



## DIGGLE STARS

**All of Class R** - for all settling into school really well and learning the class routines.

**Etta Kouzelis and George Holdsworth** - for super theme work this week showing responsible learning.

**Luke Derbyshire** - for being very resilient and trying hard with all his learning even with his arm in a plaster cast.

**Cara Hamilton** - for being a fantastic role model for others in the class; always doing the right thing.

**Ellie-May Godwin** - for making a positive start in Class 5-putting her hand up to contribute in lessons.

**All of Class 3** - for impressing me with their responsible attitude to learning and making a great start to the juniors.

**Grace Sayer** - for her hard work and resilience in the first week of Class 4

**William Longshaw** - for a fantastic first week in Year 6.



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Welcome back to the Autumn Term 2021. If this is your first week here at Diggle School I hope that both you and your child have had lovely week and been made to feel very welcome.

It is not just children that are new, we also have a few new staff members. I would like to welcome anyone new to the Diggle family and I hope your time with us is enjoyable.

There are a number of dates in the diary section, make sure you make a note of these,. We have managed to plan all the way to Christmas to hopefully help you as parents get organised.

A quick reminder that if your child still has no wellies or walking shoes this needs to be addressed as soon as possible. Children with only school shoes have to remain on the yard and don't get the opportunity to explore the field and they tend to get very grumpy about this!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 24 Sept** - y5/6 Viking Day

**Fri 15 Oct** - Class R Superhero day

**Thurs 21 Oct** - Finish for Half term

**Mon 1 Nov** - School reopens

**w/c Mon 8 Nov** - Parents Evening Week

**Mon 13 Dec** - Panto day

**Tues 14 Dec** - Effort Grades sent home

**Wed 15 Dec** - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 2.15-3.00

**Thurs 16 Dec** - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 9.15-10.00 and 11.00-11.45

**Thurs 16 Dec** - Y 3&4 Christmas Party

**Fri 17 Dec** - Class R Nativity am and pm performance times TBC

**Mon 20 Dec** - R 1 & 2 Christmas Party am

**Mon 20 Dec** - Y 5&6 Christmas Party PM

**Tues 21 Dec** - Christmassy Non-Uniform and Christmas Dinner Day

**Tues 21 Dec** - Finish for Christmas.

**Thurs 6 Jan 2022** - New Term starts



## Class R

Class R have settled into their new school perfectly! They have been learning new routines and meeting their new teachers and friends. This week we have been learning how to listen by practicing our listening ears, looking eyes and silent voice on the carpet. We have read stories about starting school and had a chance to tell the class about what we were excited for at school and worried about. We have also explored our classroom, indoors and outdoors, using the space to practice yoga! Finally we have all made a wish for what we want to achieve in our first year at Diggle School.

## Class 1

We've made a fantastic start in Class 1 this week. We have tried really hard to learn new routines and have been getting used to working more at tables and staying on an activity for a set amount of time. We have completed some assessments in maths to see what we remember from last year and in English we have written some sentences about our Summer holidays.

We still had some time for learning through play and have enjoyed using our new ice cream van role play area.

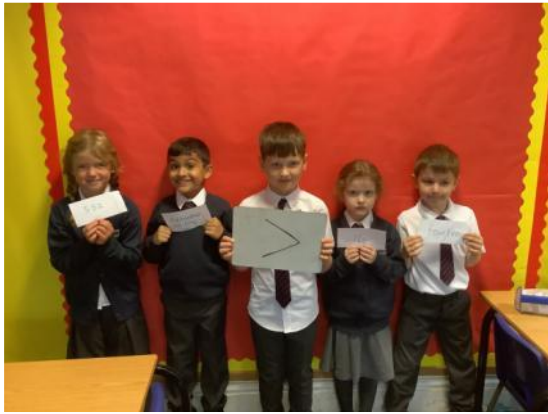


## Class 2

We have all had a fantastic start to Year 2 this week with lots of responsible learning and a super effort with behaviour. We have spent the week working on activities using a book called 'Have you filled a bucket today?' We all have an 'invisible bucket' that holds our good thoughts and feelings. When we do something kind, we fill someone's bucket; when we do something unkind, we dip into someone's bucket and remove some of those good thoughts and feelings. We have tried to understand how we can be kind to people in our community as well as our family and friends. Do you always have to say something to be kind? What actions might be kind things to do? We also thought how we might you be kind to our local area by the things we do. We finished the week by reading a lovely story by Julia Donaldson about George the kindest giant in town. We made a class gratitude tree about all the things which are good in our lives and being thankful for the things we have, like having a place to live, food, clean water, friends and family.



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



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### Class 3

What a busy week! Class 3 have had a fantastic start to the new school year and the juniors. We have introduced our new theme 'The Stone Age' looking at what we already know and things we would like to find out. We have begun our class text 'Stone Age Boy' making predictions and writing speech bubbles for the main characters and converting them into dialogue after acting out our scenes. In maths we have revised some Year 2 learning and been reading, writing, ordering and comparing numbers to 1000 and have investigated magnets in science. We even fit in basketball and a french lesson! Have a great weekend and a well earned rest.

### Class 4

Class 4 started their week with a brand new music unit on Abba's 'Mamma Mia'. We started our Animals Including Humans science topic by sketching and labelling wild animals of Saddleworth. In theme we discussed what we know, and want to know, about the Stone Age. Negative numbers were the focus in maths as we practiced adding and subtracting either side of 0. After writing all about our families and our holidays, we studied the front cover of the new class text *Stone Age Boy* and made some predictions. We practiced throwing and catching in our dodgeball lesson on Friday, and also thought about how to show respect to our VIPs in SMSC. It's great to be back!



## Class 5

This week in Class 5 we have based our written work in English around a short film called 'The Lighthouse' focusing carefully on the description of the main character and the setting; remembering to use expanded noun phrases and exciting adjectives. We have started to look at Mini Maths this week, looking at how to answer a range of arithmetic questions. In PSHE we have looked at what type of learner we are and how the different types help us all to learn in different ways.

## Class 6

On the first day of school half of us got to meet our buddies to help them get lunch and to get use to the school. We did RE on Tuesday doing which natural disaster was prevented and which weren't.

On Wednesday we did French and learnt to say a poem in French and made are own birds for the poem. We also learnt how to say hello and bye also we learnt what our names are.

On Thursday We did science about living things and their habitats. We sorted animals in two groups like fur and no fur or four legs or not four legs. In maths we did self assessments to show what we can do. This week we have worked hard and tried to impress our teacher.

By Will and Kamron.

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



## School Dinners

We welcome **Mr Tillett** to the school as our new cook who has made some very tasty dinners this week. The school has taken over the running of the catering from Oldham Council, and over the next few weeks Mr Tillett be devising a tasty new menu. We are delighted Mrs Fox and Mrs Brennan have stayed with us, and they all look very smart in their new purple uniforms.



If your child currently has packed lunches but would like to try school dinners there is no commitment required, they can pick a day they would like to try from the menu (on the school website), and order it at registration. Meals are charged at £2.40 each for all children not eligible for Free School Meals in classes 3 - 6 and we ask that parents keep their school meal account in credit at all times via Parent Pay.

## New Staff

We have welcomed three new members of staff this September. Miss Evans is our Reception Teacher, Miss Pickles is working in Class 6 and Mr Taylor is working in Class 1. Be sure to say hello if you see them around school.



## PARKING

As we now don't have quite such a large stagger at the beginning and the end of the day, we ask that parents are extra vigilant in ensuring that they are parking in a **safe** and **respectful** manner.

Just a quick reminder of what we ask of parents.

It is part of the highway code that **nobody stops or parks on the Zig Zags between the hours of 8am and 5pm Monday to Friday.**

As a school we also ask that parents **do not double park on Sam Rd** to the right of the school. Double parking inevitably leads to cars mounting the pavement in order to leave enough space on the road. This makes the pavements very difficult to negotiate safely with prams and small children. It also leads to children trying to cross over to school having to do so between parked cars.

If we all work together we can ensure that our children are kept safe.

I know that some parents really support us in this and will speak up if they see cars parked in a way that goes against what we ask. Please can I ask that if it is pointed out to you that you are parking contrary to what has been asked of you, you accept with quiet dignity that you are in the wrong and **do not verbally abuse the person that is speaking to you** whether that be staff member or parent. Equally if you see a parking violation and want to bring it up **keep your interaction polite and respectful.**

**In the end we all want the same thing: All the children to be safe.**

## Music lessons

The music lessons start next week for all children who have signed up for music tuition. Please ensure your child brings their instrument and music on the given day, and continue to encourage them in their regular practice at home.

**Monday - Singing**

**Tuesday - Brass**

**Wednesday - Percussion**

**Thursday - Guitar and Woodwind**

If your child hasn't signed up for music lessons but would like to start to learn, please let the school office know of their interest, and have a look at the school website where there is more information about the music lessons given in school. Music lessons are an extra service payable by parents and commitment is made to pay for the full academic year / remaining part of the school year if you start mid year.

The fees for the music lessons will appear on Parent Pay next week. Please ensure you pay a minimum of this term's fees promptly.



## The New Portacabin

Wow, what a transformation! The new cabin is almost finished - just a few more jobs to complete, and the cabin has been transformed truly transformed. This space is used by BASC but is also used by Diggle Dandelion's Preschool nursery during the school day time, and holiday club in the school holidays, so it is a much needed space to support our families and wider community in out of school care.

We need to say thankyou to Oldham Council for funding the majority of this project, and an especially huge thank you to Mr Hampson, our School Governor who has been instrumental in getting this project to be the success it has. Without his help - all of it done voluntarily in his capacity as a Governor - we would not have the new cabin we have today, and the school leadership are very very grateful for all his continued patience and support.

If you have any children's rugs or beanbags that are still in good condition, but are no longer required, or jigsaws and games that are still complete but no longer used, please consider donating them to BASC.



## Investigating magnets in science

Class 3 investigated magnets this week, playing games and moving round different activities. They then concluded that magnets work through plastic, paper and wood, attract to metal and can move objects without touching them. With the 'floating' magnets, we learnt that they were repelling each other but haven't found out why yet ...



## Go TEAM DIGGLE!!

The Saddleworth Village Olympics opening ceremony and athletics competition takes place this **Saturday 11th September at Saddleworth School.**

THE OPENING CEREMONY BEGINS AT 9AM

**ALL ARE WELCOME at the Opening Ceremony, EVEN IF YOU DO NOT INTEND/WANT TO COMPETE in the athletics.**

It's a great event to get all of the villages together and celebrate. Come and cheer your friends on.

- \* Junior Athletics (7s, 8s, 9, 10/11s) starts at 9.30am
- \* Tug Of War (8/9s, 10/11s, 12/13s) starts at 1pm
- \* Senior Athletics (12s, 13s) starts at 3pm

The full timetable is on the Diggle Village Olympic Team Facebook page

Please can all junior participants arrive at Saddleworth School by 8.30am.

- \* Come to the Yellow Diggle tent to register.
- \* Wear your Yellow Olympics T-shirt (and any other yellow stuff you may have, if you'd like).
- \* Bring clothing suitable for all weathers - remember; this is Saddleworth.
- \* You can also bring some pocket money as there should be some sweet cones available to buy.

**Do it for Diggle!**





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OLDHAM MOUNTAIN RESCUE



heritage open days

# CAN YOUR TEDDY SAVE SADDLEWORTH CHURCH?



Kevin Sinfield opening the zip-line @ 3pm

Saturday 11th Sept 3-5pm.

Would you like to see your teddy zip-wire from the church tower?

- Book your teddy a slot via our facebook page!
- Canon Sharon & St Chad's school are raising funds to go towards an accessible ramp for the church. Everyone welcome to join the fun!
- £5 per teddy & includes a special certificate and badge for brave bears! Pre-booking advised!
- Children's activities in church & ice cream van from Grandpa Greenes!



## KILNGREEN CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

**SUNDAY 3rd OCTOBER 10.00 am**

**PLEASE JOIN US AT :-  
DIGGLE ALLOTMENTS  
WARD LANE  
DIGGLE**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

WITH ACCOMPANIMENT FROM DIGGLE BAND

DURING THE SERVICE WE WILL BE COLLECTING CASH DONATIONS FOR CHARITY

DONATIONS FOR THE LOCAL FOOD-BANK CAN BE BROUGHT ALONG ON THE DAY THANKYOU

BREAKFAST BUTTIES & DRINKS AVAILABLE ON SALE AT:- THE GATE INN DIGGLE