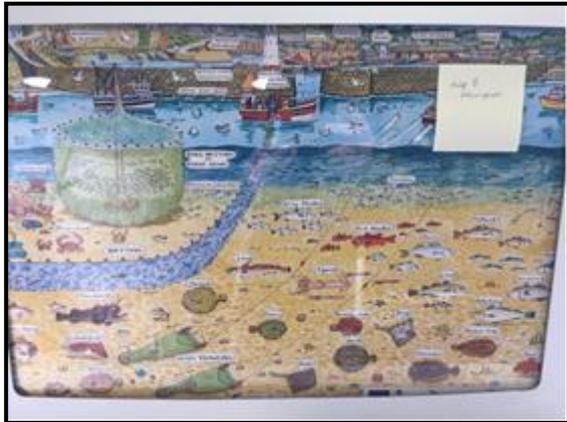


Ickford News

The mystery of the picture continues! We still have no idea who delivered the



picture to school or whether we are the correct intended recipients. Such fun and I am sure there is a story stimulus in there somewhere! Who is or possibly was, the mysterious Millie B of Worminghall?

Ironically, I am encouraging playground speculation, even gossip so that we can identify the picture's origins, when usually I struggle to stifle it but maybe I am trying to deflect interest from the bump. Admittedly, I can't see the bump myself (although I haven't actually looked for it) but I am assured, mainly by the female members of staff, that it is visible to them and therefore may have been noticed by others. Thank God it is not the week before Christmas or I don't think I could have resisted a biblical announcement along the lines of, "Mrs X is with child and you will find the happy couple by following yonder star..." but, it is the end of a damp January and the beginning of a new decade in the 21st century so I just have to accept modernity and let everyone know that Mrs Honey is expecting her second child and ask you all to join me in congratulating her and her husband on the wonderful news. Although she will be taking some time off in the form of maternity leave, Mrs Honey

has reassured me that she intends to continue being a working mum and has no intention of giving up her career just yet.

As she is responsible for organising the Science week that begins on Monday, I have to admit a little personal prayer of thanks for the timing was submitted this week as everything is in place. Hopefully, the weather conditions will be clement and our travel plans not disrupted but I shall be keeping my eye on the forecast each day just in case.

Though one expects bouts of colds at this time of the year, there appears to have been an inordinate amount of sickness amongst the children and as one would expect, many have had to take time off from school (One of the reasons we insist on full attendance is because you never know when an illness or an accident may strike resulting in unexpected absence) to recover. It is important that the children wear a coat to school in the cold and damp weather and know how to use a tissue (provided in every classroom) to keep germs at bay. We are playing our part in trying to reduce the spread of bugs and germs by using the hand sanitisers and encouraging children to wash their hands after using the lavatories. Hopefully, the weather will improve soon.

It was a very busy week last week but, I suppose memorable highlights were a little thin on the ground. I had to deliver a workshop for Governors of other schools and on Friday the Assistant Head of a school in Hertfordshire came to see what we do at Ickford in terms of formative assessment. His school is currently number 1 in Herts so, we have to take it as a good sign that he left Ickford, in his own words, "amazed".

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

29 th January	Whole School Visit to London Science Museum
4 th February 7pm	Y5/6 Residential Meeting
6 th February	Class 3 Visit to Waddesdon Manor
10 th February	Parents Evening
13 th February	Class 3 Assembly
13 th February	Parents Evening
17 th -21 st Feb	Half Term

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