

Ickford News

I am always advised not to write anything when emotions are running high but I am going to ignore advice (funny that) and pen the newsletter whilst still covered in mud from this morning's Buckinghamshire School Sports Association Cross Country competition that took place at Waddesdon Manor.

Last year, we took a small team to this event and we were delighted by some strong individual performances. However, this year, knowing that we have some great individual talent and having great faith in the team spirit and fitness levels of our running club I wanted to fill the four places required in each race to secure team points and really test ourselves against the bigger schools.

Cross Country running is a difficult sport. Not simply a test of endurance but mental strength and determination. Although, I had ear-marked some strong individual competitors, all children were asked to volunteer if they wanted to be eligible for selection and, as always, enough 'stood up to be counted'.

I think I enjoy working with the runners as, unlike the other sports, I can train with them and gauge what they are experiencing more accurately. In the past couple of weeks, the team have run each day and pushed through a couple of difficult 'fartlek' sessions as well (Nothing to do with passing wind!) all within the limited time we have and the constraints of our location.

As always when it's cross country, today was wet and cold and when we arrived at Waddesdon, the children were faced with an undulating track of heavy going which, simply translated, is hilly and muddy!

Four races took place, Yr 3/4 girls, Yr 3/4 boys, Yr 5/6 girls and Yr 5/6 boys and at this point, I need to add some relevant information, 3 of our runners were Year 2!

Rather than continue the narrative, I am going to jump ahead to the ending. We did not have any individual first places. In fact, we did not have any individual second places but... we were the team winners for the girls and we were the overall winners of the whole competition and carried off the main trophy! Below is why.

Louis, Millie, Albert, Payton (Yr 6)

Rosa, Harry, Dylan, Lacey, Florence, Harvey, Charlie (Yr 5)

Tom, George, Zahra, Evie, (Yr 4)

Eleanor, Ryan, Zach, (Yr3)

Anna, Harry, Tiana, (Yr2)

Have big hearts, guts and belief!

Tiana and Lacey lost shoes during the race but kept going, at their age, phenomenal!

Am I proud of them? Very.



Film Night

Last night's Paddington 2 was certainly more engaging than my assembly as, according to Mr Sayer, 100 children were transfixed and immovable throughout the whole film. Perhaps I should offer popcorn but the event was a huge success and raised a significant amount of money towards the PTA 10k target.

Thank you to everyone that turned up and special thanks to the PTA and everyone who helped set up and supervise. Hopefully, it will not be too long before we can host another evening.

Race Night

Race Night also raised money towards the target and not only do I have to thank the PTA and everyone who worked behind the scenes but also the 'usual crowd' who support everything we do (you know who you are). Sadly, if it had not been for the group of parents mentioned above, and the support of Ickford Village residents, this venture would not have been a success. We really need a few more parents to support the PTA by turning up and joining in. The money raised goes towards the benefit of every child in the school and the PTA committee are really working hard so a little more support would be fantastic.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

Ickford NEWS from the office

Dates for your diary...

28 th March 2.15pm	House Cross Country & Sports Relief Mile
29 th March	Inset Day
30 th March – 13 th April	Easter Holiday
8 th May 9am	Class 3 Assembly
29 th June 6pm	KS2 Summer Concert

School Lottery

Two wins in three weeks!
Congratulations Brett!

If you would like the chance to win, and support the school, please click on the link below and get signed up!

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