

# Ickford News

The sun is sulking and definitely not out to play this week making life rather miserable and holding back preparation for next week's big sporting challenges. Nevertheless, Ickford children are made of stern stuff and though the ground may be dampened, their spirits are not.

We dare to dream and I managed some 'dream time' on Tuesday when Class 5 and I were fortunate to be guests of Prodrive, a company specialising in advanced technology in motor sports and where Ben Sayer (PTA Chair) is Public Relations Manager. The visit enabled the children to have a fascinating insight into the world of motorsport particularly the Aston Martin Factory Race Team who, at time of writing, have claimed pole position at the start of the Le Mans 24hr endurance race. They also saw how technological development in motorsport impacts on the commercial car industry and on developments for jet engines and transport for the future. It was a really valuable visit as it not only inspired the children but also highlighted the opportunities that there are for careers in engineering for girls and boys and how the skills they are beginning to learn at Ickford such as, CAD drawing and 3D printing will hold them in good stead. Permission to sit in numerous race cars including the Aston Martin, was the dream time and an abundance of freebies from Ben ensured that everyone left extremely grateful and smiling.

Two sports events took place this week. The first was a KS1 festival of sport at Stoke Mandeville Stadium hosted by the Bucks School Sports Partnership as a non-competitive opportunity for the infant children to try and a range of sports alongside children from other schools. The

children enjoyed the event and were very pleased to receive a medal and certificate for their exertions.

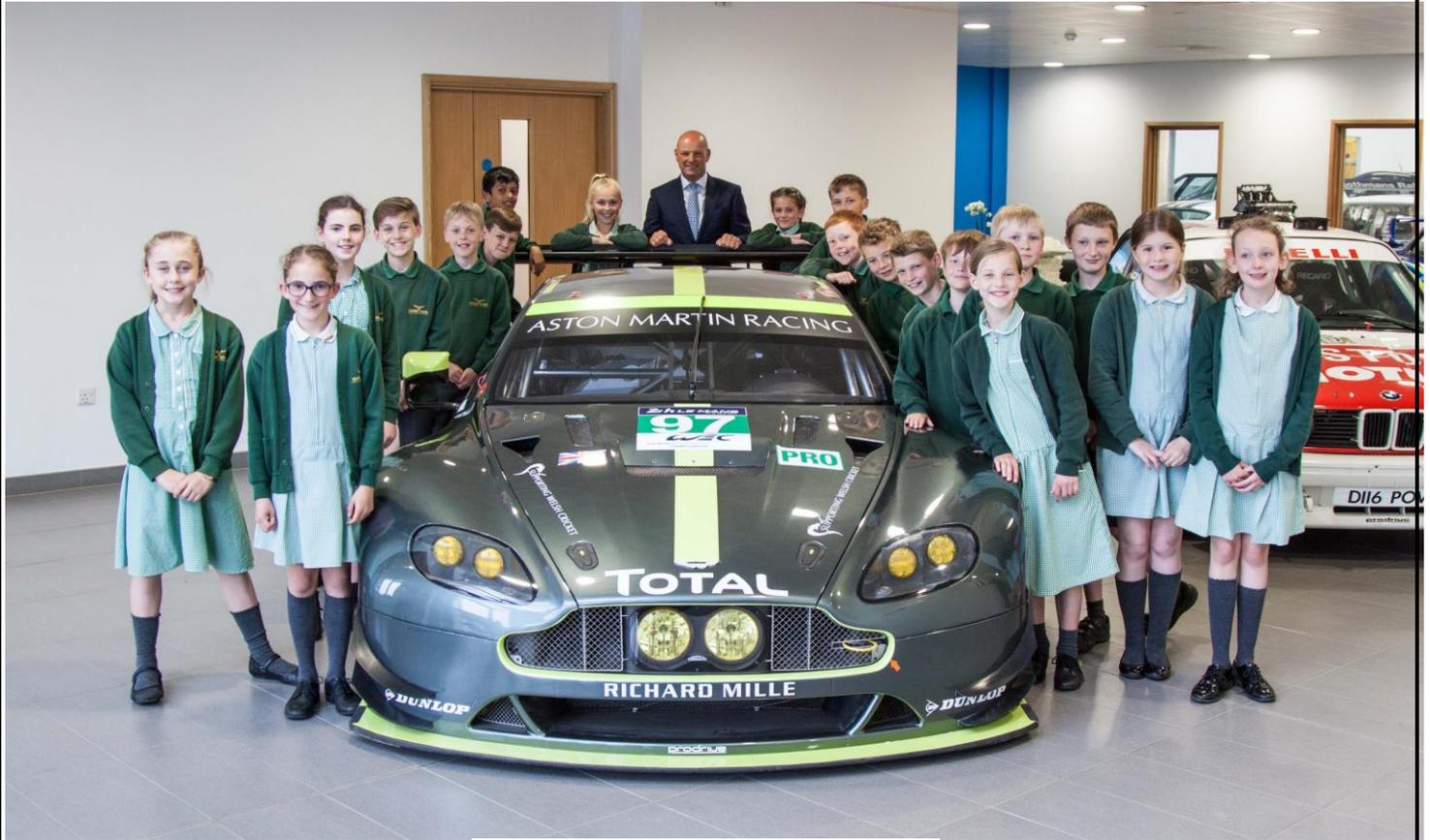
Our Yr.3 and Yr.4 cross country runners also exerted themselves on Thursday afternoon when they competed against Sandhills and Horspath Schools in four races. Each race was just under a mile and conditions were certainly not ideal for running fast times. However, the medal winners for Ickford were: Zach Stanfield 1<sup>st</sup>, Jake Fletton 2<sup>nd</sup> (Boys A race) Anna Kerry 1<sup>st</sup> (Girls A race) Harry Johnston 1<sup>st</sup>, Finlay Addis 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oscar Neil 3<sup>rd</sup>, (Boys B race) and Matilda Stow 2<sup>nd</sup> (Girls B race). All of the other children ran very well and some were unlucky not to be in medal positions but overall a great team effort.

The build up to the Regional Finals continues but such is the standard of the children, some teams are yet to be finalised. It is not easy to select children and to let others down but that is the nature of competition. I am certain that whoever is selected will have the necessary values to recognise that they will be representing every child at the school and that any successes are shared by everyone.

## **Ickford Learning Trust AGM**

The AGM of the Trust of which the school is a part, takes place on Thursday June 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a meeting of our Trustees (Governing Body) and our Members who oversee the running of the Trust. This is not a public meeting but I would like to offer all of you the opportunity to put forward any questions you may have to the Board of Trustees. To have a question considered you must submit it in writing (e-mail) to the School Office by 5pm on Wednesday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

Mr Ronane



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### Dates for your diary...

17 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photos
18 <sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm	Secondary school transfer meeting for Y5 parents
19 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Regional Finals
21 <sup>st</sup> June 6pm	Summer Concert
4 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	KS1 Recorder Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fayre
11 <sup>th</sup> July 6-7.30pm	Open Evening & Art Exhibition
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Class 4 & 5 Play for grandparents & preschool children
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Class 4 & 5 Play - No preschool aged children
24 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	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>



### Reception Children - Backpacks

All children currently in Reception year will need a backpack for when they start

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