

Ickford News

The sun is setting over Ickford and I can still hear the strains of the Van Morrison songs that an hour ago, drifted over the Summer Fayre helping to create an atmosphere of relaxed, community, fun.

"These are the days of the endless summer..."

These are the days that we must savour, and we must enjoy as we can.

These are the days that will last forever,

You've got to hold them in your heart."

This has been a week to savour. Class 1 gave us an assembly about forgiveness that rewrote the story of Goldilocks and reminded us all that the future is bright. Their confidence and their sheer enthusiasm for each other was breath taking and to see Emily Aspden comforting Neve Woodley when she was struck by stage fright was a moment indeed to savour. I can only hope that one day common sense will prevail and we can permit families to capture these moments on camera again.

Thursday was monumental particularly for our school sport. The Netball team, whose hard work and success this year has been well documented, faced their toughest challenge, the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes County Finals on a day of sweltering temperatures. We left no stone unturned in our preparation and even altered our bib sizes to stop them flapping around and causing distraction (thanks to Mrs Arnold) but when the whistle blew at the start of each match it was down to the children and their team spirit to win game after game to put themselves in a position where the last game became a final. Ickford against Chesham Prep School for

the title. In the first it was goal for goal with centre passes but Ickford forced the crucial turnover to end the half with a 2 goal lead. In the second half, Chesham spirits were broken by our impenetrable defence and speed of counter attack and at the final whistle the team had retained the title. This magnitude of this achievement by these children can only be measured when one considers the number of state and independent Primary and Preparatory Schools in Bucks and Milton Keynes, over 300 I think.

The victory had only just begun to sink in, when I got back to the school for the open evening and, I have to admit, I was left speechless by the displays of art work, writing, music and dare I say, garden design on offer as I walked around. It is true that one can become so immersed within an entity that we don't actually appreciate it enough and I 'savoured' the time just to step outside and look in. Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to come along and make the most of the opportunity to see around the classrooms. I hope that, like me, you were impressed by what the children have achieved this year with the help of some brilliant teachers and wonderful support staff.

And so to this evening (every child should be shouting at the newsletter, "You can't begin a sentence with and!"). Yes, the sunshine always helps but nevertheless, this year's Fayre was probably the best yet and that was because of Ben and his team of parents who, as they have done all year, gave up their time to organise and run the event. Thank you to everyone.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mr Ronane

Ickford News from the office

Dates for your diary...

13 th July 9am	Ballet Assembly
16 th July 1.30pm	Class 4 & 5 Play
17 th July 7pm	Class 4 & 5 Play
18 th July	Sports Day
20 th July	Leavers Assembly

School Lottery

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>



PE Tops

A reminder to parents who have not yet purchased PE tops, all children must wear the school PE top from September.

Dance

Please see attached poster for Laszlo's School of Dance and Claydon's Academy.