



DIGGLE STARS

Paige Harris - for trying her best in everything she has done all week!

Finlay Gee - for super resilience when solving problems in maths.

Milania Schofield - for being helpful and trying hard in all her learning.

Edward Russell - for some fantastic contributions and thoughtful ideas in class discussions.

Evie Winskill - for working hard in class and having a positive attitude to her learning.

Lucy-May Grange - for a great piece of descriptive writing about a tsunami and always keeping the 6Rs.

Ezra Van Zandt - for being kind and listening to instructions carefully.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



As we head towards the end of school we are all keeping our fingers crossed that the rest of the terms planned activities can go ahead as without interruption.



Should we have a case of the new Omicron variant then at the moment under current regulations anyone classed as a close contact regardless of age or vaccination status is required to isolate for ten days.

With this in mind please ensure you are socially distancing when dropping off and collecting your children.

If you are coming to either the Reception or Key Stage 1 performances please ensure you have taken a lateral flow test. We are making sure the seating for the reception performance has 2 metre gaps between family groups thereby ensuring you will not be required to isolate should someone test positive. There is no seating for the Key Stage one performance so it will be upto parents to maintain that 2 metre distance.

It is more important than ever that you get a PCR test for your child if they are unwell in any way, by working together we will hopefully all be able to enjoy Christmas

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Thurs 16 Dec - Y 3&4 Christmas Party

Fri 17 Dec - Class R Nativity performance 9:30-10 2:15-2:45

Mon 20 Dec - R 1 & 2 Christmas Party am

Mon 20 Dec - Y5&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



Class R

This week class R have been discussing Christmas! We have been thinking about what we are excited about and who we will be spending the day with. In RE we have been discussing prayers, discussing what we are thankful for and wrote our own class prayer. In PE, we have been using cones and balls to make winter themed objects. We practiced balancing them and running to get them. In Maths, we have been working on recognising '5' without counting, we now know we have 5 fingers on one hand and used this to count beyond 5. We have been focusing on practicing our play, making sure we are ready to perform in front of our relatives and carers. We are super excited!

Jolly the Elf has made us laugh this week, he has been painting the walls, stealing our fruit at snack time, hanging his washing up in the classroom and throwing glitter everywhere!

Class 1

This week in English we have been reading a new Christmas story called a star so bright. We made predictions about what the star might mean and made links to our knowledge of the nativity story. We wrote our ideas about how the animals might be feeling and wrote an acrostic poem with the word star. We then linked this to our art work and used silver and shiny materials to collage a star template and stick our finished poem on top. In maths we have been learning about money.

We have looked at coins and talked about the different shapes and colours. We have ordered coins and worked out how many of one coin you would need to equal the value of another. We have also spent time practising our songs and poems for the Christmas performances next week. It has been exciting to see what Ernie the class 1 elf has been up to this week. He had made a ski slope today!

Class 2

This week Class Two have been learning to tell the time and we are all getting very good at it! We have made our own clock faces and looked carefully at the length of the minute and hour hands.

We have used our Rekenreks to help us to learn maths facts. Class Two have also been practising Christmas songs and poems ready for the performances next week.

Pablo, the Class Two Elf, loves to play with the toys when we are not in the classroom!



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



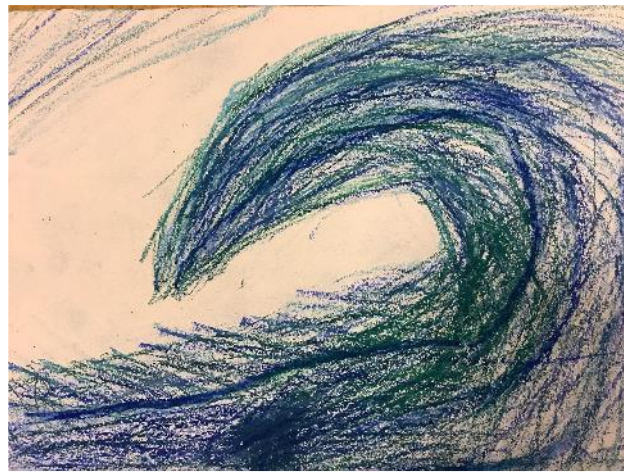
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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been learning more about 3D shapes. We looked at their properties, identified them from nets and used nets to make our own 3D shapes. In theme, we have been learning about tsunamis. We used the ipads to research facts about them, sharing our knowledge with others to build up a fact sheet. We also looked at how to stay safe in a tsunami (writing a poster) and wrote a description as though we were watching a tsunami from a safe height. We used oil pastels to create our own images of tsunamis and giant waves in art. Counting in french was great fun and we recapped all the french we have learnt so far.

Class 4

We have had a 'problem solving week' in maths. We have had to work systematically and use trial and error to solve a variety of different puzzles including *The Great Diggle Race*, *Sealed Solution*, *Fifteen Cards* and *Prison Cells*. We have studied tsunamis in theme. We have created some wonderful pictures in blue crayon inspired by waves, and we also produced a safety poster to warn beach-goers what to do if a tsunami happens. We then used Google Docs to re-create these posters electronically. In SMSC we looked at being assertive and in English we completed the big spelling test - and every single child improved on their previous score. Well done all!



Class 3 used oil pastels and blending to create these beautiful images of tsunamis and giant waves.



Class 5

In English this week we have created encyclopedia entries for a Yellow Spotted Lizard. After looking at some examples and collecting information about the lizards, we then carefully planned what content we wanted to include and the layout. In Maths we have been reading and interpreting data from tables and timetables, although some of us found reading the timetables difficult to begin with, all children have shown great resilience and perseverance to grow in confidence with this. In Science this week we learnt about air resistance and what it means to make something streamline. After this, we then carried out an experiment in groups to create the most effective paper boat, which would travel over a certain distance in the quickest time.

Class 6

This week, in maths we have continued our work on finding percentages of amounts. We have used our knowledge to work out the answers to problems involving money. In English, we have continued reading our class book, Holes. We have discussed the crime and racism involved and have used this to write a news report about why Sam the onion man was shot dead. In science this week we have continued our topic of the circulatory system and begun work on our pulse - thinking about how fast it is - some of us did struggle to find our own pulse. We timed this to see how many beats it does per minute. We have been practising the Christmas song that we will be performing and have begun to put together some of the videos that will be included.

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Special Christmas Activity Lunchtime Clubs

Next week, Mrs Spencer is running a series of special lunchtime clubs where children who sign up will get the chance to decorate a large jar (and lid) with a Christmas theme using glass paint pens. These can then be taken home and cherished or given as a gift.

Mrs Spencer has lots of design ideas, or come with your own...

Ideas for your jar are

- fill with sweets
- Fill with Potpourri
- Use with a tea light or as a candle holder
- Use for flowers or a Christmas plant

Children can be signed up on Parent Pay on a first come basis at a cost of £3. This is open to years 2-6 as Year R and 1 are already designing a glass product in their classrooms. Class 4 can sign up but will design and make theirs in their own classroom.

Why not come and decorate a christmas jar as a memento of Christmas or a gift for someone...





Christmas Hampers

The FODS team have made up 7 fabulous hampers with all the generous donations made over the last few weeks.

Raffle tickets to win the hampers have been sent home in book bags and must be returned by Friday next week ready for the draw.

If you want more tickets please just ask at the school office.

Thanks and good luck!!



Reverse Advent Calendar

Oldham Foodbank is working in partnership with Action Together to provide support for families in crisis. This reverse advent calendar highlights some of the essential items we need.

Please share this calendar and tag #OldhamReverseCalendar on Facebook and Twitter.

All donations can be dropped off at: Unit J, Prince of Wales, Vulcan Street, OL1 4ER. Monday - Friday, between 9am and 4.30pm.

If you need any donations picking up, our volunteer drivers are out and about Monday -Friday, between 10am and 3pm.

For more information contact: Becky Kershaw-T: 07595 180880 or email Rebecca.Kershaw@actiontogether.org.uk.

This foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by P.C.C. St Margaret, Hollinwood & St Chad, Limeside.

Registered charity number 1134150.

DECEMBER 2021 

1  TINNED FRUIT	2  UHT MILK	3  TINNED POTATOES	4  JAR OF JAM	5  BAG OF SUGAR
6  BABY MILK 3 & 4	7  NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	8  TINNED FISH	9  TINNED TOMATOES	10  TINNED MEATS
11  TINNED HOTDOGS	12  PASTA SAUCE	13  TINNED BEANS	14  RICE PUDDING	15  TOILETRIES
16  TINNED FRUIT	17  UHT MILK	18  TINNED POTATOES	19  JAR OF JAM	20  BAG OF SUGAR
21  BABY MILK 3 & 4	22  NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	23  TINNED FISH	24  CORDIAL	

Please help
if you can.

Notices

Parent Pay

As we approach the end of term, please make sure your child's dinner money is fully paid up, that music fees for this term are paid and that BASC fees are fully paid. Please start the new term in January in credit.

Last day of term

Tuesday 21st December, the last day of term, is a Christmassy Non-Uniform day (as well as being Christmas Dinner Day). For a donation of £1 paid on Parent Pay for preference (or in cash on the day) children can swap their school uniform for a christmas themed non-uniform. You do not need to go out and buy anything new - a red or green t-shirt, or adding tinsel to a jumper they already have are great ways to get involved. Please remember this is a normal school day, where children will be playing outside and doing activities which may include craft, so please make sure they are dressed appropriately for the weather too!

CITC Christmas Campaign - selection boxes donation for children living in poverty in Greater Manchester

A huge thanks to everyone who kindly donated selection boxes for CITC's christmas campaign. The selection boxes will be given to children living in poverty within the Greater Manchester area.

Your donations really do mean alot.



Amazon Smile

As we approach Christmas, if you make any purchases on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and setting your chosen charity to Friends of Diggle School.

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.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



A silhouette of a nativity scene with Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus in a manger, set against a dark blue night sky with small white stars.

St Chad's Christmas Services

Outdoor Nativity at The Parish Centre, Lee Street
followed by refreshments
December 19th | 11am

Crib Service at St Chad's
December 24th | 4pm

Midnight Eucharist at St Chad's
December 24th | 11pm

Christmas Day Service at St Chad's
December 25th | 11am

Joint Service at Uppermill Methodist Church
January 2nd | 10.45am

Epiphany Carol Service at St Chad's
January 2nd | 3pm

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Diggle Christmas Services

Nativity Scene & Switching On of Diggle Christmas Lights
December 5th | 4.45pm

Midnight Eucharist at Kilngreen
December 24th | 11pm

Christmas Day Service
December 25th | 9.30am

New Year's Day Service at Hanging Gate Car Park
January 1st | Noon

KILNGREEN CHURCH

Station Road, Leaside,
DIGGLE
OL3 5JZ

Sunday 19th Dec.
9.30am

“In the Bleak Midwinter An Alternative Nativity”

Based on the famous poem

By Christina Rossetti

Everyone welcome to join us as
members of the congregation perform
the ‘Playlet’ & sing verses from the poem
that describes the Nativity to the
traditional Carol tune.

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 11th December

12:30pm - 3:30pm (Santa from 2:30pm)

Uppermill Conservative Club

Price includes a packed lunch,
games and a gift from Santa

£7.95 per ticket (discount for siblings)

Tickets available from Uppermill
Conservative Club or contact
Vickie Lambert on 07901 997 079



All proceeds will go towards Saddleworth
Rangers U15's Tour May 2022