

Ickford News

The thing about mediocrity that appeals to me is that one doesn't have to ride the roller coaster of emotion associated with striving to achieve. During the past week, I think I took too many rides and was left this weekend feeling somewhat emotionally drained!

Our assault on the Buckinghamshire Sports Partnership Regional Finals reaped rewards but left some of the children and myself tinged with sadness that we had fallen at the final hurdle and not achieved our goals.

These Finals included 5 events (We have already won the County Finals at 3/4 Badminton this year) and we were one of the only schools to have a team qualified in each one. Unfortunately, we had to withdraw from the tennis but this enabled us to focus on the other events. In the Regional finals the winners and runners up from the Area competitions come together to play each other to decide who are the best in the Region. Some of the events go on to a County Final and some do not.

We ended the day with 1st place in the Year 5 Badminton and second place in Hockey, Bisi-Badminton and Netball. We were overall the most successful and consistent school but left feeling that luck had not been on our side. We have no need to be disappointed and I am very proud of each child that took part and the wider squad members that have trained and been a part of the build-up. Every child who represented Ickford was a worthy ambassador of the school and whether winners or not, accepted their medals with grace and modesty. We have, for several years now, excelled in competitive sport and we shall continue to strive for high achievement. The

schools that took the golds can enjoy their day in the sun and it is a compliment that beating Ickford is celebrated with such fervour! We congratulate them but we also look forward to competing again.

Each year since its inception, the Summer Concert seems to have got better and better and this year was no different. I am very grateful to our sponsors Higgins Building Services and the O'Kennedy family who enabled us to transform the hall and to Mr Jayasekara for the canapés and cocktails that helped to make the evening an 'occasion' rather than just an event.

Anyone who was there will understand that it is very difficult for me to convey in the newsletter just how good it was. The children's playing and singing in their class groups was outstanding and some of the solo performances were exceptional. Of course, the greatest thanks must go to Mrs Shackleton who teaches the children throughout the year and who has the incredible patience required to teach the violin and recorder to everyone. Mr Shackleton also deserves great thanks as he supports his wife throughout the year and in particular during the preparation for the concert. They are a formidable team and on behalf of every child, I thank them.

I love the concert but it does always remind me that the year is heading towards its end and that we will soon be breaking up for the summer and saying goodbye to some of the children. I am not a lover of fairgrounds and I don't like roller coasters but I would rather ride one than ever accept mediocrity. There is nothing mediocre about your children and nothing mediocre about our school. The way like it.

Mr Ronane

Ickford Learning Trust AGM

The AGM of the Trust of which the school is a part, takes place on Thursday June 27th. This is a meeting of our Trustees (Governing Body) and our Members who oversee the running of the Trust. This is not a public meeting but I would like to offer all of you the opportunity to put forward any questions you may have to the Board of Trustees. To have a question considered you must submit it in writing (e-mail) to the School Office by 5pm on Wednesday June 26th.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

17 th June	School Photos
18 th June 7.30pm	Secondary school transfer meeting for Y5 parents
19 th June	KS2 Regional Finals
21 st June 6pm	Summer Concert
1 st July 4.30pm	Bucks District Athletics
4 th July 9am	KS1 Recorder Assembly
5 th July	Summer Fayre
11 th July 6-7.30pm	Open Evening & Art Exhibition
12 th July 6.00pm	Horspath Athletics WALP
17 th July	Sports Day
22 nd July	Class 4 & 5 Play for grandparents & preschool children
23 rd July	Class 4 & 5 Play - No preschool aged children
24 th July 9am	Leavers Assembly

School Lottery

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

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



Reception Children - Backpacks

All children currently in Reception year will need a backpack for when they start back in September in Year 1. Backpacks can be ordered through ParentMail.

Photographs and Video of Summer Concert

I am hopeful that these will be available very soon via the website.



Thank you for your sponsorship of the Summer Concert.

