



DIGGLE STARS

Oscar Shaw-Woodall- For excellent effort in maths this week.

Jake Bradshaw - For better effort to focus and concentrate in class.

Molly Bates - For being responsible and looking after the classroom.

Jacob Shearing- For a much improved effort in his work, particularly maths, contributing more and not being frightened to give things a go.

Cole Calverley - For trying hard with his work on fractions and helping others.

Zak Sharif - For trying really hard in English and taking the advice of his teachers and peers.

Ronnie Barton - For working independently in maths and his work on length.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone for making yesterday's World Book Day such a brilliant day. Please be sure to check out all the wonderful photos from the day.

The staff were amazed by all the super costumes so a big thank you to our parents for making such an effort. The day was made even more special by the fantastic contribution of the FODS who organised both the Wonka bars and the book give away. Yesterday was a great example of what can be achieved for our children when we work together as a community.

Please check out the information regarding the Easter Music concert below.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 13th March - In Person Parent's Evening 3:30 - 6pm.

Fri 22nd March - Y3 & 4 Hike to Castleshaw.

Mon 25th March - Yr 4 Experience Easter.

Tuesday 26th March - Easter concert.
Timings as follows:

9am Guitars, 9:20 Drums, 9:40 Band/Brass,
10am Woodwind, 10:20 Choir, 10:40 Singers.

Thurs 28th March - Y3 & 4 Roman Day.
Break Up for Easter and Easter Egg Hunt.

Thurs 29th Mar - Sun 14th Apr -Scarecrow Trail.

Fri 3rd May -Olympics Wacky Races.

Tues 7th May - Class Photographs

Tues 21st May - Reception Stay and Play

Thurs 23rd May -Whole school trip to Chester Zoo.

w/c 3rd June - Sports Week

Wed 12th June- Fri 14th June - Year 6 Kingswood Trip.

Here are
our
amazing
Diggle
Stars!



Well done Class 2.
You had the
tidiest cloakroom
so Percy Pigeon
will be with you
this week.



Class R

Another fun and exciting week in Class R. We continued our dinosaur topic by learning the words carnivore, omnivore and herbivore. We used this word knowledge to good effect when watching *Andy's Dinosaur Adventure*.

In maths we have explored the idea of time. We learnt that a minute is made up of 60 seconds and thought about the tasks we could, and couldn't, do in that time. We also recapped the days of the week and talked about what things happen on each day. We know what days make up the weekend and some of the children remembered that they do activities like swimming and football on certain days.

We also started **Drawing Club** this week too. We read the book *Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs* and learnt the words smugglers, gargantuan, malodorous, plop and gloopy. The children made up their own character and setting and then used their imagination to draw and write letters and numbers for their own version of the story.

We still had time to dress up as characters for World Book Day and complete some Mother's Day Activities on Friday.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have started reading a new class text 'Meerkat Mail.' We read the first few pages and thought about what we knew about Sunny so far. We completed a mind map with clues that Sunny was too hot and then looked at how his family were behaving and generated words about how he might be feeling. We then used these words to write full sentences with because to add a reason. Finally this week we wrote sentences on a prediction track to consider what Sunny might do next.

In Maths we have continued our topic on numbers within 50. We have identified groups of tens and ones and partitioned into tens and ones. We have used the number line to 50 filling in missing numbers on different sections of the number line as well as estimating on a number line to 50.

In Science we learnt about the difference between objects and materials. In Theme we learnt about the invention of the telegraph machine and how morse code was used to send messages that were then decoded onto telegrams. We had a go at decoding some words written in morse code. We had fun on world book day dressing as characters from Charlie and the chocolate factory and very much enjoyed unwrapping wonka bars to see if we had won a golden ticket!



Class 2

In English this week we used our book Man on the Moon to investigate Bob's rocket ship. We labelled his control panel and decided how each part worked. We wrote clear instructions for how to fly it, making sure they were in the correct order. We even had an ejector seat button in case of in-flight emergencies! Spelling this week has focussed on our key spellings. In Maths we have continued to work on multiplication and division by learning how to use an array to calculate a multiplication and also grouping and sharing as a start to division. We continued our science topic of Materials, by investigating what happens when you bend, stretch, twist and squash different materials. We tested plasticine, an elastic band and a stone. We also worked with paper to create artwork. We curled, folded, bent and twisted paper strips to create 3D pictures. We had a super time on World Book Day when we enjoyed dressing up, reading stories and eating our wonka bars. Some of us won a golden ticket too!



Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been learning all about the destruction of Pompeii and the timeline of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius as part of their theme and how we have learnt so much about ancient Rome from the artifacts and buildings they have uncovered.

In maths, we have been learning about length and converting measures. We enjoyed measuring each others height and foot length.

Our Boudicca dance is coming along nicely in PE and we are enjoying putting all the sequence together.

We have had to recover our work on Branch diagrams in ICT to ensure our understanding and look at different models before we can progress.

In English, we had lots of fun playing different games, looking at their instructions, both good and poor. We then decided what makes instructions easy to follow. We used these features to write instructions on How to Play Jacks (or Knucklebones as the Romans called it).

World Book Day was lots of fun. We used our instruction writing to design a new sweet, writing about its special properties and how to make it. We also applied our dictionary skills to finding words in a wordsearch, looking for the first letter, then first 2, 3 etc to discover the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed words. The children really enjoyed listening to extracts from the book, as well as unwrapping their Wonky Bars and choosing their books to take home...Thank you FODS.

Class 4

This week, Class 4 have started our unit on fractions. We have been looking at how fractions represent a whole and how to order fractions with timelines and in part whole models. In English, we have been investigating instructional writing. We have tried to play games with different sets of instructions - analysing what makes a good set of instructions. We have also used our Class text 'Escape from Pompeii' to write instructions for the game 'Knucklebones'. In Theme, we continued looking at the historic events that occurred in Pompeii. The children were challenged to imagine they were a citizen of Pompeii and they witnessed the eruption of Mount Vesuvius. The children were really engaged in this and wrote some cracking entries.

In Science, we finished off our observational experiment with eggs. The children were able to see the effect of sugary drinks on egg shells and relate that to what happens to teeth and causing tooth decay.

In Computing, we have looked at how data is created and how it is used to answer questions. Finally, the children had a great time for World Book Day. Their Willy Wonka inspired costumes were fantastic and we applied some of our learning about instructions to a group project, where the children had to design a chocolate bar and then write instructions on how to make their chocolate bar.

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

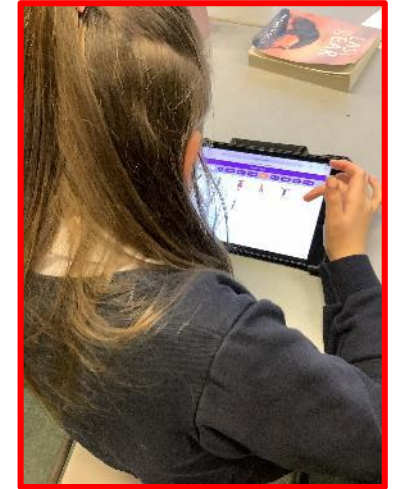
Class 5

This week in English class 5 have written a diary entry from the perspective of Daniel (the main character in our class text). We have been focusing on our vocabulary ensuring that the words we use to describe are “exciting”. In Maths we have been looking at the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and converting between the three. In science we have been investigating the different ways that plants reproduce and looked at the advantages and disadvantages of both.

Class 6

This week in English we have been focusing on writing a letter of persuasion thinking carefully about the formal and persuasive language that we have used to make it appropriate for the reason we are sending the letters. We are going to use these skills in our independent writing next week to write another persuasive letter using the characters from our class novel. In Maths we have been finding fractions, decimals and percentages that are equal to each other as well as ordering these and finding percentages of different amounts. The whole class has been working hard on this in the past few weeks and should be really proud of the progress they are making. In computing we have continued to look at variables in a game and have tried to use these skills to make improvements for a game that we have been provided with; trying to include a scoreboard and the use of lives to improve the enjoyment of the game. In theme, we have tried to draw a Birds Eye view plan, including a key of Gromera, the place where Isabella lives in the book ‘The Girl of Ink and Stars, by carefully reading the information that has been provided to us.

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Home Reading Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's 50 and 100 Home Readers...



World Book Day

A huge thank you to all the parents for the amazing Charlie and The Chocolate Factory inspired costumes, and also to FODS for a wonderful day!



World Book Day



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DLP Gymnastics Taster

On Wednesday 6th March we had the opportunity to send 4 children from KS1 to a gymnastics taster session with some other schools across the DLP. The children took turns to practise some balancing skills and then learnt how these skills could all be put together to create a sequence of moves. The children were very enthusiastic, represented school well, but most importantly enjoyed their experience.





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Diggle School now has an Instagram account. If we get 100 new followers by next Friday all the children in the school will get an extra 10 minutes playtime! We haven't posted a lot yet but we're working on it. We currently have just 42 followers! **@diggle_school**

I'm sure you'll agree that Whit Friday is the highlight of many people's year, but it needs an awful lot of organising. Diggle Whit Friday Committee are looking for volunteers to help in the evening with directing coaches and other marshalling jobs - just an hour will do! If you can help, please email joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and I will pass your details onto the relevant people.

Plus... Don't forget the Easter Music Concert on Tuesday 26th March in the school hall.

The timings are as follows:

9am Guitars, 9:20 Drums, 9:40 Band/Brass, 10am Woodwind, 10:20 Choir, 10:40 Singers.

All children who play a musical instrument in the school will be performing.

Easter Raffle

We will be holding an Easter raffle in each class for the chance to win a handmade Easter bag, containing some chocolate and a wind up Easter chick. If you would like your child to have a chance of winning one of these cute Easter bags, please send £2 in to your class teacher by Thursday 28th March



Easter Holiday Club

The 'outstanding' Diggle Holiday Club is now taking bookings for the Easter holidays. Get in touch today to avoid disappointment...

Now taking bookings for the Easter Holidays!
Open Tuesday 2nd April to Friday 12th April 2024 inclusive
8.45am - 5pm £27 per day per child



Diggle Holiday Club

Diggle School, Sam Road, Diggle, OL3 5PU
Telephone; 01457 601972

For more information please email:

landaholidayclub@gmail.com

Children can enjoy our vast outdoor areas and take part in seasonal crafts.
Morning and afternoon snacks/drinks are provided,
lunch to be provided by the parents.



A Message from FODS...

Well, what a busy few days we have had this last week! Two Mother's Day sales, a non-uniform day in exchange for donations and our special golden ticket event on World Book Day! Lots of fun was had by all and lots of smiles and shouting when golden tickets were discovered!

All children also got to take home some books and a special bookmark. We hope they all had a fantastic day!

Looking forward now, we have our raffle tickets for the Easter Hampers coming out in book bags next week, then we have our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of school..Tickets for this are now on sale on Parent Pay. Please note...there was a bit of confusion over dairy free chocolate on Wonka Bar Day so to avoid this in the future and to make sure all children get their treats please can you message your FODS class rep direct OR message the FODS Facebook page on messenger. We can then personally write down the names and make sure we have their orders!

Finally, the Diggle Scarecrow Trail starts on Friday 29th March! This is usually a great (and cheap) day out in the Easter Holidays so please do come and support it ! Trail Sheets will be on sale locally at The Gate Inn, Diggle Hotel and Grandpa Greenes.



Diggle School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 28th March

Diggle School Playground 3.20 - 4.30

£3 per child (non school siblings welcome)

Children at school club will get the chance to take part at 4.30

Pay via parent pay by 24th March or entry cannot be guaranteed !

This is a parent accompanied activity

Find 6
coloured
eggs to
win
prizes

Find the
special
egg for
egg-stra
prizes!

Tea,
coffee,
drinks
and tuck
shop

Have a
photo
with the
Easter
Bunny!



Prizes for
best
scarecrows!

Friends of Diggle School
Present The

DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL

29TH MARCH - 14TH APRIL 2024

Our fabulous Scarecrow Trail is BACK! A great day out for all the family.

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 are available now from
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-Of-Diggle-School> or scan the QR code below.

Purchase your sheet then pick up on the day from one of our outlets-
The Gate Inn, Grandpa Greene's, The Diggle Hotel and Diggle Lock.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for up to date car park and weather info and
opening days and times of all venues.

This years theme is

ALL THINGS
TELEVISION!

All profits to directly benefit the
children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075

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Easter treats
with your trail
sheet!

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Olympics Wacky Races



And outdoor disco
Friday 3rd May
After school until 5pm



Come and join in the fun on our wacky races!
Compete with your mates to win the silliest
races, then join our fun disco area

Hot dogs/cakes/drinks

tuck shop

KIDS ONLY!

£5 PER PERSON

Available on parent pay soon!

Cut off date for payments is 26th April



Music Lessons

Music lessons have commenced, and fees are now on Parent Pay. Please note that Singing lessons will not start again until after half term and the charge on Parent Pay reflects this planned absence.

Lessons will be as follows:

Monday - Singing (from after half term)

Tuesday - Brass

Wednesday - Percussion, Woodwind, Keyboard

Thursday - Guitar

Please ensure your child brings their instrument with them where applicable on the day stated above.

If you would like your child to start music lessons please contact the school office to enquire about availability and financial commitment.

School Band Rehearsal Dates

Quick reminder that Mr Byers is not available for 8.30am band practice on the following dates...

PLEASE NOTE, EVEN THOUGH MORNING BAND PRACTICE IS NOT ON, LESSONS WILL STILL BE HAPPENING, AND BAND PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE DAY, SO YOUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

**Tuesday 12th March 2024, Tuesday 16th April 2024,
Tuesday 7th May 2024, Tuesday 4th June 2024,
Tuesday 26th June 2024, Tuesday 16th July 2024**



Do you have what it takes to open your heart and home to a child?

Safehouses Fostering is a local independent fostering agency based in Denshaw. We are a small team with a real family feel. We know what many of you are thinking...'I can't be a foster carer'...I have my own kids!' It is a fostering myth that your own children have to have flown the nest before your fostering career can begin. Many of our fostering families have their own birth children whom are very much part of the fostering journey, and in many cases play a vital role in the fostering household. We are really proud to have been rated Outstanding by Ofsted and we offer robust support and ongoing training. With such a drastic shortage of foster carers, both locally and nationally, we are turning to our surrounding villages to see if we can go some way in finding more fostering families who can provide safe, loving homes for children who need it. Please, if you're thinking about it, or have any questions at all, give us a call or pop in for a brew!

01457 328014

<https://safehousesfostering.org.uk>



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CHILDREN'S CHOIR

RECRUITING NOW

We are now inviting applications for the 2023/24 season.

For more details and to access the online application form,
please visit www.halle.co.uk/project/youth-ensembles-recruitment

or contact:

Minnie Elliott for Youth Orchestra, Youth Choir and Youth Training Choir enquiries
minnie.elliott@halle.co.uk

Jodie Buckland for Children's Choir enquiries
jodie.buckland@halle.co.uk

Please note the deadline for applications is **Monday 6 May 2024**.