

Ickford News

Not a great deal has been written about Mozart and his recorder playing, sadly it was out of fashion in his day. Just think what he might have achieved had he not been deprived of its delights. Henry VIII on the other hand, had 74 of them and Bach composed for it in parts of his Fourth Brandenburg Concerto but, according to the children in Key Stage 1, "They never wrote a song like this! Ooh doo be doo!" (Maybe you had to be there).

'There' was Thursday's KS1 Recorder and Assembly an event that I imagine some parents were reluctant to take time off from work for but, I have no doubt those that did will agree, it was worth it. Everything touched by Mrs Shackleton seems to turn to gold and having been blown away by the KS2 Summer Concert I was delighted to see that the future for music at Ickford looks to be bright. Witnessing our youngest children reading musical notation and learning music theory is something that fills me with optimism and I know that one day there will be many adults enjoying playing and composing music, that will be indebted to her.

It may be too much to hope that Ickford alumni Louis Stanfield will one day look back on his first class cricket career and feel the same sense of gratitude to Mme Basnett and me for allowing him to throw raw eggs at his friends on Friday evening during another school success, the Summer Fayre.

This year's Fayre organised and run entirely by the PTA was another resounding success and from my vantage point at the top of the field, appeared to be enjoyed by everyone. The rather large black Aston Martin filled with balloons did raise hopes of a 'special' prize as perhaps

did the three live lambs provided by the Wilkinson family. One costs a 'mint' the other tastes great with it!

A huge thank you to Ben and his team and to all of the parents that helped set up, ran stalls and then helped to clear up afterwards. Thank you also to the teachers that ran stalls after being in school all day and to everyone that came along and supported the event this year.

Last Monday we had a team competing in the Aylesbury Vale Athletics Association District Games at Stoke Mandeville Stadium an event that we have won three times in succession. This year we had to settle for second place overall being beaten by Brill School by just 5 points. Although as a team we were runners up, there were some fine individual efforts and many of our children took first place in their events, including Alex Dighton (shot), Jake Fletton (Long Jump), Harriet Palmer (Shot), Florence Wooten (Long Jump), Zach Stanfield (600m) and the Yr6 Boys relay team. Next week we have the final competition of the year, the District Athletics at Horspath track where we will be also looking to win for the fourth year in a row. Fingers crossed we can increase the gold medal haul and finish on a high note.

Next Tuesday we have Julie Payne the Paralympic Dressage Rider coming in to give presentation to the children about her life story and her journey to winning Gold medals at the European Championships. Parents are welcome to come and listen to Julie who has a strong connection with Ickford and the local community.

On Tuesday evening it is our annual Open Evening when you are all welcome to come and have a look at the school and the classrooms. It will give you the

opportunity to look at examples of children's work and achievements across the year groups as well as the chance to see some of their art on display in the hall. Please come and feel free to wander around all of the classrooms so that you can see what the progression and what the younger children aspire to. You may get a chance to talk to the teachers but please remember that this is not a 'parent consultation' evening, rather a more sociable one.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

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Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

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| 11 th July 6-7.30pm | Open Evening & Art Exhibition |
| 12 th July 6-8pm | Horspath Athletics |
| 17 th July | Sports Day |
| 18 th July 9am | Ballet Assembly |
| 19 th July 9am | Celebration / Latin Assembly |
| 22 nd July 2pm | Class 4 & 5 Play for grandparents & preschool children |
| 23 rd July 7pm | Class 4 & 5 Play - No preschool aged children |
| 24 th July 9am | Leavers Assembly |



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