

Ickford News

The first week of the final half term is always tinged with sadness as I know it will not be long before we have to say goodbye to the children who will complete Year 6 and leave Ickford ready to join their various Secondary schools in September. I don't like 'goodbyes' and, as ridiculous as it may seem for an ageing Headteacher, I will be sad to get to the end of term.

I can only imagine how people felt when they waved goodbye to loved ones on D-Day June 6th 1944. The events commemorating 80 years since that day that have been in the news this week, really put everything into perspective. The invasion of Normandy was a pivotal moment of the second world war, enabling the allied forces to get a foothold in occupied France and to stretch the German forces by opening up a new front. Regrettably, this came at an enormous cost with more than 4000 allied troops killed or wounded in that one day alone. It is important that we recognise their sacrifice and that of everyone who was killed or injured during the war because without it, we would not enjoy the freedoms that we take for granted today. I was particularly touched by the award of the French, Legion d'honneur to Christian Lamb who is 103 yet still wonderfully articulate and humorous. She is a great example of resilience and independence and still a relevant role model for our young people today.

I do have great faith in youth and I was very proud of the children in Year 6 this week when we visited the Aston Martin Aramco F1 HQ at Silverstone this week. This trip was orchestrated by Mr Friday (Emily-Jay Yr 6) and made possible with the help of Mrs Anzarouth and Mrs Quale who made up our convoy to get the children there. Even from the outside, the race team base was awe inspiring and once inside the door, the race car in reception had everyone buzzing with curiosity.

Amy who, like Mr Friday, works for the team and joined him in leading the factory tour, was very welcoming and unfazed when bombarded with questions from the children. Everything was top secret and the adults had to hand in their mobile phones to ensure that all cameras were covered up lest we pass on design secrets to other race teams! Although in the business of manufacturing and repairing cars, the factory was as far removed from a garage as you get with not a hint of an oil spill in sight.

Thank you to all of the parents who returned their survey forms last week. The administration team have collated all of the responses and converted them in to pie charts now available to see on the school website. The overall picture is very good indeed and I have also been handed a transcription of all comments included in the forms.

The information is all very useful and will be used to inform plans as we move forwards. I am going to attempt to address all of the less positive comments and questions in a separate document and then publish this for everyone to read. Nevertheless, I must be thankful that overall the survey confirmed that the huge majority of parents are very happy indeed and for that, I am grateful.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Ronane

Awards this Week

French Award

James Harris, Jacob Issitt, Amelia Vorotyntsova, Frank Wilkinson, Jackson Marriott, Beau Marriott

Latin Award

Stella Stanfield

Music Award

Drew Wyse, Lacey McClurg, Henry Preston, Lyla Gill, Poppie Klein

PE Award

Ottie Goode, Molly Parry, Babs Smith, Matilda Ousley, Oisin Harrell, Sam Anzarouth, Evie Evans, Stella Anzarouth

Head Teacher's Award

Harry Jolliffe, Sophie Potter, Jacob Shannon, Harry Middleton, Poppie Klein

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