



NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th November 2024

KINGS & QUEENS OF ICKNIELD

This week was 'Theme Week' - the first of three which will take place over the academic year. The theme was Kings and Queens and involved the students from Years R to 11 learning about royalty. The Lower and Upper School arranged activities adapted to suit their students' abilities.

During Lower School's royal week they participated in three different activities. The students learnt about King Charles through a sensory story as well as decorating him a crown to wear. They made paintings of Buckingham Palace and crafted their own crowns for the royal party which was held yesterday afternoon. At the party they had a royal time eating 'Fairy bread' sandwiches, lovingly made for the event which were fit for a king!





Meanwhile, Upper School enjoyed their theme activities across one morning. They split into four groups which was a mixture from all classes; they really enjoyed the integration and opportunity to work with different people.



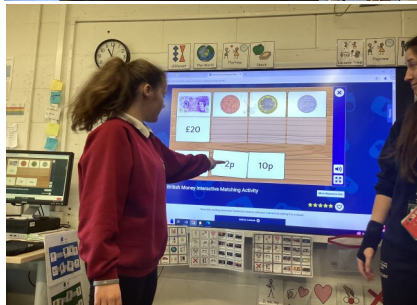
They learnt about British coins and the monarch on coins; learning how these have recently changed and why. They then created rubbings of different coins, played an interactive coin game and explored them in sensory materials; finding coins, posting coins and listening to the sounds they make on metal.



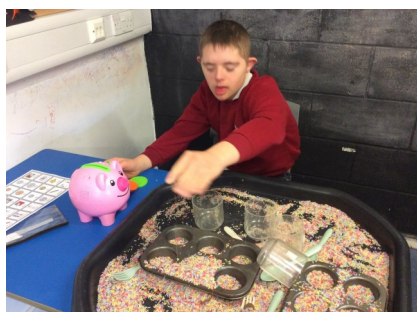
They learnt about King Charles' coronation and the different special items used – the royal sceptre and orb, oil, crown and coronation ring. They then re-created the coronation whilst learning facts about it.



Quite importantly they learnt that quiche was the coronation dish, tried different quiches and expressed opinions about each one.



The students also learnt about King Charles' life, and things that have happened to him from birth through to the coronation by looking at, matching and discussing different photos.



TREE PLANTING

Yesterday Cello and Trumpet Classes visited the Bury Hill Nature Reserve at Upper Clatford where they enjoyed tree planting in the sunny, but cold, weather. They planted oak trees and hazel trees with support. Twelve trees were planted in total which they hope to visit each season to see the changes in growth. It was a great pleasure for the students to represent Icknield and the staff were proud of how well our students listened and followed instructions.



BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED THIS WEEK WERE ...

Mikey, Tambourine - 10 yrs old
Happy birthday!



FE CHRISTMAS MARKET— WEDNESDAY 4th DECEMBER

We look forward to welcoming parents, relatives and friends at next week's Christmas Market being held at the FE Centre between 3.30pm-6pm. If you wish to donate in any way, unwanted items (new and unopened) would be very welcome to be used as raffle prizes or the gift stall.



PARENT GROUP COFFEE AFTERNOON

Sharon Portsmouth, Family Support Practitioner, will be holding a coffee afternoon on 11th December at 1.30pm. Please could you contact the school to advise if you wish to attend. All parents/carers are welcome.



MOVEMBER

We would like to congratulate Arthur on miraculously growing a moustache overnight in aid of Movember.

We are informed his father has been growing one to acknowledge the month-long event and Arthur thought he would join in, hence arriving at school sporting a very trendy 80's/90's style moustache which had subtle hints of Freddie Mercury about it. He proudly posed for the photo - and managed to wear the moustache all day!



Movember: the month formerly known as November, is when brave and selfless men around the world grow a moustache, and women step up to support them, all to raise awareness and funds for men's health - specifically prostate cancer, testicular cancer, mental health and suicide prevention.



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



Christmas is a wonderful time and a chance for us all to be kind and consider what we have all done to help each other over the previous year. This is often shown through the exchanging of gifts - a truly lovely thing to do.

However, this is a time of year that can also be difficult for many, especially financially. Bearing this in mind we would urge all parents not to feel obliged to buy presents for staff or other pupils in their child's class. Likewise, the pupils will not receive any gifts on an individual basis from members of staff. A greeting in a card is always a lovely way to say 'thank you' or Merry Christmas.

Ultimately it is up to individuals to decide how they wish to show gratitude, but we just wanted share this important message before we get into the final three weeks before the Christmas break.

The children (with the exception of the FE students) will all receive a gift from Father Christmas when he visits us just before Christmas but don't tell anyone!

THANK YOU



SIGNS AND SYMBOLS OF THE WEEK



Celebrate/party	present	to buy	birthday	balloon

DIARY DATES—AUTUMN TERM (2) 2024

DECEMBER

- 2nd Governors' Curriculum Meeting (11am—TEAMS)
- 4th FE Christmas Market (3.30pm-6pm)
- 6th Hants Music Service Special Event, Winchester Cathedral
- 9th FE Shopping trip to Basingstoke (part one)
- 10th FE Shopping trip to Andover
- 10th Full Governors' Meeting (4pm)
- 11th FE Shopping trip to Basingstoke (part two)
- 11th Parent Group coffee afternoon (1.30pm-3pm)
- 12th School Nativity, St Mary's Church (details to follow)
- 17th Mars House Trip
- 19th Christmas Lunch & special guest visit (school only)
- 19th Christmas Lunch (FE only)
- 20th Last day of Autumn Term



DIARY DATES — SPRING TERM (1) 2025

JANUARY

- 6th **RETURN TO SCHOOL (School & FE)**
- 8th Yr9 Teenage Boosters
- 23rd FE Disco, Orange Rooms, Southampton

SUPERSTAR OF THE WEEK

The following students have been awarded the Class Star of the Week Award:

Chimes - Missy
Drum - Ayla
Maracas - Freddie
Tambourine - Ethan
Triangle - Jakey
Trumpet - Nev
Oboe - Chris
Banjo - Destiny
Cello - Luci



The School Superstar of the Week is ...LUCI!!

Luci is a popular pupil throughout the whole school. She is kind, patient, chatty, has great manners and a good sense of humour. She is often chosen by other pupils to play a game with and is good at sharing and turn taking. Luci concentrates really well in all lessons and will contribute her ideas when encouraged. Luci likes listening to Olly Murs songs, watching News Round and is always very happy to share what she enjoyed the most from the program. Luci also enjoys counting the housepoints on a Friday to find out who the winners are.

FE PPICC CHAMPIONS

(Personal, Physical, Independence, Cognitive, Communication)

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