

Ickford News

We welcomed Rabbi Zvi to Ickford this week and I am delighted to write that he was so impressed with the children that he put in a request to come back. I have not had a great deal of opportunity to ask the children what they thought about the visit but those that I have spoken to thought it was very interesting and enjoyed the workshop with the Rabbi. I hope that it has helped to show the children that people have different beliefs and customs but we must have open minds and be willing to learn. Indeed, fear is born out of ignorance and it is important that our children embrace differences rather than fear them.

We can't avoid sport again this week as the Area Year 5 Badminton Tournament took place on Wednesday and for the first time we entered two teams. Each team consisted of 6 boys and 6 girls but we had enough strength in depth to ensure both teams were competitive. In fact, they were more than just competitive and managed to come first and second overall leaving most of the opposition in their wake. This means we will have another regional final to contest later in the year so it's back to the drawing board and the

training court as we attempt to regain our Regional title that we let slip last year.

I visited the British Educational Training and Technology show (BETT) yesterday. The hall at the Excel Centre in London's Docklands was packed with trade stands promoting the next 'great innovation' and I found the number of sales reps trying to convince me that children could only be motivated to learn if there was a computer game or a robot involved, rather disconcerting.

I met up with Stuart our IT technician at the show and together we looked at the various interactive screens currently on the market and, if you read the latest news hot off the PTA press, you will see that these do play a significant part in our classrooms. Nevertheless, my attention span waned somewhat listening to the 'sales patter' of each tech guru and soon I managed to give Stuart the slip. I must be the only person who came away from a technology show having ordered three large bean bags. I still believe the old fashioned book and a cosy place to curl up and read can be motivation enough!

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

30 th January 7 pm	Y5 & 6 Residential – Parents Meeting
3 rd February 6.30 pm	Nicola Benedetti Concert, Sheldonian Theatre
6 th February 9 am	Class 2 Assembly
6 th February	Parents Evening
8 th February	Parents Evening
9 th February 5-6.30 pm	School Disco
12 th -16 th February	Half Term
5 th -9 th March	Y5&6 Residential

School Lottery

Last week's lucky lottery winner... and not for the first time, was Kelly Wakelin!

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>



Uniform

The school lost property box is filling up quickly with unnamed items of uniform! Please make sure that all items of clothing have a clear name label attached to them

as it is impossible to return items to children if we can't identify them. If items remain for too long in the office we will have to put them in the clothing recycle bin

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