

NEWSLETTER

'Where Teaching & Learning Matter'.
March 2024



Principal's Corner

What a month, below is a copy of a letter that has arrived from Damian Hind the Minister for school congratulating us for finishing academically in the top 2% in the **COUNTRY**. Did you spot the spelling error. Mrs Thomas was so shocked she had to sit down.

We were also inspected by the local authority and our attendance which is the best in the county 1/77 schools was recognised. We know from our data that there is a very strong link between attendance and achievement so well done to all and keep it up.

Its been a busy month with many highlights. On the 7th it was world book day and you can see above the smiles and love of books at St Mary's.

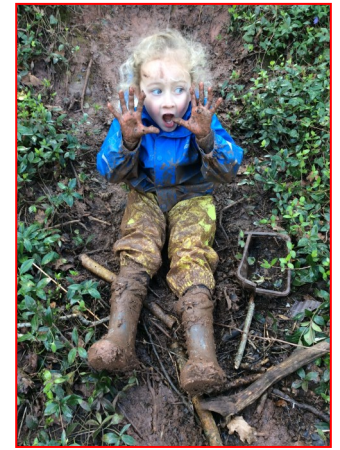
In the Infants the children have been studying little beasties and creepy crawlies. Spiders and ladybirds can be seen around the classroom. An interesting fact is that ladybirds are named after Our Lady (Mary) as they do much good and can eat as many as fifty aphids a day. The Lower Juniors are currently in Ancient Greece learning about the tales of Zeus, Hera, Aphrodite, Hermes etc.

The Upper Juniors have been looking into food and farming methods. They have been considering issues of sustainability, how we can feed the world and with climate change what is going to happen in the future? Sadly these are issues that will affect us all in the near future.

The Year 6 pupils also had a cycling proficiency day where their cycling awareness and skills were assessed. I am pleased to say all passed with flying colours. Well done Year 6 and its now back to hard work.

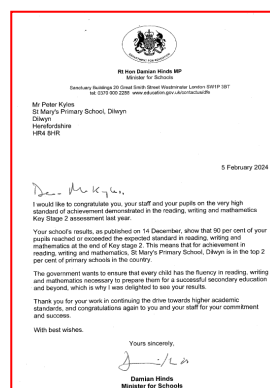
Sport

Sports Club continues throughout the term. Mike reminds those doing football to bring shin pads. On Friday afternoons it's the turn of the Juniors at the pool. Congratulations go to Josephine and Rohan who both achieved their level 3 grading.



Picture Gallery

Cheesy smiles and much fun in the woods.
Nell I hope Mum has a good washing machine!
Ivy filming in Africa where they have stripy horse and some with long funny necks.
Ahoy World Book Day was a great boat trip.
On the Left
Damian Hind's letter of congratulations.
Year 6 bike-ability day.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 27th March Easter Service in the Church (9.15).
Thursday 28th March—Friday 12th April Easter Break.
Thursday 2nd April Mary Poppins Returns
Monday 15th April Summer Term Starts.