

# Ickford News

It was, as predicted an exciting week and I was disappointed to miss the Celebration Assembly (not least to hear Mme Basnett singing the Scotland the Brave at the end!) to be able to present our Year 3/4 BISI Badminton Team with their medals and the trophy awarded to them for adding level 2 Regional title to the Area title won earlier. The team performed brilliantly, improving in the areas they had dropped points in the first competition and dominating the other schools.

On Friday, I took the Year 5/6 Badminton Team to Buckingham School for their Regional Final a competition that pitted them against some very big schools and some very good players. The four children, Zac, Harry, Eleanor and Evie played very well indeed and lost only 2 games out of the 34 that they played. Whilst other schools had some star players, we had a strong team and did not lose a doubles match in the whole day. I confess that whilst we retained our dignity collecting medals and the winner's trophy in the sports hall, we got into the car and had a good scream of delight. Humility and grace in victory is what I want from our teams but sometimes you have to celebrate like you just don't care!!

The County Finals await on February 4<sup>th</sup> so we must get focus again and prepare for what will be a huge challenge. We wouldn't want it any other way.

Now that I am becoming slightly more mobile, I was able to get the infant Netball Club started on Thursday and it was good to have a large turnout of girls and boys from class 1 and 2. I spent today (Saturday) on a training course for the England Netball's new Bee Netball programme and it was good to get some

fresh ideas particularly for the little ones so that we can engage them in the game and hopefully encourage champions of the future.

I was particularly pleased on Thursday to have some of our more senior players from Years 5 and 6 assisting me and supporting the youngest children. Having such strong role models that the little ones can aspire to is a really important asset in our school and when we see the values being lived rather than just memorised.

Another example of this was during Breakfast Club this week when a little girl in Reception came for the very first time and, as is normal, suffered a few nerves. Dad stayed for a while and before long, a little group of her peers from other classes had gathered around to look after her. I was delighted to receive an e-mail from said Dad who, it is fair to say, was impressed and very proud of the children for demonstrating the most important value of kindness so naturally.

Now, I have a bit of a mystery to present, in the hope that someone can help to solve it. I am not sure if it is an act of kindness or of a mistaken address but this week, a picture was delivered to the school by a man unknown to Mrs Addis who disappeared before I could hobble out to stop him.

I have included a photograph of the picture below but, this size, it is very difficult to see the detail and that it is a picture of Newlyn Harbour in Cornwall. It is a lovely picture which names all of the fish found in Newlyn's waters as well as the main buildings in the town.



The only clue we have to help us track down the meaning is the yellow post-it note attached to the picture on which is written:

Millie B  
Worminghall

I am intrigued and, if the picture is a gift, very grateful. However, I would like to ensure the picture has come to the correct place and to say thank you to whoever left it. If anyone has any information please reveal it or the saga shall go on.



Mr Ronane

## Ickford News from the office

### Dates for your diary...

29 <sup>th</sup> January	Whole School Visit to London Science Museum
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3 Visit to Waddesdon Manor
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Class 3 Assembly
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term

## School Lottery

**A winner within school every week!**

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



## Uniform

Please ensure that all items of uniform including PE kit are clearly labelled with your child's name. We already have lost property that we cannot reunite with its owner after only being back for one week.

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