

# Ickford News

If I am honest, not an easy week but one must take the rough with the smooth and learn from every experience. Outside of my own Ickford goldfish bowl the news in the County was not so good either and you will have read the letter from Simon James the Service Director at Bucks requesting that parents remain vigilant and alert to social distancing requirements particularly around schools.

When things are not going so well, I tend to meet with members of the team here and more often than not, they put things into perspective for me and remind me to look up and around. This week my reassurance came from my brilliant team in the office, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Addis who both happen to be parents of children currently at the school. In their opinion, because of the Covid-restrictions, it has been too long since I went into some other schools and had a look at what they are doing, they are convinced I would take heart from the experience.

There is not a great deal of time to be reflective or to ponder on the less enjoyable parts of the job simply because, amongst other things, the children won't let me and I love this. I urge you to look at the additional pages to this newsletter and see the pictures of work completed by our Year 6 class who are studying aspects of the first World War. The standard of work is, in my opinion very high for this age group but the fact that this homework and not the product of guided tasks in school, really highlights the children's enthusiasm for their learning and commitment to their class teacher and, dare I say it, their school. Some of the children dedicated several hours of their free time to producing their 'master pieces' and, I hope you will agree, they should be very proud of themselves.

In normal times, we attempt to enhance the curriculum by ensuring that the children have an opportunity to go on school trips and outings to places of interest that support the topic of study. I am hopeful that Year 6 will still be able to visit Bletchley Park to discover where the code breakers worked and to learn in particular about Alan Turing and the Enigma machine. This is

because Bletchley have a strong risk assessment in place and are doing everything they can to accommodate the children in a safe environment. Sadly, not everywhere can give such guarantees and I am not optimistic about the trip to Normandy going ahead this year unless we see a significant change in the pandemic situation.

The impact on the children in all year groups is significant as every class has, in the past, enjoyed outings in one form or another. I can only hope that the void left can be filled with good teaching and the use of available media to make the classroom experience as enjoyable as possible.

The highlight of today was lunchtime. No, I did not indulge in three courses and a bottle of red! Instead I had the pleasure of listening to Sienna Jones (Class 1) read her book to me and I have to say, I was bowled over. I have always thought that my greatest pleasure as a teacher was helping children learn to read and witnessing their delight as the squiggles on a page gradually became familiar and decipherable text. Miss Vukomanovic must be delighted with her work as must Sienna's parents who are clearly working in partnership with her. Sienna read to me about Harry Smith and his horse, who unfortunately ate too many rotten apples and, after galloping drunkenly through the streets, ended up in a public car park with a severe hangover and sound asleep (remember those nights?). She used such great expression and was so enthusiastic that I insisted she read the whole book to me which she was quite happy to do as long as we could discuss it afterwards. If we carry on like this, I imagine Sienna will be starting a book club!

So, I finish the week a little bruised but happy in the knowledge that we are still attending to our core purpose, providing a good education for children. I have great confidence in the team here and, although parent evenings may not be as convivial next week due to covid-19 restrictions, I hope that they are useful. We are going against the grain in having them at all.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office



## This Weeks Celebration Assembly

### Dates for your diary...

20 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations for all year groups
20 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm-6.30pm	Parents Evening
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 4-6.30pm	Parents Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Half Term
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	School Photos
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Y6 Secondary Transfer Testing
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Secondary Transfer Testing
26 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 5 visit to Bletchley Park
7 <sup>th</sup> November	*No Y5/6 Badminton*
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Inset Day

### School Lottery

#### A winner within school every week!

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/lott ery/school/ickford-school>



### Breakfast Club

Please remember to book your child's place for breakfast club with the school office by Friday at midday for the following week.

### Hall of Fame:

#### Music Award:

Finn Rouse  
Issy Parsler  
Eliza Gapper  
Darci Turrell  
Molly Sayer

#### PE Award:

Charlie Kendall  
Frank Wilkinson  
Dillon Woods  
Matthieu Wolff  
Abigail Pedder

#### French Award:

Sienna Jones  
Charlie Wallace  
Jacob Dungey  
Tiana Mose-Dixon  
Alex Snell

#### German Award:

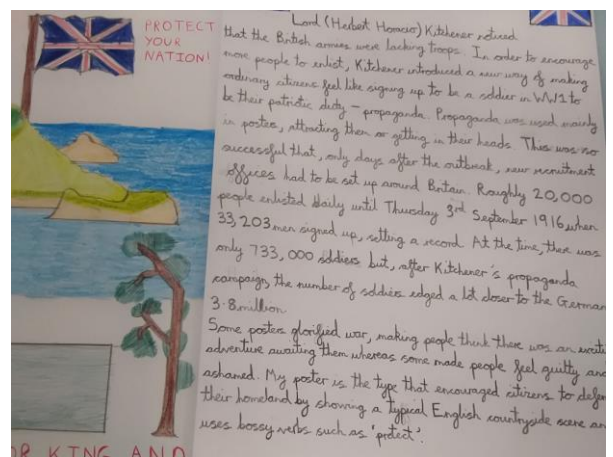
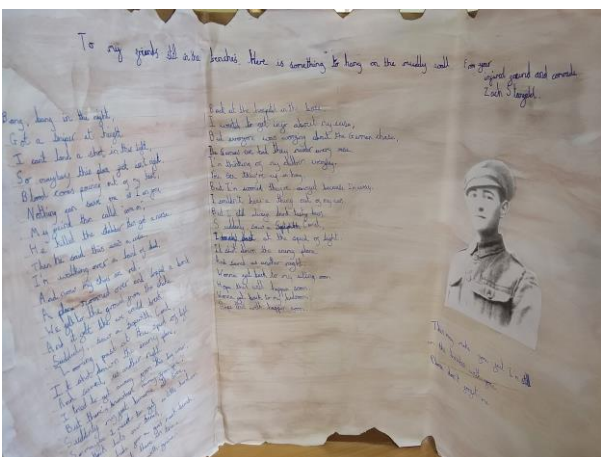
Harriet Palmer

#### Latin Award:

Zara Smith

#### Headteachers Award:

Izzy Saunders  
Jasper Fletton  
Kathryn Hargreaves  
Megan Jones  
Georgina Palmer





Bang, bang in the night,  
 Got a sniper at height.  
 I can't land a shot in this light,  
 So maybe this place just isn't right.  
 Blood comes pouring out of my heart,  
 Nothing can save me as I am gone.  
 My friend then called "come on",  
 He killed the stabber then got a nurse.  
 Then he said this was a curse.  
 I'm walking over a land of dead,  
 And now my shoes are red.  
 A plane roared over and dropped a bomb  
 We fell to the ground from the shake.  
 And it felt like we could break.  
 Suddenly, saw a biplane  
 Coming past at the speed of light.  
 It shot at the enemy plane.

