

Ickford News

This morning, I am delighted to announce, some parents have for the first time, been introduced to that momentous tome, the Golden Book! Each week, I read out the names of those selected for inclusion and the eloquent comments from their teachers and other adults describing their diligence and virtuous behaviour reminding me of all the things my teachers did *not* say about me!

Yes, today after almost two years, we opened the doors of the Celebration Assembly to parents and at last it felt like the school is getting back to normal. I recognise that it was limited to Key Stage 1 but I am confident that it will not be long after the half term break that we can invite all parents and grandparents back together to enjoy our weekly success fest.

Another thing we shall soon be celebrating is the return of Mme Basnett to KS1, before every KS2 parent begins to panic, this is only for French lessons. That said, she is the Queen of Ickford and held the fort so brilliantly this half term that she can do anything she wants and will probably have her own page in the Golden Book. The children in Classes 1 and 2 will be delighted as they love her lessons so be prepared for constant renditions of French songs at home and hearing the name Basnett in all conversations! If you are driven mad, you will be able to challenge her in person when she hosts our first French Café after half term, ooh la la.

The outdoor learning this week was again enjoyed by all and produced some really positive outcomes in terms of learning, art work and particularly in working collaboratively together. I met with Mrs Honey this morning and discussed the success of this initiative. In her opinion, and I agree wholeheartedly, learning outdoors as a whole school has been beneficial for every child but

particularly for those who lack confidence or those who find writing explanations difficult. She has noticed the resilience shown by children as they overcome challenges in the natural environment and how many improved their personal risk awareness and assessment without the need for overbearing adult intervention. I have tasked her to come up with ideas as to how we can continue the outdoor learning initiative and, knowing Mrs Honey, she has probably already written a report on it and has a plan in place! I can see an approach to the PTA for an outside classroom or learning zone coming up. Please look out for photographs from the activities on the school website as I have put them in a gallery in Our Learning and they really capture some of the enthusiasm.

The School Website is an important tool for the school but although a company hosts it and supports us, it generally falls on me to update it. Forgive me if some information is not there at the moment (particularly around Governance) but I am trying to update as quickly as I can. I would like to draw attention to the First Aid & Supporting Pupil at School with Medical Conditions policy so that you are fully aware of what we can and cannot do in school particularly when it comes to administering medication. Obviously, I want to keep every child safe and healthy but I must also safeguard the staff and ensure that they do not put themselves at any risk.

The first half term has ended, too soon for me but, I know that others have picked up a great deal of my workload during this period and they certainly deserve a break. The children will also be tired so a week to recharge the batteries will be welcomed. I hope that you all enjoy a peaceful half term and that everyone remains safe and well.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

22 nd October	Last Day of Term
11 th November	Rivers and Rowing Museum Class 4
30 th November	Bletchley Park Class 5

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/ickford-school>



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.

Entry to breakfast club will be via Gate A by the Recreation Ground.



This Week's Celebration Assembly

Hall of Fame:

Music Award:

Ruby Dighton
Melek Younis
Isabelle Parsler
James Kendall
Sophie Crafts

PE Award:

Willa Goode
Isabella Hawkins
Dylan O'Mahoney
Beau Llewellyn
Keira Murphy

French Award:

Beatrice Beckett
Stanley Johnson
Molly Harding
Orla Kerry
Sophie Pennock

Dominic Green

Matthieu Wolff

Deutsch Award:

Chloe Parsler

Latin Award:

Anna Kerry

Headteachers Award:

Jacob Shannon
Neve Woodley
Edward Pentecost
Ronin Reeve
Daisy Coke

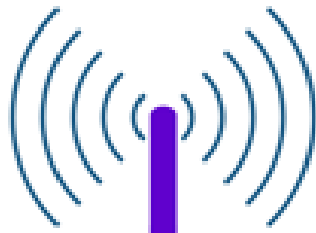
Outdoor Learning Initiative:

William Jones
Sophie Crafts
Phoebe Merritt
Isla Turrell
Mia Makris
Amelia Vorotyntsova
Isabelle Parsler
Keira Murphy

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