

## Ickford News

'To thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.' Being true to myself therefore, trust me when I offer sincerest thanks to everyone who supported last weekend's Fine Dining experience and Street Food venture. Not only was it a great day for me and the school, judging by the amount of feedback that has been received, it was a resounding success and the quality of the food satisfied even the most discernible of palates! I have of course thanked Larry and his team as well as star Chef Lucas and his Mum (Karen) without whom nothing would have been possible. It is, I imagine, extremely rare that someone would think the quality of a purchase so good, that they pay twice which is exactly what a local resident did! All I ask now is that when Larry opens his own restaurant, as many of us as possible head there to support him.

I have to mention a fantastic co-incidence that Larry discovered and informed me of his week and that bowled me over. The Sales Director of H G Walters, the supplier of the wonderful beef is a man who I taught when he was in Primary School in London. It is a small world and I feel very old! Fortunately, he said I was, "The best teacher he ever had" so I am taking that one and putting everything down to Karma!

I began with Shakespeare because the great Bard has been the focus of learning this week throughout each year group. I was delighted that awards in every class were given to the 'Shakespearean of the Week', and that so many of the Golden Book dispatches were to do with enthusiasm, effort and success in Shakespeare themed activities. It just goes to show that, in the right environment, children can still be inspired by the past and by language and literature. There has been some good writing but, more importantly perhaps,

some good drama opportunities (including watching Romeo and Juliette) that have identified several budding thespians! One task, that I thought was fairly challenging, was for the children to create a contemporary explanation of the phrase, "To thine own self be true" and I am hoping to publish some of the responses on the school website.

I really enjoyed teaching PE this week and tried to make up some of the lost gymnastics' curriculum. This is a tough discipline but I was impressed by every class and every pupil who showed great determination and courage, two of the fundamental attributes needed to be a gymnast.

It is interesting to be back teaching PE again as it is sometimes thought of as a bit of extra playtime and not really a 'subject'. I need to point out that this is not the case, and PE is as important to us as any other area of the curriculum. I would like to remind everyone of the need to follow our PE kit policy carefully particularly in terms of shorts and footwear. Furthermore, if a child is not fit to take part, please ensure that you write in to school explaining the reason. If a child has any injury that is in the process of healing, they should not take part in PE until it is properly healed. I can't permit a child to take part with the caveat, 'as long as they take it easy' because this places too much responsibility on staff and on the other children taking part. They are either fit enough to take part fully or should be excused.

Next week, I am taking Year 6 out for a landscaping afternoon on the school field. I am hoping that our outcomes (very teacher of me) will include a new fence and new raised beds so fairly high expectations of them. Now Shakespeare said, "Expectation is the root of all heartache" so look out for a broken man!

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Inset Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Bank Holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Bank Holiday
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Begins

## School Lottery

**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>



## Covid-19

Just a reminder that we are still under several restrictions and the large majority of our staff have not yet been vaccinated against Covid-19. It is important to keep protecting our staff members particularly as so many of them are unlikely to be vaccinated for several months yet.

Please avoid close proximity and ensure that you make an appointment if you need to come in to the school.

## Eggs

Class 1 sell our fresh eggs for £1 per half dozen each Friday after school.

## This Weeks Celebration Assembly Hall of Fame:

### Music Award:

Alistair Robinson  
Isabelle Parsler  
Kathryn Hargreaves  
Matilda Stow  
Roxanne Wakelin

### PE Award:

Elizabeth Smith  
Isabelle Parsler  
Anabel Stevens  
Sophie Winspear  
Louis Raeburn  
Frankie O'Kennedy  
Tiana Mose-Dixon

Amber Chadbone  
Rose Dighton  
Zara Smith  
Alexander Snell

### French Award:

Xavier Flood  
Zak Flood  
Frankie O'Kennedy  
Chloe Makris

### Latin Award:

Finlay Addis

### Shakespearean of the Week:

Melek Younis  
Beatrice Beckett  
Sam Anzarouth  
Henry Johnston  
Brayden O'Malley  
Finlay Addis  
Jake Fletton  
Pippa Harding

(No Deutsch Award this week and also no French award for class 5)

## Sponsors

I would like to make a special mention of **Meglio** this week, suppliers of home fitness equipment and physiotherapy equipment. They have made some really generous

donations to our school this year and last so please check out their website.

<https://mymeglio.com/>



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