

Ickford News

At last, we have finally managed to get some sport back into the calendar and, although those in high places can't seem to get their act together yet, we did get a team out to compete last Wednesday and we shall have all of Years 1 and 2 out on Monday to play cricket.

My apologies to the infant parents for the very short notice but trust me, we only received the information at the last minute and I really did not want to miss the opportunity for the children to get a day out having some fun. If you are reading this and have not replied to the request for permission yet, then please email Mrs Vickers in the office who is standing by this weekend to finalise the lists.

On Wednesday it was our Netball team in action and for those who do not know (yet) we have, in the last decade built up a strong reputation for Netball at Ickford and competitive games are the elixir we thrive on. At this stage in the year we would normally hope to have got through the Area competition and to be competing in Regional finals or preparing for County finals but Covid put pay to this both last year and this. Nonetheless, the Sports Partnership announced an Area tournament would take place after all only to cancel it at the last minute. Objections all round saw the event rescheduled for Wednesday but with the proviso that entered schools would be seeded and rather than play in a round robin format, we would play our strongest rivals in a full four x 7-minute quarter game. Ickford vs Brill (29- 0)

Such is our enthusiasm for the game, we also have a senior club that acts as a pathway for girls (sadly the boys have to stop at Secondary School) who want to continue playing with their Ickford friends and other girls in the junior and adult leagues. Our current Senior

team boasts a number of ex Ickford girls some of whom have also been selected to play for the County. In addition, we have past pupils going even further having been selected for franchise academies attached to the professional Super League, most notably Mme Basnett's daughter Charlotte who we all hope to see in an England kit one day.

As I am championing Ickford's sporting girls, I should give a mention to Amelia Gleed who was a member of our 2016 Area and Regional winning teams (lost in the County Final by 1 goal) and is now rowing for Headington Girls School and hoping to make the boat for the National Championships at Dorney this year. We wish her every success.

I must just flag up the importance of our school uniform and the need for several parents to go on to the website and revise the requirements for the summer. It is all there in black and white for the boys, who should be in shorts and the girls who should be in gingham and grey. We have a uniform and we have always been clear that it must be worn. There has been a period of time when I know it has been difficult to get items due to the shops being closed but I think this is coming to an end and things are getting back to normal.

As things do begin to get back to some normality, we will be adding dates to the diary and will try to give as much notice as possible. I met with the School Council today and the unanimous view was that it was great to be back at school amongst friends but we all want to see parents back at Celebration Assemblies and to have a French Café. I was delighted to dine with Council members today as they were so positive about school life. They are going to try and get a piece out in the Newsletter next week so that they can share their views directly.

Have a good weekend

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

10 th May	Cricket Festival Years 1 & 2
19 th May	Tri Golf Festival Years 5 & 6
31 st May - 4 th June	May Half Term
28 th June	Year 6 Longridge Trip
29 th June	Parents Evening
1 st July	Parents Evening
6 th July – 9am	KS1 Recorder Assembly
7 th July	Sports Day
9 th July – 2.30pm	Year 6 Music Recital
12 th July - afternoon	Class 4 & 5 Play
13 th July - evening	Class 4 & 5 Play
14 th July	Year 6 Games
14 th July - overnight	Year 6 Camping
16 th July	Last day of Term



This Week's Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Charles Kendall

Beatrix Holliday

Faye Kitchen

Lucas Jayasekara

Alexander Snell

PE Award:

Isabella Saunders

Zak Flood

Alice Blackwell

Louis Raeburn

Keira Murphy

Jago Miller

Ryan Roberts

Cassie O'Kennedy

French Award:

Henry Preston

Jack Turner

Edward Pentecost

Amelia Hargreaves

Rose Dighton

William Edmans

Latin Award:

Oscar Neal

Headteachers Award:

Sienna Jones

Emily Coxon

James Harris

William Arnold

Noah Samuel

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.

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