



DIGGLE STARS

- ★ **Minnie Grange** – for superb effort and concentration in her spellings
- ★ **Mason Shuttleworth** – for improved effort and resilience in learning.
- ★ **Bailey Lees** – for settling back into school after the holidays and doing super work in Phonics
- ★ **Harry Hamilton** -for super effort in Phonics!
- ★ **Luke Edmondson**- for a super effort in his work this week, working on his resilience skills.
- ★ **Hannah Whitehead**- for making some fantastic contributions in English.
- ★ **Jaydon-Lee Harvey** for his superb reasoning skills this week.
- ★ **Lily Lees** – showing improved resilience in maths.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Welcome back I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday even though the weather was not very kind to us.

This half term sees the lead up to Christmas and whilst we are not able to invite parents into school, we are hoping that we will be able to still create a lovely festive feel in school for the children.

Please keep reading the Diggle Star over the next few weeks to see what we have planned.

Virtual parent's evening will take place next week and you should all have hopefully received a link for your zoom meeting with the teacher.

Attached to the email with this newsletter is a copy of the holiday dates for 2021/22. These will also be available on the school website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c 9th Nov – virtual parents evening

18th Dec – finish for Christmas

Mon 4th Jan – staff inset day

Tues 5th Jan – Spring term starts



Class R

This week we have started our new topic, Autumn/Winter, and it started with a bang!, as we looked at the autumn festival 'Bonfire Night'. The children made safety posters in Literacy to help people know to step back from fire and we learnt a song relating to Bonfire Night. During the week, we also looked at other Autumn things and did a leaf hunt, after reading the story 'We're going on a Leaf Hunt'. The children found lots of different types of leaves and were great at sorting and matching different types. In Numeracy, we looked at the number three. Why not ask your child to tell you something about the number 3? In phonics, we looked at the sounds; sh, j, v & r, and the red word; 'my'.

Class 1

This week we have read to the end of the Bog Baby story in English. We have made a story map using pictures to show the order of events in the story. Then we made a class story map and added time adverbials to help with retelling orally. In Maths we have continued our counting in 2s,5s and 10s and completed some work on measures by measuring objects longer and shorter than a metre. We started a new Theme this week- Winter Wonderland. We have been learning where in the world the coldest places are, and we have learnt the names and locations of the seven continents.

Class 2

This week we have done lots of Science activities. We completed a seasons wheel and linked this to maths learning about the months of the year. We also investigated microhabitats and where we might find them in a woodland. We had fun watching a virtual firework display to help us design our own firework display which we then used for some super descriptive writing. In maths we solved word problems using empty number lines to help.



This week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.





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Class 3

This week we have been studying a poem looking for nouns, adjectives, verbs and preposition. We have used this to store our own versions. In Maths we have been looking at number sequences involving 3, 4 and 8 up to 1000. We have also been adding and taking away 10 and 100 from numbers to 1000 and looking for patterns. We have enjoyed our first session of football skills with the coach from City in the Community. We have also enjoyed writing secret codes in hieroglyphics in theme.

Class 4

We have focussed on 2D shapes in maths this week, looking at vertical, horizontal and parallel lines as well as right, acute and obtuse angles. In English we finished The Egyptian Cinderella and worked on our sentences building skills. In the afternoons half of the class have been loving forest school while the other half began new topics in science and music. We continued our theme work on the Ancient Egyptians.

Class 5

This week in maths we have looked at counting forwards and back wards in powers of 10; the children have worked extremely hard to add and subtract larger powers of 10 such as 1,000,000 to numbers, which has helped them focus on their place value skills. In English we have started to look at our Class text which is 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tann, the children have made predictions about the silent novel and have written poems based on pictures from the first few pages. We have also started to learn about the Holocaust as part of our WW2 theme.

Class 6

This week In maths this week, we have been working on the place value of numbers up to 10,000,000. This has included reading, writing ordering and partitioning numbers. We have also been learning to round numbers including rounding decimals. In English this week, we have started studying the book, 'The Arrival'. This a silent, graphic novel related to our WWII topic. We have spent time making predictions based on the blurb and front cover.

We have also used some images from the book to plan for some poetry which we will write next week. In science, we have been explaining how day and night occurs and have drawn diagrams to show this.

The Princess Trust

Grace has had her hair cut and is donating it to the charity, The Princess Trust. This is a charity who make wigs for those children suffering from illness related hair loss. What an amazing and brave thing to do! Well done Grace.



FODS are again running the design your own Christmas Card.

This week your child has been given a blank A4 Christmas Card template. If you would like your child to make a Christmas Card design, please encourage them to complete a design, following the guidance below and return the finished design to school by **Monday 9th November**. They will be sent off to the company on this day so late returns cannot be accommodated.

See the email sent on Thursday for full details (and digital template attached in case your child has lost theirs.)

We're making our own Christmas Cards

This year our school children will be creating their own personalised Christmas Card designs. Parents will be able to purchase the cards in packs of 12 at a great price, whilst also helping the school to raise additional funds. So there's no need to buy your Christmas Cards anywhere else!



From just one drawing you can order lots of different products and help to raise funds for your school.





Class R

Class R went on a leaf hunt this week. We even had our mid-morning snack around the fire pit!

Starting Primary School?

If you know anyone who is looking for a school for their pre-school child, please direct them to our school website where there is a dedicated 'Prospectus Page', and of course this Diggle Star newsletter.



Starting Primary School?

Is your child due to start Primary School in September 2021?

If they were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 – then the answer is yes.

To apply for a place in reception you must apply online by: 5pm 15 January 2021

It's quick and easy.

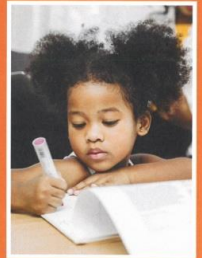
You can apply online from 1 September 2020.

Contact the School Admissions Team on: 0161 770 4213 if you need any help or advice.

Remember that attendance at a school nursery does not guarantee a place in a reception class. Parents must make a separate application for admission to reception classes.

You can access the internet at Oldham library.

For more information visit www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions



**IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF**



Young Lungs at Work

No Idling Please

Now the weather is turning cold, please can we remind parents not to sit in their cars with the engine running when parked on the roadside.

Idling creates a hot-spot of concentrated emissions which the passing children are then breathing in. The Highway Code states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."



FODS would like to say a HUGE thankyou to everyone for all your fantastic support during our Spooky Trail. We have raised an absolutely amazing £5400 for the school and it was so lovely to see so many people out and about enjoying it despite the torrential rain and mud!



None of this would have been able to go ahead without our brilliant volunteers who made all the scarecrows to such a high standard that they lasted so long in the weather conditions! Here are some photos of the scarecrows and their makers



OLDHAM FOODBANK

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

As the months have gone by, the Foodbank, has been inundated with food requests. The harvest donations and ongoing donations have been of huge importance, but this demand is also impacting the volunteer rota. In particular next week (half term) will be 'tight' due to a number of volunteers being away but the 'ideal' would be more volunteers consistently.

Can you or do you know anyone that can help with the following: picker/packers delivery drivers (using your own car), van drivers (a driving licence will need to be brought initially), organising donations (this is an additional flexible role to help to sort and organise the donations received by the Foodbank between 3.30pm and 6pm – you do not need to attend for the full shift, any time that you can offer is a massive help. You will be guided initially).

Morning shifts are approximately 9.30am to 12.30pm and afternoon shifts are 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

If you can spare some time, especially next week, please let Father Tom Davis, Chair of the Trustees of Oldham Foodbank, or Becky Kershaw (Action Together currently based at the Foodbank) know when you are available on 0161 622 1061.

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You shop. Amazon gives.

For those of you who purchase through AMAZON, please consider choosing Friends of Diggle School as your preferred charity on Amazon Smile. Every bit of money FODS raises comes back into school, and Amazon Smile is a great way to help just by doing your normal shopping.



Poppy Appeal - merchandise for sale

We are proud of our continued support of the British Legion here in school, and to make the process compliant with our Covid Risk Assessment, we are selling the Poppy Appeal items via Parent Pay at the suggested prices below, as well as the paper poppies at 20p. There are limited items of each and will be on a first come first served basis – colours will be distributed at random. These items are now on Parent Pay.

We have also added a line for a general donation to the British Legion. No-one is obliged to donate using this option; however we appreciate people may in previous years have chosen to give to this cause when out and about via the street collectors, which is not as easy this year. There are other ways to donate directly to the British Legion – search

online for details.

All donations via Parent Pay will be passed onto the Royal British Legion in full.



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p



Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00



Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

Last day for purchase is Tuesday 10th Nov.

Parent Pay

Please ensure you keep your dinner money and BASC accounts in credit. Thank you for your support in these matters.

Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons signed up to music lessons the payment will be added to ParentPay next week.