

# Ickford News

One film actually missing from the 'guess the film music' section of Friday's quiz night was Chariots of Fire which is a pity because I was humming Vangelis' theme tune most of the week in the build up to the cross country competition on Saturday. I know it's a cliché but the film always come to mind when I am involved in running competitions, not just the music but also the line, "Everyone runs in her own way, or his own way. And where does the power come from, to see the race to its end? From within."

Regardless of how much one trains or how well prepared, distance running always tests the unseen spirit within the athlete. Even at a young age, those who have the necessary mental strength to carry on when it hurts begin to distinguish themselves from others and emerge as potential stars of the future.

Saturday's event at Waddesdon Manor saw some fantastic individual displays as well as a collective team effort that ensured Ickford children took home a fair share of the medals and trophies on offer.

- 20 runners - 11 girls and 9 boys
- 2 first places – Florence Wooten and Louis Parsons
- 6 other finishers in the top ten – Charlie Stow 3<sup>rd</sup>, Anna Kerry 5<sup>th</sup>, Zach Stanfield 6<sup>th</sup>, Jake Fletton 7<sup>th</sup>, Evie Boardman 8<sup>th</sup> and Dylan Sayer 9<sup>th</sup>
- 40% of our runners placed in the top ten (29% in 2018)

Overall, we were runners up in both the boys' and girls' events and were pipped to the overall title by St Michaels School by 4 points. It was a good morning for running

a difficult course and every race averaged more than 70 runners so our children did very well indeed and we are very proud of them. I have to reiterate our thanks to Mrs Vickers who has been running with the team and who also acted as a Marshall at the event. She also picked up the two Runners Up trophies that I left behind a tree when no one was looking! (joking)



**Everyone a winner**

Earlier in the week, there was another test of stamina when Mrs Honey took her class to the Albert Hall for the Echoes Concert. Such is the organisation of this event, that the children leave early in the morning and have to spend all day in rehearsals before actually performing in the evening. This makes it a very long day for the children and the staff that accompany them but they were all present and correct in school the day after so well done. Hopefully, the chance to perform at an iconic venue compensated for any discomfort and the children will have good memories that will last many years.

Thank you to Ben and the PTA for another successful fundraiser on Friday night and thank you for all of those parents who helped behind the scenes. It is very much appreciated.

Mr Ronane

## Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

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| 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                       | Waddesdon Cross<br>Country  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup><br>March | 'Problem Solving Week'      |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> March                       | Problem Solving<br>Workshop |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup><br>March | Y5&6 Residential            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> April<br>9am                 | Class 3 Assembly            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> April<br>8.30am              | French Café                 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> April<br>9am                 | Celebration Assembly        |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> April                        | Inset Day                   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April                       | Inset Day                   |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April                       | Summer Term Begins          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> June<br>6pm                 | Summer Concert              |

### School Lottery

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

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