

Ickford News

Last Thursday, Class 4 took a trip back to the time of the Ancient Egyptians via the Ashmolean museum in Oxford. Challenged to search for clues about life in this civilisation by deciphering hieroglyphics and examining genuine artefacts that were 4000 years old, they earned the prestigious title of 'Ancient Egyptian Detectives' from their guide, Lee, who was impressed not only with their behaviour and enthusiasm but also the prior learning brought with them from the classroom. The trip was sure to enhance their History topic by providing an exciting first-hand look at objects from the time and an insight into some ways in which its people were not too different from our own. The addition of the real mummies and a section from a Pharaoh's tomb really provided the 'wow' moments that we hope to gain from a visit outside of school. **Mrs Honey**



That was Mrs Honey reporting following the first outing of the year. The children had a lovely day and I am hoping we can report on many more activities as the weeks go on. If you would like to see more pictures from the trip please go to the Class 4 gallery page on the website.

I was really pleased we were able to hold the session about Reading and Phonics on Wednesday evening as it had been delayed due to the previous week's flood conditions. It was a good turnout and after my short introduction about reading per se, Mrs Cashmore led those present through our synthetic phonics programme. For anyone who would like a refresher or perhaps some who missed the session, we still have a video of Mrs Cashmore

going through the phoneme sounds and corresponding actions, on the website in the Early Years section.

Most of you will have realised that I am passionate about reading and its importance for the children and I am very proud of our constant efforts, led by Mrs Ellis, to maintain a flourishing library in school and to promote reading as a lifelong pastime. It is so important for everyone and, at a time when the secondary schools seem to either be afraid to or simply don't have the time to, continue to teach children to read or to encourage reading beyond an exam syllabus, we have a duty to ensure our children learn to read and to read fluently before leaving us.

I was delighted that so many teachers and teaching assistants came along to the session (even though they have done so several times) and to see several of our, 'parent readers' attending to brush up their phonic knowledge. These parents who give up a little time each week to come in to school and listen to a group of children read, are integral to our success and I can't thank them enough (more welcome). However, just because they are listening to and supporting your children alongside teachers, it does not mean you can absolve yourselves of the task at home! As JK Rowling said, *I will defend the importance of bedtime stories to my last gasp.*"

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Awards the Week

French Award

Lily McClurg, Ottie Goode, Freya Jones, ZuZu Younis, Jacob Issitt, Anna Roberts, Teddy Barber, Vika Hardy, Babs Smith, Stella Anzarouth, Jack Turner

German Award

Dylan O'Mahoney

Latin Award

George Jones, Bea Beckett

Music Award

Freya Jones, Matilda Atkins, George Middleton, Izzy Saunders, Zak Flood

PE Award

Emmet Choi, Boden Crispin, Jacob Brookfield, Zeynep Konak, Ethan Crispin, Izzy Saunders, Luke Dungey, Michaela Mbofana, William Barber, Harry Weeden, Thomas Betteley

Head Teacher's Award

Niven Borthwick, Matilda Atkins, Edie Turner, William Barber, Harry Middleton

Important Dates

Monday 21st October	Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00
Wednesday 23rd October	Parents Evening 16:00 – 19:00
Tuesday 5th November	Year 5&6 Swimming Starts (6 sessions)
Thursday 21st November	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 2nd December	Class 5 Trip to Bletchley Park
Monday 9th December	Afternoon Showing Nativity 14:00
Wednesday 11th December	Evening Showing Nativity 18:00
Monday 16th December	KS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 18th December	Whole School Trip to Pantomime
Wednesday 18th December	Last Day of Term



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