

# Ickford News

A very busy week during which Class 5 managed to escape to Bletchley Park the site of the British Code and Cypher School and eventually home of all the Allied Force code-breakers during World War II and where, amongst hundreds of other men and women, Alan Turing disrupted German intelligence and helped to prevent a successful invasion of the British Isles. Mme Basnett appeared to be as excited as the children on their return but this may have been because one of the tour guides when told the children would be visiting again next year, gave her a big wink and said, "We'll make that a date."

The Bikeability training has finished and hopefully, the children who took part will now feel more confident when cycling on the roads around the villages. Nonetheless, I would still urge great caution particularly around Ickford at this time of year and encourage everyone to make sure the children's bikes have proper working lights.

Many of us were treated to a Class 4 assembly this week on the theme of 'Ambition' a thought provoking performance that not only highlighted the children's confidence and ability but also their awareness of our school values.

Determination is a value that we include in our four characteristics of an 'Ickford Citizen' and there is obviously a clear connection here with ambition. The children's assembly included vocabulary such as 'targets' and 'goals' which, like ambitions, are unlikely to be achieved without determination and certainly not without an element of hard work and dedication and practice.

There was a phrase that made its way into the educational lexicon a number of years

ago, "If you dream it you can do it" and, for a time it seemed to appear on every classroom wall in schools that I visited. It is a nice idea but, in my opinion, not accurate.

Success and achievement need much more than just dreaming and one of the main ingredients of success is being able to learn from failures and being able to keep going when things become difficult. I am delighted that the children in Class 4 recognise this and that they chose to share this with the rest of the school.

We had more sporting success this week when our Year 3/4 Badminton team competed against other schools in the BISI Badminton area competition at Waddesdon. This tournament requires a number of technical skills rather than just an ability to play Badminton and puts the children under quite a bit of pressure through a series of stations designed to test agility, speed, balance and hand-to eye co-ordination.

The girls and boys were very focused and had practised hard during the weeks leading up to the tournament and I am very pleased to say that their efforts were rewarded with a gold medal. Although they made a slightly slow and nervous start, they finished more than 100 points ahead of the school in second place and ensured that we retained the title we have had for the previous 6 years.

Next up it is the turn of the infants and a multi-skills tournament. Hopefully they will have taken on board the advice from Class 4.

Have a good weekend,

Mr Ronane

# Ickford News from the office

## Dates for your diary...

12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability Training
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 5 trip to Bletchley Park
15 <sup>th</sup> November 9am	Class 4 Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2-3pm	KS1 Nativity for whole school, grandparents and siblings
13 <sup>th</sup> December 6.30-7.30pm	KS1 Nativity (No pre- school aged children)
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Visit to Pantomime

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