

Ickford News

Our first full week is completed and I am acutely aware that there is, “no rest for the wicked”. I spent some evenings up to my knees in the proverbial **** when I made the foolish decision to clean out the school pond underestimating the amount of mud and detritus that can accumulate in a body of water over numerous years. Trust me, people were steering clear of me in the supermarket on the way home! Reformation of the school field is now an ongoing project with the aim of creating a better outdoor learning environment before the new year.

I was delighted with the turn out for the ‘meet the teacher’ session and I hope that those who attended found this useful. I took advantage of the captive audience to reiterate my commitment to an open-door policy and to emphasise that, if you have questions, concerns, need of support or indeed something to offer the school, I am happy to meet with you. I may not be able to guarantee complete satisfaction but I shall try my best to give a reasoned response or sagacious advice.

I have enjoyed being back at Breakfast Club this term and, on most days, we seem to have quite a large group of children from across the year groups. It is a great atmosphere and a real chance for the older children to mix with the younger and to forge friendships. It is also the bastion of emerging talent on the Badminton court and a daily opportunity for ambitious players to hone their skills with their friends.

Our other clubs also began in earnest this week and thankfully, the rain held off for my Athletics Club to go for our first jog around the village this term. Unfortunately, running with children brings into stark perspective the ageing process and there were moments this afternoon when I considered my sanity. The end of session stretch was certainly more for my benefit than the children and I could quite happily have remained prostrate on the sports hall floor for a nap immediately afterwards!

There should not have been many surprises from the teacher meetings especially if you have been here for more than a year. We have a really strong team here but they are also committed to each other and the ethos of the school. I have no doubt they will all have emphasised the need for good attendance and punctuality as well as plenty of reading outside of school to support development. I cannot stress enough the value of reading with and to your children and above that the immeasurable value in having proper conversations with them. The acquisition of great ideas and vocabulary, gleaned from books and strong role models, helps to develop creative and articulate writers.

Finally, the eleven plus tests took place this week and I would imagine that plenty of children are glad they are over. Obviously, I hope that those taking part achieve success but I also know that the alleviation of pressure for some of them will allow them to really engage in the school curriculum and to flourish with Madame Basnett this year. More of her ladyship to follow in future newsletters!

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Anyone looking for a plumber? Please check out our newest sponsor HeatFlow and mention the school when you call them.

Awards this Week

French Award

George Tinkler, Jacob Issitt, Ayaan Hussain, Charlie Kendall, Bea Beckett

German Award

Zak Flood

Music Award

Maya Warren, Lacey McClurg, Oliver Atkins, Stella Anzarouth, Harry Weeden

PE Award

Sebastian Herring, Milly Snelling, Fred Ellis, Elise Thomas, Emily Coxon, Frank Wilkinson

Head Teacher's Award

Ottie Goode, Drew Wyse, Henry Preston, Xavi Flood, Harry Weeden

Important Dates

Friday 20 th September	French Café 08:30
Wednesday 25 th September	Phonics and Reading Workshop 19:00 – 20:00
Thursday 3 rd October	Class 4 Trip to The Ashmolean
Monday 21 st October	Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00

Tuesday 5 th November	Year 5&6 Swimming Starts (6 sessions)
Thursday 21 st November	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 2 nd December	Class 5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Monday 9 th December	Afternoon Showing Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11 th December	Evening Showing Nativity 18:00
Monday 16 th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime
Wednesday 18 th December	Last Day of Term

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