



DIGGLE STARS

William Chadderton - For being respectful and trying his best in everything he does.

Harriett Comer - For showing her resilience and resourcefulness in English this week.

Eryk Van Zandt- For making fantastic contributions in all lessons this week.

Charlie Harris - For his great construction skills, and for sharing the blocks.

Bea Chapman- For consistently producing amazing writing examples in English and always trying hard.

Harrison Bowen- For showing excellent dribbling skills in basketball.

Annie Harrison - For amazing descriptive writing.

Joseph Armstrong - For his beautiful poppy painting.

Here are our
amazing
Diggle Stars!



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

I just wanted to let you know how proud all the staff were this morning when we had our Remembrance Service. The children were beautifully **Respectful** also very **Reflective**. A big thank you to Miss O'Neill for playing the Last Post for us and to Mr Simister for coming to join us wearing his beret and medals from his time in the Royal Engineers. Check out the pictures below.

Please note the article further on in the newsletter regarding dinners and the new menu which will be starting shortly.

Well done Class 3 on having the tidiest cloakroom this week. Keep up the good work!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 23rd Nov - Open day

Wed 29th Nov - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs

Sun 10th Dec - School Choir performance at Uppermill Methodist Church

Wed 13th Dec - School Choir performance - details t.b.c.

Mon 18th Dec - KS1 xmas performance pm

Tues 19th Dec - Class R nativity am

KS1 xmas performance pm

Wed 20th Dec - Panto day

Thurs 21st Dec - Xmas Dinner Day

KS1 xmas party

Fri 22nd Dec - KS2 xmas party

Xmas theme non-uniform

Finish for Christmas

2024

8th Jan - back to school



Class R

We continued our *Celebrations* topic this week by looking at Remembrance Day. We watched a few videos explaining what it is all about, and took part in lots of activities involving poppies. We created a wonderful piece of art by drawing around our hands, mixing paint to create a skin colour, then finger painting different shades of red. We worked on our scissor skills to cut these out to go on display in the foyer. We also made a poppy wreath and used playdough to create poppies. We also observed the 2 minute's silence on Friday and talked about why people do this.

In phonics we have practiced the sounds sh, r, j and v and used these to write down simple words. Our literacy rotation continued with all the children receiving a new book to read at home.

In maths we worked out 1 more and 1 less. We explored this by using cubes. We also sang *Five Little Speckled Frogs* and used animal toys and the water tray to help us subtract simple numbers.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have read a little further in our class text Lost and Found. We wrote words to describe how the penguin might be feeling and gave reasons why the boy asked the lost and found office, the birds and his duck.

In Maths we have been focusing on subtraction. We have used different strategies to aid our calculations such as crossing out, moving objects away and counting back on a numberline.

In Art we have been creating poppy paintings from an image we liked for Remembrance Day. We practised our colour mixing skills from last week to mix shades of green.

In Theme we have found out about the countries which sit inside the Arctic circle and shaded these on a map.

In Science we have completed our final investigation into our senses. We focused on our sense of taste and tried different foods so that we could identify whether they tasted sweet, salty, sour or bitter.

In RE we read the Christmas story and discussed how Mary might have felt at different points in the story. We recorded our ideas in writing.

Class 2

This week in Maths we have been counting on and back in tens from zero and one digit numbers. We have been using the pairs of numbers which together make ten to help us add three 1 digit numbers quickly.

In writing we have looked a little more closely at some of the words in The Storm Whale and learnt that some of them are contractions. We then practised writing contractions using the word 'not'. We have also used adjectives to describe our bonfire night experiences.

In Art we have been colour mixing to make different shades of green, which we used as a background for our poppy pictures. We have created the poppy pictures in the style of Monet.

In P.E we have been learning to dodge by tricking our friends that we would be travelling in one direction then ,we quickly dodged and travelled in a different direction.

In Information Technology we finished the topic on digital photography by exploring ways that we could change our photographs by exploring the different effects on the ipads.



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been learning about how computers are connected in the Computing lesson. We made ourselves into a computer network in the classroom, each having a part to play, then went on a scavenger hunt round school to find the different components.

In Maths, we have been adding and subtracting two 2 digit or 3 digit numbers together using formal methods, supported by pictorial representations of Base Ten and Place Value counters.

In English, we have worked over the week to build up a setting description of a Stone Age campsite. We used noun phrases consisting of nouns, adjectives, verbs and prepositions.

We looked at colour mixing and building up layers of paint to create our Remembrance poppies in art and also completed our pictures of The Great Wave by Hokusai from our previous topic.

In PE, we continued with basketball focussing on dribbling and passing and incorporating a pivot to turn when passing.

Class 4

This week in Maths we have continued our work on subtraction and looked specifically at efficient subtraction - using our rounding knowledge to make the numbers easier to subtract. In English, we have been looking more closely at the characters in our text 'Stone Age Boy'.

We described and compared the characters and used our description toolbox.

In Science, we were able to discuss the wildlife we had all spotted as part of our homework and researched wildlife local to Saddleworth. In computing, we looked at how to record audio. We are planning to do a Christmas podcast which everyone is very excited about. In PE, we have started our new unit Gymnastics. We practiced leaps and jumps and particularly focused on take offs and landings.

Finally, to mark Remembrance Day, we created our own field of poppies painting. We looked at different landscapes and talked about effects the artists used to make it seem the field went into the distance through the use of shape and colour shading.

Class 5

This week class 5 have been writing about the Titanic, we have looked in detail about the Titanic and what happened to it. We have started to do some descriptive writing about rooms in the different classes. In Maths we have been looking at equivalent fractions and how we can work out if two fractions are equivalent. We have started to look at our Victorians topic and some of the key events. We have also done some poppy artwork.

Class 6

This week in English class 6 have been concentrating on including a range of writing features in their descriptive writing by looking at the different rooms passengers could have stayed in during their time on the Titanic. In SMSC we have looked at how we can overcome disagreements, thinking about the responses we give even if we don't share the same opinion and how problems can be resolved if we realise we have said something which might have upset someone else. In Maths we have finished our topic on the four operations by looking at solving problems involving the four operations and also learning the order of operations.

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TWO Special Shout Outs

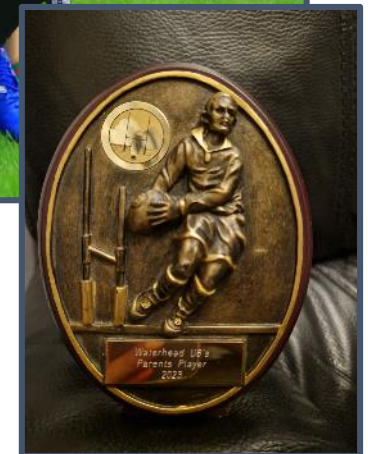
We love hearing about the amazing things that our children have done outside of school. If your child has done something worth shouting about please let us know. Email leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk or joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



This week we have two huge shout outs...

The first one is for Vinnie in Class 4 who won the 22/23 Parents Player of the Season Award for Waterhead Warriors. We're all very proud of you Vinnie, what a fantastic achievement. Well done and keep up the good work!

Our second special shout out is on the next page...



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Our second special shout out is to Scarlett in Class 5. Scarlett is a member of Greenfield Cricket Clubs Under 9's team. Scarlett won the 2023 coaches player of the year, and the 2023 girls all rounder award. Well done Scarlett!

We're also happy to include a picture of Scarlett's brother Frankie, who is a former pupil of Diggle School. We love seeing what our former pupils have been up to.

Keep up the good work!!



Remembrance Service



We have been so impressed with the children today during our Remembrance Service, and we are struggling to put into words how amazing they all were. The children were polite and respectful and observed the solemnity of the occasion beautifully. We had a lovely service which included singing, music and poetry readings. We have some very talented teachers, so Mr Hoyle read the first stanza of In Flanders Field, and Miss O'Neill played the last post. Minnie and Thomas from Class 6 recited the Exhortation and the Kohima Epitaph with great confidence and clarity. A huge well done to everyone.

We also want to say a huge thank you to our caretaker Mr Simister and our School Governor Mrs Faulkner for being our guests of honour. Mr Simister brought all his medals to show us as he is a former member of the commandos.



Remembrance Display

This week, all the classes have been busy using their painting skills to produce this lovely Remembrance Display.



Home Reading Celebrations

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



FODS NEWS...

DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL



£4650 RAISED!

HUGE THANKS TO ALL OUR AMAZING
SCARECROW MAKERS!

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE TRAIL.

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FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL



WOW...

Thank you so much FODS, this is amazing. We know a lot of hard work went into the Spooky Trail and we're all very grateful. A particularly big shout out to Tracey from FODS who spent her half term doing running repairs on the village's spooky creations.

FODS AT CHRISTMAS

There aren't many tickets left for the FODS film night. Don't miss out...get your tickets today before it's too late!



A festive poster for a Grinch movie night. The background is green with a red and green striped border. At the top, there are colorful Christmas lights. The FODS logo is in the top right. The Grinch is shown in a red Santa suit, holding a yellow lightbulb. The text 'GRINCH MOVIE NIGHT' is in large, bold, black letters. Below that, it says 'FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 6 PM' and 'FILM STARTS AT 7PM'. The venue is 'CIVIC HALL UPPERMILL'. There are details about free popcorn, a tuck shop, mulled wine, a bar, a hot chocolate station, and children's crafts. A QR code is in the bottom right. The Grinch is at the bottom center.

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CIVIC HALL UPPERMILL

FREE POPCORN
TUCK SHOP
MULLED WINE
BAR
HOT CHOCOLATE STATION
CHILDRENS CRAFTS

ALL TICKETS £6

**SPECIAL VISIT
AND TREAT
FROM SANTA!**

**MEET THE
GRINCH!**



A poster featuring a cartoon Santa Claus with a white beard and red hat, holding a candy cane. The FODS logo is in the top right. A large red bow is in the center. A gold seal says 'All donations delivered to classrooms before FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER'. Text on the right explains the hamper creation and asks for support. The bottom right says 'Thank you for your continue support, Team FODS'.

FODS
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

Fods will be creating our fabulous Festive hampers again this christmas. Raffle tickets to enter the draw to win a hamper will be sent home in book bags next week. Please return ticket stubs with money in a sealed envelope to school.

Please can you support your class hamper by bringing an item into school before Friday the 24th November so the FODS Christmas elves can work their magic.

Last years hampers were filled with chocolates, toiletries, alcohol, christmas treats and lots more!
Thankyou for your continue support,
Team FODS

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**FRIDAY 24TH
NOVEMBER**

Once again FODS are creating their very popular Christmas hampers. All donations will be gratefully received and raffle tickets will be going home in book bags next week.

Abilities in Me



As you may remember, some weeks ago the school participated in the 'Abilities In Me' charity day. We're pleased to say that the books we gained from the day have now been received.

The books cover a range of conditions which help celebrate diversity. All the books will be available in the library and we hope the children will really enjoy reading them.

As you will know from our Ofsted, the school already has a good reputation in the area of SEND, we are pleased that we will be able to further this reputation with our new books.

Keep an eye on the website for more SEND information.

A promotional poster for the 'Times Tables Rock Stars' competition. The background is red and blue with yellow lightning bolts and white plus signs. At the top, it says 'TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS' in a stylized font with wings, followed by 'PRESENTS'. The main title 'ENGLAND ROCKS' is written in large, bold, white and red letters, with a speaker icon on the left. Below the title, the dates '14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2023' and time '7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)' are listed. Two red boxes contain the rules: 'PLAY IN ANY GAME TYPE!' and '1HR TIME LIMIT PER PERSON!'. At the bottom, it states 'WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!' and provides the website 'TTROCKSTARS.COM/ONLINE-EVENTS'.

TT Rockstars

Do you want to rock with the rest of England? Why not get your child to join in with our TT Rockstars competition. Will your child's class be a winner?

Notices

School Meals

The menu for school dinners is on the school website -

<https://www.diggleschool.co.uk/school-meals>

The amazing kitchen staff provide a wide range of tasty meals throughout the week, with 3 options to choose from most days, and all dietary requirements will be catered for.

Meals are charged at £2.60 for years 3-6 unless eligible for Free School Meals. If you pay for your child's dinners the easiest way to make sure you don't fall behind with payments is to set up the "Auto Top-Up", which automatically adds an amount set by you when the balance drops below a certain amount.

If your child doesn't usually have school meals and wants to try, they just need to order on the day. We are very flexible regarding children mixing school dinners and packed lunches if there are certain days they like the menu choice and not others.

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...

Tuesday 28th November 2023,

Tuesday 16th January 2024,

Tuesday 6th February 2024,

Tuesday 27th February 2024,

Tuesday 12th March 2024,

Tuesday 16th April 2024,

Tuesday 7th May 2024,

Tuesday 4th June 2024,

Tuesday 26th June 2024,

Tuesday 16th July 2024

School Dinner Suppliers

We understand that recently, on occasion, the food served has not been as stated on the menu. We can only apologise for this, unfortunately it is out of our control as we are having some supplier issues.

Our new cook is working hard to resolve these issues, whilst also creating a revised menu which we know the children will love. As always we appreciate your support and understanding and we can't wait to introduce our revised menu. Look out in the Diggle Star over the next few weeks to see some pictures of our new and improved school meals.

New School Defibrillator

We are pleased to announce that the school now has its own defibrillator machine. This has been sent to us by the government for school use.

However, as you know, at Diggle we feel we are an integral part of the community so are happy to offer the use of the defibrillator machine to the wider Diggle community.

If there should be an emergency, please come to school and we will pass you the defibrillator.

Unfortunately, the government has not supplied us with a weatherproof external mounted box which means the defibrillator will need to be kept inside school, so will only be accessible during school hours.

Although this is not ideal, we hope that, if the worst happens, and the school is open, we can be of help.

We'd like to remind you that there are also two other defibrillators in the village, one at Diggle Day Nursery and one at Kilngreen Church.



Charity Request

The parents of one of our children in Year 2 is fundraising on behalf of 3 orphanages in Chernivtsi, Ukraine.

They are hoping to raise £30,000 to provide urgent humanitarian aid, which will be delivered at the end of November 2023.

If you would like to donate, please use the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ChildrenofUkraineChristmasAppeal?utm_id=1&utm_term=8Jrwqmjnk

RYDER & DUTTON

   HELPING PEOPLE MOVE

[ryderdutton.co.uk](https://www.ryderdutton.co.uk)

As Ryder and Dutton are a family business they have decided to let a child design their official Christmas Card for 2023. If you would like your child to have a chance of winning, pick up a template from Ryder and Dutton's Uppermill branch. Designs must be handed back by 17:30 on Thursday 16th November.

Good luck everyone!

Notices Continued...

Staff Cars

Once again, please could we kindly ask that children do not play around the teacher's cars before and after school. We understand that the waiting area for the Year 5 and 6 door is in the car park, but some of the games the children are playing are quite boisterous and unfortunately one of the teacher's cars has been damaged.

School Pantomime Trip

It's panto day on the 20th December - OH YES IT IS!. The children will be visiting The Millgate Theatre in Delph to see Rumpelstiltskin. The theatre trip is now on Parentpay, please login to give consent and make payment. Thank you.



Litter Pick

**Can you spare 2 hours tomorrow to litter pick in Diggle?
See the poster further along the newsletter for more
details. Let's make Diggle look even more beautiful for
Christmas.**

**A huge well done, and thank you, to Diggle Village
Association for organising this event.**

Did you know...



According to research by School Health UK, and reported on the mumsnet website, a healthy packed lunch costs over £4 per day to make, versus a healthy school meal at just £2.60 per day. We were amazed when we read about this. If you want to read more, visit:

<https://www.netmums.com/child/packed-lunches-or-school-meals-whats-cheaper>

P.E. Kits

Just a polite reminder that P.E. is part of the curriculum and children are expected to follow the school uniform guidelines. For those who may not be aware, the Diggle School P.E. kit is black or navy blue leggings /joggers or shorts, a plain white round neck T-shirt, and dark coloured trainers. Branded clothing or anything that features a logo is not acceptable. Bright clothing is also not acceptable. Unfortunately this week there have been several children who have not attended school in the correct P.E. kit. If you are struggling to find the correct uniform for your child please let school know and we will do our best to help you.

Acceptable



Not Acceptable



Looking for creative workshops?

Clay workshops for children and adults

- Beginners courses
- Seasonal Events
- Pottery wheels
- Keepsakes

@Crafty Clay Saddleworth  

WWW.CRAFTYCLAY.CO.UK



Woodend Mill, Mill 2, Floor 2, Manchester Road, Mossley, OL5 9RR

Diggle Village Association

LITTER PICK

Saturday November 11th
10.00am until 12.00 noon

Meet at
Sam Road Car Park
Diggle

Litter pickers and
bags will be provided

PLEASE HELP TO
KEEP DIGGLE LITTER FREE
IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS

ONLINE SAFETY - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Did you know that all social media sites have minimum age restrictions? These are given because it is NOT SAFE for children under this age to use these channels. Did you also know that by letting your child access these channels using your login credentials, you are potentially exposing them to more danger?

It has been brought to our attention that pop-up adverts are appearing on social media sites which are showing extremely graphic material. We believe this is because the pop-up adverts are aimed at the registered user of the account. So if you are a 35 year old adult, who is letting your child access their social media account, your child could be seeing adverts suitable for a 35 year old adult. This may well include graphic content.

We cannot stress enough that you should not be letting your child access ANY social media channels. For your reference the minimum age restrictions are given below.

FACEBOOK - 13 years of age. **TIK TOK** - 13 years of age.

YOUTUBE - 13 years of age. **INSTAGRAM** - 13 years of age.

SNAPCHAT - 13 years of age. **THREADS** - 12 years of age.

DISCORD - 13 years of age. **X (TWITTER)** - 13 years of age.



PARENTS & GUARDIANS

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase your children's presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched days/ weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price/deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt/invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD



ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
actionfraud.police.uk

SHINE BELLS

CITY KICKS

City Kicks is a **FREE** programme for children and young adults aged between 8 and 18 years. The sessions aim to encourage our participants to socialise and take part in football activities in order to positively impact their physical and mental health. All abilities are welcome.

Schedule of Kicks Sessions

Tuesday

Where Benchill Community Centre, M22 8EJ

When 4pm - 6pm

Thursday

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When 4pm - 6pm

Thursday

Where Cedar Mount, M18 7DT

When 5pm - 7pm

Friday - City Girls

Where Levensulme High School, M19 1FS

When 4pm - 6pm

FREE
For All



For more information about our Healthy Communities programmes, or if you would like to attend, please contact Rofique Miah on [07753467127](tel:07753467127) or at Rofique.Miah@cityfootball.com.



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ON SOCIAL**



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Where Falinge Park High School, OL12 6LD

When 5pm - 7pm

Wednesday

Where Park View School, M40 7EJ

When 5pm - 7pm

Thursday

Where City Football Academy, M11 4TQ

When 4pm - 6pm

Friday

Where Scotland Hall Road, M40 2TJ

When 5pm - 7pm

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3Ds**

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U10s GIRLS PLAYERS

**Saddleworth 3Ds FC
Year 5 from September 2023**



Contact Ben 07808078598

- The clubs first Girls team
- FA Qualified Coaches
- Charter Standard Club
- Matches – Saturdays
- EMJFL



We are All set and ready to go- we just need you!

