

Ickford News

How unlucky can a man be? I sleep through about 20 odd pantomimes over the career and the first time I get asked to go up on stage, I can't because of a broken leg! My potentially career changing opportunity, the chance to shine under the footlights, gone. Melon Man (yes, that was his name) heard my, "I'm sorry I can't..." response, gave me a pitiful look and, without a second glance swept a lady in another row from her seat. No matter how good her dance steps may have been, I couldn't look. However, in spite of personal disappointment, the trip to Oxford for this year's Panto was a great success and, judging by the volume of cheering and booing, I think all of the children (and staff) enjoyed it. The Oxford production may have lacked some of the 'celebrity' and 'glitz' of Aylesbury but the theatre staff were lovely and the ice cream plentiful.

Of course, the children had already experienced a wave of excitement before the panto trip when we all sat down for the Christmas lunch on Monday. I have to say that the number of parents who came along to prepare the hall and then serve the food was astounding and helped make the lunch a huge success. The arrival of Santa at the end of the meal was the 'icing on the cake' or should I say? the 'cream on the mince pie' and we thank him for interrupting his busy schedule at this time of year.

In between the Christmas fun this week or rather the three days, there was lots of serious learning going on and, of course, assessments. Yesterday (Thursday) the teachers moderated all of the assessment data and evidence of the learning that took place during the autumn term in order to inform our tracking system and

to produce a summary document for every parent in January. Unfortunately, there was a bout of sickness towards the end of the term and in this last week and a couple of children have missed at least one assessment. Once they have had the chance to catch up, we shall send out your updates.

On Tuesday evening, the children from KS2 took part in our annual Carol Service in St Nicholas' Church Ickford. As always, the church provided a beautiful and serene backdrop for the singing and anyone searching for the meaning of Christmas needn't look any further. Accompanied this year by Mr Aspden on the organ, the children and I am delighted to say a large number of parents, sang a range of carols beautifully and in between, children from Year 6 confidently told the story of the birth of Christ. As I said on the night, it was a privilege to be there to experience such a wonderful feeling of community.

Having missed my moment at Panto, Mme Basnett ensured that I would get the chance to dance and, as is her way, showed no mercy in making me '9 ladies dancing', in this year's rendition of the twelve days of Christmas that took place after the final Celebration Assembly of the year on Wednesday. This rather raucous affair was a fitting finale to the term and left everyone smiling as they ventured into the chill evening to head home.

It was good to hear Ickford retained top spot in Bucks in terms of results but, that is just a small part of what we are. Thank you to those who see that and support us. I am about to close up the shop for a few days so time to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

19 th Dec	Inset Day - Moderation
6 th January	Inset Day - Preparation
7 th January	First day of Spring Term
13 th January	County Finals ¾ Badminton
17 th January	Regional Final 6 Badminton

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A winner within school every week!

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Parking by Recreation Ground

Please take care when entering and leaving the car park by the recreation ground as some concerns have been raised about the speed of some cars. Obviously, with so many children around it is important to drive very slowly and to take care.

PE appointment

I am pleased to announce that Mr Fatialofa will join us in the spring as PE teacher.

Thank you to all who have sponsored the school in some way throughout 2019

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