

Dear Parents and children,

Welcome to our school newsletter. This edition is from Dolphin Class, we hope you enjoy reading all about what we have done in class.

From

All the year 1's.

### Topics

Last half term our topic was Jack and the Beanstalk, we learnt the story by heart, wrote our own versions, wrote letters to the giant and asked lots of questions such as 'Why was Jack afraid of the giant?' We have got very good at using question marks and nearly always remember to use capital letters and full stops in our writing. Some children even use commas correctly.



This half term our topic is based around the question 'Where would Sammy Slowworm like to live?'

We began the topic by looking at the compost which Mrs Andrews brought in. She tipped it all over the tables and we looked to see what we could find. There were six slowworms but they were not slow.

'Why are slow worms called slow, they should be called fast worms?' Joshua

'The tails come off slow worms. They wiggle a lot' Kacey

'It was really yucky and gooeey, it felt like squidgy. I found some worms and slugs and ants as well' Ethan

The first week back after Easter year 1 and 2 went to Tadnoll Heath and we met Amy from the Heathlands Trust. We will be comparing heathland with our school grounds to see which place is best for slowworms.

'It was fun, we got to get some bugs and we put them back where we found them.' Timmy

'We did activities. We used sweep nets to get creatures. I sucked up some creatures in my pooter. My mum came to help.' Etta



Year 2 have made information leaflets about Tadnoll Heath.



This one was written by Willow.

This week Amy came in and we explored the school grounds to see if Sammy Slow worm would rather live here. Year One and Two made colour charts as well.



### School Council

Isabella is our representative. 'We have to raise money for other children who do not have food. I go to meetings and we think of ideas. We wore slippers and red noses. It is fun.'

### DASP writing project.

Anya, Freya, Kim and Rhianne went to Thomas Hardy School for two mornings to work with children from St Mary's Middle and Thomas Hardy. They had to make up a story which could be made into a film. The winners will have their story filmed and win prizes; we hope it will be us!

'The boys in our group were very kind and took care of us' Kim

'I like drawing the pictures to make the story' Freya

'I really liked the colouring in for the front cover while the boys wrote the story down' Rhianne



## Other 'stuff'

Every Wednesday is Wonder Wednesday. We wonder what Mrs Andrews will bring in. Some of the things have included frog and toad spawn, tadpoles, bluebells and a very large chrysalis. 'Mrs Andrews brought in a big tall flower and it was red and had long yellow things sticking out, they had pollen on.' Keenan (it was an amaryllis)



Thank you to Samuel in Puffins for the diagram of the life cycle of a lime hawk moth (he brought one into school).

We used the iPads to help in our Maths and computing. We manipulated nature. Do you think the photo is real or fake news? We worked out doubles using the pictures. Do you know how we did it?



In Literacy we are reading the book 'Scaredy Squirrel'. You have to wash your hands with antibacterial soap before touching the book because Scaredy is afraid of germs. He is scared of lots of things and has an emergency kit.



*This is Freya in the emergency kit.*



*We are growing potatoes.*

*'An interview with Mrs Greening' by Joshua and Anya*

*If you could go on holiday anywhere, where would you go?*

*I'd like to explore Australia, I nearly got there once!*

*What is your favourite film?*

Without a doubt Wizard of Oz, I have watched it thousands of times.

What was your favourite subject at school?

Home time! I liked English, we read some great books, I wasn't keen on P.E!

What is your favourite animal?

Rabbits, I've had seven pet rabbits. One lived in my house.

What is good about teaching us?

I love seeing how the children suddenly understand things and get better at their work. (note from Mrs Andrews, that is because Mrs Greening is so good at explaining and teaching.)

Is there anything you don't like at Milborne school?

Noisy children.

Art work in the style of Andy Goldsworthy by year one and two.



## School Notices

Dear Parents,

I am sure that many of you will be aware that St. Mary's C.E. Middle School was inspected by Ofsted shortly before the Easter holidays. The school was given a judgement of requires improvement and I wanted to take the opportunity to assure you, particularly those parents of children transferring into St. Mary's at the end of the year, that you should not be concerned over the report. I would ask that you that you read the letter (available through our school website) that I sent to parents alongside the full report as this will clarify some the points raised. Should you still have any concerns, I would encourage you to ring the school and I can either phone you or invite you to come to meet with me at St. Mary's. I am very proud of the work the school is doing and speed at which I know we can demonstrate the improvements suggested in the report. I am very much looking forward to meeting some of you and the Year 4 pupils in the next few week as we start the highly effective transfer process and am confident that they will flourish at St. Mary's.

Best wishes

Mr. Darren Ayling

There some posters and adverts attached to the main email with details of events etc..

Please be aware that the **DASP PE Summer camp** is presently only available to current yr 3&4

And finally, from Puffin Class, some jokes...

*Ania and Isabelle: What does a spider do when it is angry? It goes up the wall!*

*How do you stop rhinos from charging? Take away their credit cards!*

*What is the favourite sport for a horse? Stable tennis!*

## **BREAKING NEWS**

*There have been reports of a dinosaur outside Seahorse class. More details to follow in the next newsletter.*