



## DIGGLE STARS

**Lilie Smith** - For 100% effort and resilience with our outdoor activities this week.

**Jessie-Leigh Limer** - For a positive and resilient approach to this week's maths lessons

**Tyler Brierley** - for super effort in computing this week.

**Zac Edge** - For fantastic sketching and attention to detail and wonderful piece of writing.

**Minnie Cadogan** - - For working hard at writing and producing a high-quality descriptive piece.

**Timm Babetzki** - for the effort put into learning lines and songs for the production.



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Welcome back I hope you all had a lovely half term. You should have all received a letter earlier in the week with regards to updated advice on testing from the local authority.

As you are probably aware the Delta variant is unfortunately on the rise in Greater Manchester. It is really important that you get a full PCR test for your child if they appear at all under the weather and that you as a family self-isolate until the test result comes back. When booking the test you select the option that says "Your local authority has requested you get a test. I would dearly love to be able to get through this last half term without having to close a bubble. I believe we have the best chance of achieving this if we are all very vigilant with the PCR testing when unwell, plus regular lateral flow testing at home and then being very careful to keep to the social distancing guidelines when out and about and especially on the school premises.

There is still time to complete the online parent questionnaire.

<https://forms.gle/74CVMn8L1a72T5Nt5>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 28th June** - Welcome evening 6-6.30 or 6.30-7 \*\*

**Wed 30th June / Thurs 1st July**  
- transition days \*\*

**Wed 14th July** - 6pm Year 6 performance outside in the yard

**Tues 20th July** - 9.15am Year 6 leavers assembly outside

**Tues 20th July** - finish for summer holidays

\*\* subject to covid restrictions being lifted - more info will be issued nearer time.



## Class R

This week Class R have settled back into school after the holiday. We started our new topic 'The Ocean'. The children have been talking about all the different creatures they know that live in the Ocean and we have been linking this back to our prior learning on habitats. The children have created colourful fish and jellyfish to decorate the classroom and we turning our role play area into a deep sea diving experience! In Maths, we have started learning how to count in 2s and investigated doubling and halving different quantities. In Phonics, we have practiced the set 3 sounds we learnt last half term. Finally, the children really enjoyed our CITC PE session and practiced lots of different ball skills.

## Class 1

This week has been a computing week in Class 1. We have spent lots of time in the computer suite and have learnt to log in with our usernames and passwords, set our purple mash avatars and learnt about e-safety. We have learnt how the computer can be used to sort and group information and this has linked in with our maths work on 2D shapes. We have learnt how the computer can display or present information and we have made pictograms to show our favourite fruits and the numbers scored with 20 rolls of a dice. We have also learnt about coding and written some code of our own as well as fixing some problems with an existing code. In English we have worked on our writing from before half term, editing and improving it using our green pens. We have also learnt about the prefix un and using s and es to make plural nouns. We have also enjoyed a session with Jenny from RelaxKids where we learnt the 7 stages of relaxation.

## Class 2

This week we have started our new theme work. We learned what a continent is, found Africa on a globe and then Kenya. We labelled important places on a map of Kenya and also found out about a day in the life of a little girl in Kenya, comparing it to ours. In our maths work we have worked practically to learn how making arrays can help us with multiplication and division. In English we have written our half term news and worked on 'up-levelling' our sentences. We all had a fantastic time working on outdoor Forest School and gardening activities with Mr Ryan. We even dug up our potatoes!



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



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### Class 3

Class 3 have begun our new book 'Bewilderwood' this week. Before being introduced to the main character 'Swampy' who is a marsh Boggle, we thought about what a marsh Boggle would look like and sketched our ideas. Swampy loves to fish in the Fisher Grounds. We answered questions about him and developed a character profile, sketching Swampy. In maths, we have been securing mental addition and subtraction as well as working on formal addition and subtraction, all working at our own level and pace. In science we looked at how water is transported through a plant to the leaves. We made predictions and recorded our results and conclusion. Unfortunately, our natural food colouring didn't work so we had to watch a video to see what should have happened.

### Class 4

Class 4 started their new science topic 'Sound' this week. We identified that all sounds are caused by vibrations, and we demonstrated this with some rice on top of a drum skin. Our English and theme topics have combined this half term - we began our new class text *Bewilderwood*. We thought about the character of Swampy, created a character profile and then built some amazing sentences to describe the bog where he lives. We then used the sketching pencils to draw Swampy. In maths we have recapped prior learning in a few assessments before going on to compare equivalent decimals and fractions. Finally, on Monday we had a really fun 'Relax Kids' session where the class took part in some breathing exercises, stretches and even massages!

## Class 5

This week in Class 5 we have started our new theme 'The Mayans' looking at where the Mayan Civilisation originates from and which countries they may still be found in now. In Science we have started to look at animals and living things; focusing on the reproduction of plants. The children have also started to learn some basic first aid skills; this week we discussed why people might require first aid and then focused on what to do if someone had an asthma attack.

We have also continued to read the Class text 'The Nowhere Emporium.'

## Class 6

This week in Class 6 we practised our play with Class 5 for the first time, but due to covid we had to do it outside. In maths we learnt algebra and we realised that we had done it before in the younger years of school. In English we carried on reading the book 'Wonder' and thought about how other people would see him and how his family see him. In PE we learnt athletics with Matt from the City and Community. The 3 skills we learnt were shot put throw, relay and under arm throws. On Monday in ICT we finished our coding based stories that we have been working on for two weeks!

Written by Austin and Toby.

## Class 5-PE

Class 5 have enjoyed practising their netball skills; concentrating on footwork, passing and shooting, which they then tried to put into a game situation.



## Year 2 - Out and about



I wonder what we'll find?

We found potatoes, we even found a toad. We called him Travis.



This week, Year 2 have done some gardening as part of our Forest school activities. We have improved our garden area ready for planting and even discovered some potatoes which we shared out!

Before.....



After.....!!



## BASC

We are starting to plan BASC staffing for September. Please can we ask **all current users of BASC** to email Sarah Stephens (sarah.stephens@diggle.oldham.sch.uk) with confirmation of the hours your child will be using BASC from September. We appreciate plans may change, so please email her with your requirements as you know them now and update her of any changes should they arise.

If you do not use BASC, but think you will need to from September, please see the BASC page on the website for pricing and opening hours (<https://diggleschool.co.uk/before-and-after-school-club-basc/>) and email Sarah Stephens with the booking form.

Thank you in advance for your help on this matter.

## Portacabin refurbishment

We are delighted that the renovation work on the portacabin that houses BASC, Diggle Dandelions and Holiday Club is finally underway.

The children who can see this area from inside school have been very excited about watching the progress of the builders in taking away the old cabin construction ready for the new.

The renovated portacabin building should be ready for use when we return in September.



**YOUR INVITATION TO OUR**

# OPEN EVENTS 2021

**WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER AND  
THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

Saddleworth School is now over 100 years old and has a proud tradition of providing its students with a first-class education whilst also providing a nurturing and supportive environment.

Our mission is to 'Empower and Inspire' our young people to be passionate about their learning, their future and to enable them to harness their full potential.

Students and families joining us in September 2022 will join us at an incredibly exciting time in the school's development and will join us in our brand new state of the art building in Diggle.

**OPEN DAYS**  
WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021  
THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021  
9.30AM

**OPEN EVENING**  
THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021  
6.00PM - 8.00PM  
(No appointment necessary)

See our website for further details  
[www.saddleworth.oldham.sch.uk/home](http://www.saddleworth.oldham.sch.uk/home)

Please note the event may be subject to change due to Covid restrictions.

**ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND AND DEVELOP THEIR TALENT**



## Notices

### **Music lessons**

Outstanding fees are now over-due for music tuition.

**Your fees should now be fully paid up for the full year.**

If your child is interested in learning an instrument from September, please return the sign-up form ASAP.

We also have information on the school website about music lessons - see For Parents / Clubs and Activities.

### **ParentPay**

We have a lot of families where there are two parents registered on parent pay and both parents have the same phone number on their profile. This means when we send out text messages, one parents is getting it twice and the other parents is not getting it at all. We try and only use text messages when it is something urgent, or important, therefore it is important that all registered users have their own phone numbers registered against their profile in Parent Pay.

**Please take a minute to log into Parent Pay and click Profile Settings and verify your mobile number is correct.** Thank you.

### **Parking**

Please can we remind parents not to park in the entrance to Heather Way, (the residential road opposite the school gates). Parking here makes it difficult for residents to access and leave the road. With the staggered start and finish times, there is plenty of parking space on both Sam Road and Huddersfield Road, as well as the carpark by the canal, so this area really shouldn't be needed by school parents as a parking area.

Please can we also ask that you do not sit for extended periods of time in your car parked on Sam Road as one of the benefits of the staggered start and finish times is there is plenty of room for all parents to park, but this only works where parents who have dropped off or collected their children then move on.

## Save your plastic pop bottles please

You may have seen on Facebook that "Lockdown" has resulted in the allotment garden getting a bit wild, so Mr Ryan and the children doing forest school this half term are working up the garden area to make it productive again. They are also hoping to renovate the greenhouse back to its former glory!! It is quite a few years ago now when Mr Ryan and Mrs Cocker first built the plastic bottle greenhouse - the children who helped then are now in college!!



To aid in the greenhouse repairs - please bring your empty (washed) clear plastic 2-litre pop bottles into school.

## Don't throw away surplus shrubs or perennial plants this summer ... bring them to school!!



Also, Mrs Whitehead has been planting up the area around the playground over the last few weeks with plants from her own garden. If you have any perennial plants or small shrubs that are no longer needed in your own garden, please carefully dig them out with their roots and bring them to school so they can be planted in the banking area.

# Fathers Day Sale

As we cant do our usual sale in school at the moment , we have moved to online selling through parent pay to make sure your children don't miss out on buying a Father's Day gift! All presents are £5 , please buy through parent pay and your gift will be delivered to your child by next Friday. Numbers will go down as presents go down and once stock has gone that is it so it is advisable to buy early! All presents must be paid for by Wednesday 16th June.



**1**

**Men's large shower gel, loofah and gift bag**



**2**

**Reusable travel mug, chocolates, gift bag ( please note, chocolate may change depending on availability)**



**3**

**3 pack of 'Dad ' socks, playing cards and gift bag**

**4**



**Gentleman's notebook , chocolates and gift bag ( please note chocs may change subject to availability)**

**5**



**Dads idea book and pen, Dad bottle opener and gift bag**

**6**



**Mug or glass with either cards, hip flask key ring or pen and key ring and gift bag ( each bags willl contain a mix or match mug or glass and one of the other items)**

**7**



**Large Teddy bear, chocolates and gift bag**