

Ickford News

We have made it! The end of another academic year for the children (not for the adults just yet) and the sun is shining. There have been some dark clouds hanging over us at times this year and it has often been a challenge but, in the end, we have got here and it is time for the children to switch off and relax for a while.

I am very proud of the staff at Ickford and owe them a great debt of gratitude for their work this year. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that any disruption to children's learning has been minimal and adapted to situations at incredibly short notice all the while, caring for their own families and dealing with the turmoil of everyday life.

For several children this will be their last day at Ickford and I wish every one of them success for the future. The children leaving from Year 6 have, I hope, enjoyed their last couple of weeks when we have managed to have parents amongst us to be able to witness performances and today's Leaver's Assembly. Last week's Latin production of Oedipus slaying the Cyclops was excellent as was the Music recital and today's assembly was a fitting tribute to a group of children who will leave a lasting impression on us all.

The production of Romeo and Juliet that we were able to enjoy this week was another exceptional performance and the acting, singing and dancing were of the highest order. Having not been able to perform last year there was always a heightened sense of trepidation around this year and, when we were struck by Covid in the infants, there were some anxious faces amongst classes 4 and 5. But, as they say, "the show must go on," and thankfully it did.

So did the Year 6 camping evening when Mme Basnett and I were able to enjoy a night under canvas on the school field with the children.

Well, at least she did. Her tent, loaned from a family, had separate rooms, a double skin, front porch and windows. What's more it came with full size, inflatable mattress and was presented to her much as I would imagine the Queen of Sheba was received in the desert at the court of the Hebrew King.

My tent on the other hand, also loaned, was thrown at me, then thrown up in the air so that it 'popped up'! Furnished with some kind of yoga mat, I spent the night, or at least the few hours attributed to sleep, decidedly damp and more akin to a mummified corpse! Nevertheless, great fun was had by all and following games and a BBQ, we were able to sit around the camp fire toasting marshmallows and reflecting on the children's time at Ickford.



One event, hopefully enjoyed by most but disappointedly not by all, that I was really pleased to be able to hold was Sports Day. Once again, I am indebted to a team of staff who are able to interpret in an instant what is in my head but not always best articulated and I apologise to all of them for the stress levels!

Thankfully, the weather was good and being able to use the track at Horspath ensured that at least on one occasion this year, parents could join us. I was amazed with the effort the children put in but not surprised and entertained throughout the day. Thank you to

everyone that came and to the number of you who have sent messages since.



Winners of House Tug of War- Yellow

Finally, we said goodbye to the children in Year 6 this morning, a resilient bunch if ever there was one. They depart for several different Secondary Schools but I have no doubt that they are well equipped for the challenges that lie ahead. They are Ickford children and they will be recognised as such because of their behaviour, attitude to learning, diligence and kindness towards others. Their future schools are lucky to have them and I hope that they will continue to guide them, challenge them and support them in the way that they deserve.

I thank them and their parents for the support over the years and I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone for the patience and support this year. I would also like to thank the Governing Body and the PTA but most of all, I want to thank, again, the staff. They are, without doubt, the best and I am very fortunate to have them as colleagues and friends.

Have a good summer.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office



This Week's Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Kathryn Hargreaves

Isabella Cooke

Abigail Pedder

PE Award:

Grace Beckett

Bruce Dingle

Beatrix Walters

William Barber

Alice Blackwell

Georgina Preston

Harry Weeden

Emily-Jay Friday

Stanley Johnson

Kathryn Hargreaves

Oscar Addis

Chloe Betteley

Alfie North

Alexander Snell

French Award:

William Wallace

Jack Turner

William Barber

Oscar Addis

Chloe Makris

Jake Fletton

Deutsch Award:

Cassie O’Kennedy

Latin Award:

Finlay Addis

Headteachers Award:

Melek Younis

Harry Weeden

Sophie Winspear

Darci Turrell

Jake Fletton

Achievement Award:

Melek Younis

Emily Aspden

Anna Kerry

Roxanne Wakelin

16 th Dec	Inset Day
17 th Dec	Inset Day

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On behalf of all the children and teachers I would like to give sincere thanks to SAS Wireless for their incredibly generous sponsorship of Ickford Sports. Look out for their Logo in the future.

Dates for your diary...

16 th July	Last Day of Term
1 st Sept	Inset Day
2 nd Sept	First Day of Term
7 th Sept	Year 6 Secondary Practice Test
9 th Sept	Year 6 Secondary Transfer Test
22 nd Oct	Last Day of Term
25 th -29 th Oct	Half Term Week
1 st Nov	First Day of Term
2 nd Nov	Individual School Photos
15 th Dec	Last Day of Term



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