

Ickford News

They say that a problem shared is a problem halved, and this truly was the case throughout our 'Problem Solving' themed week (although I can't say the same for the staff wanting to share out the problem of the chicken catastrophe!). Every day the children have been set challenges to overcome in teams. In true Ickford style, the children have wholeheartedly thrown themselves into each task and tried their best to solve them. 'Resilience' has been a vital word throughout the week, as the children have learnt not to give up, try new tactics and evaluate the strategies they were using.

One of my personal highlights of the week was the 'bridge of doom!' For this task the children worked in teams to cross the crocodile infested waters of the playground using only 3 bricks and 2 planks. Although some of the teams started by accidentally (I think) sacrificing their team mate in the water, they overcame the problem by persevering and reflecting upon their techniques. In Class One, George Jones truly excelled himself by stretching out his entire body to retrieve the stray brick which was slowly floating towards the waterfall of terror! I could barely watch as he fearlessly threw himself at it, luckily for his team, he reached the brick in time leading them to victory.

On Tuesday, we were extremely fortunate to have the 'School Puzzle Company' visit who delivered fantastic workshops to the different aged groups. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in the challenges and even I struggled to protect the three little piggies from the dastardly wolf! The children were extremely inspired by the experience, and Liam who ran the workshops, fed back how amazed he was by the behaviour and engagement of the children.

On Thursday afternoon, Mrs Vickers faced the problem of losing her job if the year 3/4 hockey team did not succeed in the Hockey Festival! In Mr Ronane's absence, she felt the pressure of ensuring the team won but we knew this was never a problem for Ickford! Yes, fortunately for her, the team played five games and... won every single one, beating eleven other hockey teams! I heard the team behaved and played exceptionally, and Mrs Vickers is thankful to them all and for keeping her job safe.

Observing the children working in teams, deliberating which strategy to use and making hard decisions has been fascinating. It has revealed to staff which children are natural leaders, who can evaluate, who can follow instructions and who can rethink tactics to solve the problems they faced. It has been a fun but certainly 'mind stimulating' week, one which I'm sure the children will remember in years to come.

So the children have solved all the problems, the French trip has arrived safely home, the hockey team have won. Consequently, that only leaves one final problem for Mr Ronane to face, how will he claim his office back?

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Vukomanovic

(Remember, a problem is only as big as you make it.)

Mrs Turrell

On behalf of all the staff and children, I would like to thank Mrs Turrell for all of her hard work over the last 3 years. She has been a great asset to our school in supervising the lunchtimes and we would like to wish her luck in her new job.

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

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

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