Our last chance of interschool silverware comes on Monday evening when we go to Stoke Mandeville Stadium to try and win the District Athletics for the third time in a row. If anyone is in Aylesbury on Monday evening looking for entertainment, I can promise an exciting evening if you want to come along and cheer the team on. There are no individual medals but points are awarded to every athlete according to where they finish and then the cumulative score is totted up at the end to determine the overall winner. It is the ultimate team event and one to which almost every member of staff comes to as well. C'mon Ickford!

I started with a Nicholls and will finish with one. Thank you, Mrs Nicholls, for organising a really great session of German language learning with students from Lord Williams's School who came to us this week and worked with Class 5. It was great to see the young people working together and Mme Basnett looking on with pride although, Frau Basnett doesn't have the same ring to it!

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

## **Awards this Week**

### **French Award**

Matilda Atkins, Frederick Dedman, Beatrix Walter, Georgina Preston, Oliver Jolliffe, Orla Kerry

### **Latin Award**

Sam Anzarouth

### **German Award**

Jackson Marriott, Molly Harding

### **Music Award**

Tobi Wood, Freddie Williams, Edward Nicholls, Lucy Hird, Beau Marriott

### **PE Award**

Henry Hurn, Finlay Bennett, Melek Younis, Harry Weeden, Georgina Preston, Thomas Ansell-Hawes, Evie Evans

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

Gracie Gill, Anna Roberts, Asiya Hassine, Jack Turner, Beau Marriott

## **Key Dates**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	District Athletics
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	KS1 Recorder Assembly
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Final Celebration Assembly
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Afternoon Class 4/5 play (2pm)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Evening Class 4/5 play (7pm)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers Assembly (11am)
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term

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