

Ickford News

It is still early in the week and I have experienced war, love, honour and betrayal! It usually takes at least half a term for this but the children in Classes 4 and 5 managed to bring all these to our stage last night when they performed the Heroes of Troy.

This year's ends of term production marked the directorial debut of Mme Basnett supported by Miss Daly and it was certainly a memorable occasion. The audience were, quite literally, drawn into the Aegean Sea and the surrounding hills of ancient Greece such was the artistry of the fantastic back drop created by Miss Hudson ably assisted by Miss Cooper. It was a real tragic/comedy performance with some stand out acting and great singing.

My emotions were challenged as the script dealt with some rather 'adult' themes and interlaced them with humour and some rather heavy-duty music straight from Madame's record collection! (You may have to explain to your children what this is) Then, just when I thought I had the plot sussed, all of the cast started to perform in Latin! Is there no end to their talents?

As an end to the penultimate day of the academic year, it could not have been much better and I can only express a huge thank you to everyone involved, including Mrs Woods and Mrs Tinkler who served Pimm's to the guests before the performance and soft drinks to the children afterwards.

I was slightly disappointed that the idyllic backdrop was removed for the Leaver's Assembly this morning. I quite fancied making a speech in front of an azure blue sea with white velvet clouds but more austere surroundings were necessary to add gravitas to our last show piece for this Year 6.

They have been a wonderful group and I have known most of them since they joined in the Early Years. There have been additions along the way but every child seems to have added something and ensured that this year 6 have retained a unique character distinctly their own. Their academic prowess has been marked by their successful end of year SATs results as well as the number of the group who passed the eleven plus and their sporting talent has also been documented in these pages throughout the year. Nevertheless, it is their simple enthusiasm for learning and for each other that is the stand out characteristic for me. I hope that they will remain friends and take away some fond memories of their time here.

It has been another successful year but not without its challenges. We have managed to keep smiling throughout a rather damp, dismal summer and to deliver a pretty packed year of extra-curricular activities. These are exciting times as we do not know what a change in Government is going to mean for a small Academy such as Ickford but, with the continued support of the parents and such a strong team of staff, I am prepared for any challenges that may come my way.

I am privileged to be the Headteacher and I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday.

Mr Ronane



The Heroes of Troy

Ickford School

2024

Year 6 end of Year Awards

Literacy Award: Emily Aspden

Maths Award: Sam Anzarouth

Science Award: Emily-Jay Friday

Foreign Languages Award: Pippa Hunting

Music Award: Orla Kerry

History Award: James Harris

PE Award: Faye Kitchen & Molly Harding

Latin Award: Sam Anzarouth, Orla Kerry, Emily Aspden

The winner of the Laar Award 2024

Faye Kitchen

Key Dates

The children return to school on Wednesday September 4th

Many thanks to everyone who has sponsored the school this year. Your generosity has enabled us to put on a variety of events and to provide better resources for the children.

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