

Lickford News

Last Saturday's lunch (Crunchy Nut Cornflakes) followed by a dismal display of Rugby didn't quite match up to the week before. It's funny how a Beef Wellington and a Truffle Arancini can linger so long in the memory!

Fear not anyone else for whom a beef roll will never be the same again, I met with Larry for a coffee (socially distanced) and we have hatched a plan for another evening of culinary delight on November 27th! Chicken Katsu, Loin of Venison, Dorset Crab and Caviar have already been dropped into the suggested 5-course tasting menu so put the date in your diary and be ready to book early as soon as I can finalise the details. Hopefully, the lockdown restrictions will have been relaxed to the point where we can, at last, enjoy a celebratory evening together and few glasses of wine.

School has been busy and most children seem to be comfortable back in our well-established routines that enable a secure and equitable learning environment. Behind the scenes the teachers and I continue to develop our own practice and we are currently researching, discussing and designing strategies to support the range of different needs that arise in children. It is great to have a team that has embraced a culture of 'trying to be better' who are not afraid to be academics and to engage in theoretical debate. I have been in several staff rooms where the staff would have happily handed me had I requested a review of research!

One of the highlights of the week was the chance to get out onto the field with the children in Class 5 to begin some landscaping and gardening tasks. They are certainly not afraid to get their hands dirty and were quite happy carrying cement, digging post holes and drilling holes. Some even coped with the

rusty saw that we must replace before next time. Although, I am obviously very safety conscious, I do like to let the children get involved and enjoy watching them problem solve together. I know that they are keen to start planting but there is more work to be done before we can get to that stage and I shall be handing that over to the seed sowing department. I will then quietly join the, 'eat the produce team', difficult I know but someone has to do it!



The link below will lead you to a letter from the Secretary of State for Education to the young people of the country. I must admit I find the use of the term 'young people' quite patronising and bizarre and wonder why we can't still refer to children as...children.

If adults took a bit more responsibility for the care and guidance of children and the preservation of 'childhood', then maybe we would not have the volume of 'young people' struggling with mental health issues. However, I shall bite my tongue and respect the note of thanks sent and simply pass it on.

<https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/03/26/a-letter-to-young-people-from-gavin-williamson-mp-secretary-of-state-for-education/>

Please remember that next week is not actually a week but 3 days and we shall be closed to children on Thursday for the start of the Easter Holiday. It has possibly arrived a bit too early if I am honest and some children would benefit from a little longer in the school environment having missed so much. Nonetheless, I am confident that, in spite of another break, we shall see them return later in April with as much enthusiasm and determination as we did in March.

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

1 st April	Inset Day
2 nd April	Bank Holiday
5 th April	Bank Holiday
6 th -16 th April	Easter Holiday
28 th April	Netball Festival

School Lottery

If you have not yet signed up, this is a really good fundraiser for the school.

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. Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.

Uniform

Please make sure that you put your child's name clearly on every article of clothing and shoes so that we can return lost items.

Gym Club

Please ensure that any children attending the MPDA Gym Club wear appropriate clothing for a sport's club and, in the interests of health and safety, have hair tied up. We have been in consultation with MPDA about this.



This Week's Celebration Assembly

Eleanor Hagues

Hall of Fame:

Sponsors

Music Award:

Luke Dungey

Matilda Ousley

Frankie O'Kennedy

Rose Dighton

Zara Luckhurst

PE Award:

Beatrix Walters

Andrew Robinson

Lyla Gill

Jacob Dungey

Jago Miller

Phoebe Boardman

Noah Samuel

French Award:

Charles Kendall

Morgan Parkes

Harvey Chapman

Sophie Crafts

Lucas Jayasekara

Zara Luckhurst

Latin Award:

Cassie O'Kennedy

Headteachers Award:

Luna Russell-Dyson

Florianne Palanca

Sophie Vorotyntsova

Anna Kerry



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