



## DIGGLE STARS

**Maya Godstraw and Harper Wild** -  
For standing at the front doing so  
well learning our Boudicca dance,  
and helping out Mrs Spencer!

**Alice McKune** - Alice has really  
engaged in her reading this week and  
this is evident in her literacy skills.

**Molly Clarke** - For fantastic  
enthusiasm and contributions in  
Maths and English.

Here are  
our  
amazing  
Diggle  
Stars!



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

Thank you to everyone who engaged in  
parents evenings either online or in  
person. It is always so lovely to see  
everyone.

The new photo consent forms that were  
sent out a couple of week ago will replace  
all previous consents from Monday. If you  
have not yet replied we will treat your  
child as a 'no' and they won't appear on  
anything. Therefore please send your  
responses in ASAP.

The dates for open days next term are  
Monday 22nd April, morning and  
afternoon for Class R to Year 5, and Friday  
26th April pm only for year 6.

Monday 24th June, morning and  
afternoon for all year groups.

Congratulations Class  
4. You had the tidiest  
cloakroom this week  
so Percy will be  
staying with you!



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

**Mon 25th March** - Yr 4 Experience Easter.

**Tues 26th March** - Easter concert. Timings as  
follows:  
9am Guitars, 9:20 Drums, 9:40 Band/Brass,  
10am Woodwind, 10:20 Choirs (KS1 & KS2), 10:40  
Singers.

**Tues 26th & Weds 27th March** - Y3 & Y4 Roman  
Performance - 2pm.

**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 - Fri 14th June** - Year 6 Kingswood



## Class R

We have continued learning about dinosaurs this week in Class R. We have honed our fine-motor skills by trying some dinosaur-themed cutting activities, and we have used lots of our phonics knowledge to write down the colours of various dinosaurs.

In maths we have focused on the numbers 9 and 10.

We have been subitising numbers by looking at dominos, and then using our 1-to-1 correspondence skills by counting up the numbers. We then grouped the dominos into '9s' '10s' or 'anything else'. We also explored which numbers were greater or less than 9 and 10. Finally, we experimented with showing the numbers 9 and 10 in a variety of ways, using our fingers, counters, and writing it down.

Our second week of 'drawing club' was really fun. We revisited the traditional tale *Snow White* and the children have created their own evil queen and their own enchanted forest. We also learned the new words miniscule, hag, vain, ebony and forty winks.



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 bit more of our class text Meerkat Mail. We read that Sunny had enough of his family being too close and went missing. We completed our own word banks with describing words for Sunny and then used these ideas to join together in full sentences. We discussed how Sunny's mum would feel and what she might do to try to find him. We thought of a missing poster so we watched a video about how meerkats are adopted to the desert to help improve our descriptions. Finally we wrote our detailed descriptions on a missing poster template. In Maths we have been learning about length and height. We have compared lengths and heights using the words longer, shorter and taller. We have practised measuring using objects such as cubes before moving on to measuring in centimetres. In Science we learnt about the properties of materials. We learnt new vocabulary such as transparent and opaque, waterproof and absorbent. In Theme we learnt about the history of British Sign Language. We found out that the first recorded use of sign language was at a wedding in 1576! We learnt and practised the signs for hello, goodbye, good: morning, afternoon and night and sorry. We also looked at the BSL alphabet and practised signing our names.



## Class 2

In English this week we practised writing different sentence types, statements, questions, exclamations and commands. We used our book Man on the Moon to compose our sentences using what we had learned from the story. We wrote a letter to one of Bob's friends, Billy who works on Mars or Sam who works on Saturn. We tried to include different sentence types. Spelling this week has focussed on the /or/ sound spelled 'a' before ll and l. In Maths we continued to work on division by using sharing and grouping and learning how to set out a sum using the division symbol. We also worked on doubling and halving, finding out that halving is the inverse of doubling and that problems about halving can be solved using facts from the two times table. We completed our science topic of Materials, by investigating waterproof materials and how they were invented. Charles Macintosh made the first waterproof material and used it for a coat called a Macintosh which was named after him. In PE we worked on different moves to improve fitness, balance and coordination. We used a range of different moves which worked on all of these skills. We also worked our heart which is the most important muscle.







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## Class 3

This week in PE Class 3 have been busy learning their Boudicca dance for the upcoming performance. It is extremely quick, but the children are doing better than Mrs Spencer at remembering the order of the moves!

Our Computing unit this half term is Data and Branching diagrams. This week we have enjoyed using the Branching database on the ipads to create our own 'Yes/No' questions and sort items into the correct branch. We could then use this to play a game with a friend.

In maths, we have been adding and subtracting length and converting to the same measures. Some of the reasoning problems at the end of the sheets had multiple stages and were quite tricky. We needed to use our resilience to get through these! We have continued developing our cursive handwriting skills in English, as well as having a reading, speaking and listening and performing focus whilst learning our poems for our performance.

We have been learning about the different food groups in science, why we need these for a healthy body, and using these to develop healthy balanced meals. We have also been considering what may be contained in our favourite 'treat' meals.

## Class 4

This week in Class 4, in maths we have been comparing mixed numbers and improper fractions, as well as learning the technical vocabulary of integer, denominator and numerator. The children have compared using number lines as well as pie and bar models to help build their understanding. In Literacy, we have finished writing our instructions for how to play Jacks based on our class text of Escape to Pompeii. In SPaG, we also learnt about determiners. These are indefinite and definite articles that sit before a noun like "the", 'a' and 'an'. Why not ask your child if they can remember an example of a demonstrative determiner?

In Theme, the children were able to show their knowledge of the Roman Gods from their home work task as we built our own pantheon. The children also had a go at creating their own Roman Mosaics inspired by nature and found that mosaics are harder than they look! In science, we started looking at different food chains and the children had to travel around the room collecting different definitions related to consumers and producers.

Finally, we completed a special focus SMSC lesson this week looking at consent, positive and negative physical contact and bullying. The children chose some examples of positive physical contact in school that were in line with the school rules and policies.

### Class 5

This week we have been reading some more of the *Nowhere Emporium*, the children have answered some comprehension questions about the novel and have expressed their own opinions. We have also been making lots of predictions about what we think is going to happen. In Maths we have started to look at perimeter and area. In PE we have been looking at accuracy when batting, the children were asked to try and aim the ball to a partner. In science we have been looking at the lifecycle of mammals.

### Class 6

This week we have been working really hard on some SATs preparation, looking over some tricky maths problems as well as continuing with learning about area, perimeter and volume of a variety of shapes, including a parallelogram. In English we have finished our persuasive letters and have continued to read the book, 'The Girl of Ink and Stars,' which the class seem to be really enjoying at the minute. In SMSC we have continued with the money matters topic and have looked at when people may choose to take out a loan to borrow money for a significant purchase etc.

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## Home Reading Celebrations

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





## WE **STILL** NEED YOUR HELP (**PLEASE**)!

So near, yet so far.... As of today, at 3pm we have 45 new followers on Instagram. Although this is absolutely brilliant, it's quite far away from our target of 100 new followers, so there will be no extra playtime this week. BUT...we're giving you one more chance. If we get to 100 new followers by next Friday, there will be an extra 10 minute playtime. Please follow us at **@diggle\_school**

Unfortunately we've still not had any volunteers to help on Whit Friday. If you can spare just one hour, please email [joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk) and I will pass your details onto the relevant people. Thank you.

**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 Choirs (KS1 & KS2), 10:40 Singers

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

# Easter Raffle

**Don't forget....**we're 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





## 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](mailto:leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk) or [joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk) and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



We have THREE special shout outs this week.

The first one goes to Sam in Year 4. Sam plays for two football teams. Last weekend, despite feeling very under the weather, he won 'player of the match' for BOTH teams. Although he didn't feel well, Sam showed great RESILIENCE by persevering because he didn't want to let his teammates down!

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Our second shout out goes to William in Year 2. William was a mascot for Manchester City at their European Cup match against Copenhagen last Wednesday. What an absolutely amazing experience William.



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Our final shout out has been requested by Mrs Powell. Mrs Powell has been busy creating the Diggle School 'Alphablocks' scarecrow with the aid of some enthusiastic helpers.

A huge thank you goes to her chief organisers Emily and Eloise, who not only painted the boxes but also did the designs. Thank you also to Scarlett, Charlotte, Ralph and Dexter who came in especially early in the mornings to help with the painting.

It won't be long before you can see all the amazing TV themed scarecrows at our famous FODS scarecrow trail.

## 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](mailto: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.





# Look at these fabulous FODS events...



## 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!

**FODS**  
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL



## 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



**FODS**  
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL





# SUMMER CARNIVAL

## SATURDAY 29TH JUNE

GATES OPEN AT 2 P.M    DIGGLE SCHOOL FIELD

DIGGLE SCHOOL, SAM ROAD, DIGGLE

### FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

OPEN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY -  
BRING YOUR  
FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

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|-------------|--------------|
| GAMES       | INFLATABLES  |
| STALLS      | SPORTS       |
| LIVE MUSIC  | GRAND RAFFLE |
| DANCING     | TOMBOLAS     |
| BAR AND BBQ | TODDLER AREA |

FRIENDS OF  
DIGGLE SCHOOL  
CHARITY NO  
1035075



# 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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024,  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024,  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 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>**

The advertisement features a vibrant yellow and blue color scheme. At the top, a large 'FF' logo is set within a circular frame that incorporates a soccer ball. The background is a bright yellow sunburst pattern. In the center, a group of children in blue and yellow football kits are cheering and raising their arms. Below the photo, the word 'Easter' is written in large, blue, bubbly letters with a white outline. Underneath that, 'Football Fun Camps' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. A tagline 'A truly unique inflatable Football experience' is in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'Book Now!' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a white outline. The website address 'www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk' is at the very bottom in white text on a blue background.

**FF**

**Easter**

**Football Fun Camps**

A truly unique inflatable Football experience

**Book Now!**

www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk

The Football Fun Factory was created to provide incredible childhood football experiences for boys and girls of all ages and ability levels. Their mission is to use the nation's passion for football as a vehicle for child development. They believe that the focus should not be simply on development or progression...but **on having fun!** Their ethos is all about creating an incredible environment where children can express themselves, play, make friends and have fun.

Over the Easter holidays there is a 4 day camp running at Saddleworth School.

Plus, there are a limited number of free places for children who meet certain criteria. For more information visit the website below.

To book, please visit

[www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk](http://www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk).



**HALLÉ**  
YOUTH ORCHESTRA  
YOUTH CHOIR  
YOUTH TRAINING CHOIR  
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](http://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](mailto:minnie.elliott@halle.co.uk)

Jodie Buckland for Children's Choir enquiries  
[jodie.buckland@halle.co.uk](mailto:jodie.buckland@halle.co.uk)

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