



## DIGGLE STARS

**Edith Chamberlain** - for tidying up really well, every day.

**Annie Marland** - for super effort and improved confidence with reading!

**Natalia Thirlwell** - for always trying her best and working hard.

**Isabella Hampshire** - for being so helpful around the classroom.

**Elizabeth Bardsley** - for having a mature attitude and being a good friend.

**Evie Boon** - for applying herself in all her work this week.

**Ella Moore** - for working hard in every lesson and always being ready to learn.



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

Some of you may now have become aware that most mornings it is me that is opening both the Key Stage 1 and the Year 3/4 doors in a morning. This is something I really enjoy as it gives me chance to greet the children. It is also a good opportunity for you as parents to catch me if there is anything you need to discuss. However, as I am responsible for both it means that I do have to shut the Key Stage 1 door promptly at 9:50 to run up the corridor close the gate and open the Year 5/6 door. (It is great for my steps!)

Therefore if you are running a little late with a Key Stage 1 child you may have to let them come into school at the Year 5/6 door. Some children find this a little daunting so it is probably best to attempt to be here in good time.

### This week's Percy Pigeon Award - Class 6



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 18th Sept** - FODS PENNY WARS starts

**Mon 25th Sept** - "Abilities in Me Day" - wear bright colours

**Wed 27th Sept** - Y5&6 Viking Day visit

**Thurs 19th Oct** - FODS Break the Rules Day

**Fri 20th Oct** - Staff Inset - school closed

**Mon 23-Fri 27th Oct** - Half Term

**14th Nov** - Flu vaccinations

**Thurs 23rd Nov** - Open day

**Wed 29th Nov** - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs

**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**

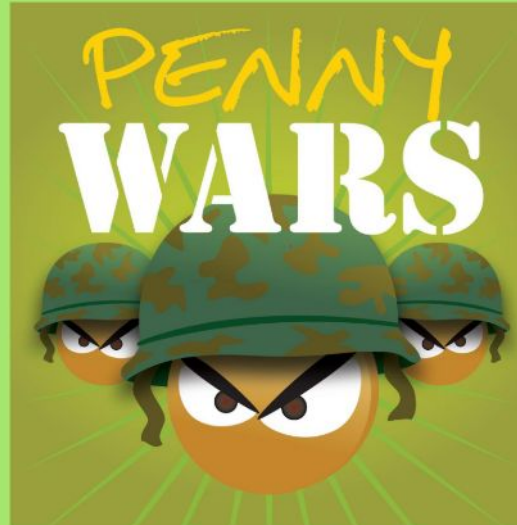
**8th Jan** - back to school



**Start saving your pennies...**

**Penny Wars is back!**

**Monday 18th - Friday 29th September**



**Work together to win your class a prize! Prize to be chosen by the winning class.**

**GAIN** points by adding 1p and 2p coins to your class jar  
**LOWER** other class totals by adding silver coins to their jar

**Copper coins**  
**ADD** to the class  
**total**

**Silver coins**  
**SUBTRACT** from  
**the class total**

**FODS will add up all copper coin totals and deduct silver coin totals to determine which class is the winner.**

**FODS**  
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

**STARTS  
MONDAY**





## Class R

We have had another lovely week in Reception, despite the weather being a little wetter. We have focussed on the word 'emotions' this week. We talked about our different feelings and the types of things that make us happy, sad, angry and scared.

We read the books, *If you're happy and you know it, I have feelings*, *How do you feel*, and *I'm not scared*. We also tried some yoga which the children loved. Miss Leach and I have been very busy completing the baseline assessments with the children, which they have all now completed. The children are still getting used to all of the rules and expectations and are really impressing us. They are getting really good at putting their hands up when they want to speak, and are becoming more independent, especially in the dinner hall. They have really impressed their buddies and their teachers. Well done!



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

## Class 1

This week in English we have been reading the story of the Rainbow Fish. We talked about how the rainbow fish was behaving and how it made the other fish feel. We also discussed how the rainbow fish felt differently once he started being kind to others. We completed a carousel of activities over the week including writing a description of the rainbow fish, designing some rainbow scales, a pencil control activity and labelling the picture. In Maths we have been continuing our learning about place value within 10. We have learnt to represent numbers with objects, recognise numbers as words, count on from any number within 10, find one more and count backwards. In Science we had fun learning some body part names by drawing around a friend and then labelling the body parts. In Theme we started our new topic 'Beside the Seaside'. We looked at a map of the UK and identified the coast line. We then circled the places on the map with a seaside location. In PE we enjoyed playing some movement games. We played cat and mouse, traffic jam and dinosaur eggs to help us practise changing speed and direction, using fine motor skills and working as a team.

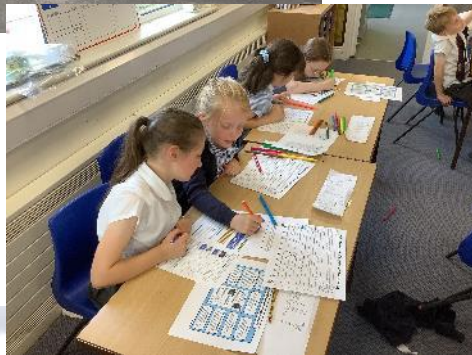
## Class 2

This week we have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch', and have used it for our writing activities. We have looked at different types of sentences and used the story to help us write statements, questions and exclamations. We have also focused on neat handwriting. Spelling this week has recapped the ay graphemes and kn and gn in words. In maths we have explored the place value of numbers. We have done lots of counting in tens and ones and partitioned numbers into tens and ones. We used tens grids and charts to help. We started our science topic of Habitats this week. We looked at what animals and people need in their habitats and drew our own habitats, making sure they had food, water, space to grow and move, and shelter to keep warm. We also decided a toilet was quite important to us too! We investigated the plants and animals we would find in a woodland habitat and also what the living conditions would be like for them. We discovered it was cool and shady with lots of trees. We also discovered some oak trees and acorns on our school field. Perhaps if we plant them we might grow our own oak tree.



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## Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been learning about volcanoes in theme, ready for writing our Non-chronological reports next week in English. We also zoomed in on pictures of volcanoes for art, using colour, line and shade.

In maths, we have been using Base Ten for numbers to 1000 in place value.

We began our science topic 'Rocks' by grouping different rocks using different criteria.

We had our first lesson with Chiara on Friday, looking at scanning or space, dodging and defending .

## Class 4

This week Year 4 have been learning all about Earthquakes, linked to our theme 'What makes the Earth angry?'. The children were particularly interested due to the tragedy in Morocco. The children particularly enjoyed completing an Earthquake drill.

In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 1000 and beyond. Including; partitioning, representing, using number lines and rounding.

In English we have explored non-chronological reports and looked at formal vs informal language, opinion vs fact and fronted adverbials.

The children did particularly well in French this week - writing in the 'Tout Sur Moi' booklets.

In PE, we carried on with our invasion games and learnt how to dodge.

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## Class 5

This week in Maths Class 5 have been focusing on place value with numbers up to 1,000,000. We have been using place value grids to find 10/100/1,000/10,000/100,000 more or less than. In English we have been focusing on retelling the first chapter of Beowulf and retelling the story from Beowulf's point of view in the form of a diary entry. Ensuring that the language we are using is relevant to the text. In French class 5 learned the song "two little birds" and have focused on greetings.

## Class 6

This week in maths we have been focusing on place value with numbers up to 10,000,000; thinking carefully about the value of columns, looking carefully at whole-part models to see how numbers can be represented and also looked at how numbers can be represented on a numberline. In English we have started to read our whole class text 'Beowulf' and have invited people of the town to the opening of the grand meadhall for King Hrothgar and also take on the role of new reporters to report 'live' on the devastating news that has occurred at Heorot overnight! In Computing we have discussed the importance of internet safety and have created posters to share with children around school so that they can follow the simple rules.

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## Parking

As we are the start of a new year it seems a good time to remind all parents of the rules around parking near school.

- There is no stopping or parking on the yellow zig zags between 8am and 5 pm
- There is no parking on any double yellows unless you have a blue badge
- Please respect the local residents and refrain from blocking driveways on Sam Rd
- Do not use Heather Way to either park or turn around
  - Please do not double park on Sam Rd

These parking rules are designed to keep our children safe. We have a number of children who walk to and from school alone in Year 5 and 6 as they start to prepare for high school. Double parking makes crossing the road very difficult.

There is always plenty of space on Huddersfield Rd and in the little car park at the top of the canal. These involve a short walk but this slight inconvenience is preferable to a child being injured I am sure you will agree.

If staff are informed that you are parking in either an illegal or disrespectful manner we will send you a polite reminder in a text message.

## Saddleworth School OPEN EVENTS for Parents / Carers of Year 6 children

WEDNESDAY, 27TH SEPTEMBER 2023  
OPEN MORNING 9.30AM – 11AM  
OPEN EVENING 6PM – 8PM

We are looking forward to welcoming prospective students, parents and carers to our Open Events on Wednesday, 27th September.

This will be a fantastic opportunity for prospective students and families to visit us and see the amazing work of our students and staff. In the morning session you will be able to tour the school during the working day and visit classrooms where learning is taking place.

In the evening there will be a chance for you to take a tour around our state-of-the-art building and facilities; speak to our staff and student ambassadors and take part in a range of activities planned by our subject areas.

Mr Anderson, Headteacher of Saddleworth School will also be speaking with parents/carers at both events to share more information about what makes our school so unique.

### **REGISTER NOW**

OPEN MORNING

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-morning-at-saddleworth-school-tickets-717675164737?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

OPEN EVENING

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-evening-at-saddleworth-school-tickets-717092010507?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

***Please note: Availability for the morning session will be limited. Please register your interest early if you would like to attend this session.***

### **PARKING**

Please note parking is available on the school site, once the spaces are full, parents/carers will have to park locally.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing with you everything Saddleworth School has to offer.

Mr Anderson - Headteacher - Saddleworth School

## Notices

### School Meals

The menu for school dinners is on the school website -

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

Next week is Week 2. 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 started back this week, 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.



FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

Get ready for the new term with a clear out!

Why not take the opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles to raise funds for school – this can include clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

The collection will be

**Friday 22nd September 2023**

From **8am to 9am** in the front carpark  
Please ensure all donations are in tied bags



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# Saddleworth Olympics is GO GO GO!!

After a summer of hard work learning and practicing a wide range of sports, the Saddleworth Olympics continues this weekend with events in Rounders, Tennis, Hockey and Swimming.

Well done to everyone who has taken part so far. The heat at the athletics and tug of war in particular was really intense, and you all did amazingly well.

Good luck to all at **TEAM DIGGLE** competing this weekend.

Parents, friends and family who are going along to support and cheer on **TEAM DIGGLE** can take chairs, or mats to sit on, and their own refreshments.

We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!

Also remember to put the presentation evening in your diaries where the children get their medals and all the hard work is celebrated in an evening of fun on Saturday 14th October.



## Saddleworth Village Olympics – September 2023

Event	School year groups		Date	Time	Venue
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	All	All	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Saddleworth School
<b>Junior Athletics</b> <i>(Saddleworth Runners)</i>	Separate boys & girls events	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Saddleworth School
<b>Junior Tug of War</b> <i>(Delph &amp; Denshaw)</i>		Yrs 3&4 / Yrs 5&6		12.30	
<b>Senior Athletics</b> <i>(Saddleworth Runners)</i>		Yrs 7, 8, 9 & 10		1.30	
<b>Senior Tug of War</b> <i>Delph and Denshaw</i>	Separate boys & girls events	Yrs 7&8	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.30	Saddleworth School
<b>Junior Netball</b> <i>(Delph &amp; Denshaw)</i>	Girls	Yrs 3&4	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Oasis Academy
		Yrs 5&6		11.00	
<b>Senior Rounders</b> <i>(Dobcross)</i>	Girls	Yrs 7&8	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 9&10		1.30	
<b>Tag Rugby League</b> <i>(S.A.S.I.)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 3&4	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	1.00	Saddleworth Rangers Rugby League club
		Yrs 5&6		2.30	
<b>Dodgeball</b> <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 5&6 Yrs 7&8	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	5.30	Saddleworth School
<b>Basketball</b> <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 7&8 Yrs 9&10	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	5.30	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
<b>Junior Rounders</b> <i>(Dobcross)</i>	Girls	Yrs 3&4	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 5&6		1.30	
<b>Tennis</b> <i>(Uppermill)</i>	Boys, Girls & Mixed	Yrs 5&6	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Tame Valley Squash & Tennis Club
		Yrs 7&8		1.00	
<b>Hockey</b> <i>(Oldham Hockey Club) / (Diggle)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 5&6	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 7&8		11.00	
<b>Swimming</b> <i>(L.G.F.G.)</i>	Boys & Girls	Yrs 5, 6	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.00	Saddleworth Pool
		Yrs 7, 8		6.00	
<b>Senior Badminton</b> <i>(Uppermill)</i>	Boys & Girls	Yrs 7&8	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	5.00	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
		Yrs 9&10		6.30	
<b>Junior Badminton</b> <i>(Uppermill)</i>	Boys & Girls	Yrs 3&4	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	5.00	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
		Yrs 5&6		6.30	
<b>Senior Football</b> <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 7&8	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 9&10		6.00	
<b>Cricket</b> <i>(Diggle)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 7&8	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.00	Greenfield Cricket Club
		Yrs 3&4		11.30	
		Yrs 5&6		2.30	
<b>Senior Netball</b> <i>(Delph &amp; Denshaw)</i>	Girls	Yrs 9&10	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
		Yrs 7&8		12.30	
<b>Junior Football</b> <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 3&4	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 5&6		12.00	

ALL EVENT DATES, TIMES AND VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## It's time to look at our amazing local heritage

SADDLEWORTH AND Oldham's fascinating history and heritage will be celebrated at a number of events in September. This year's Oldham Histories Festival and Heritage Open Days run from September 3-23 and offer a great chance to find out more about local people, places, buildings and stories. From talks to walks there's plenty to discover, whether you're interested in architecture or heritage or just curious about the history around you.

At Oldham Local Studies and Archives residents can discover the rich history of Oldham and its people, with archives dating back to 1597 and covering an enormous range of subjects.

Town centre highlights include an Oldham Town Centre Walk, Oldhamers and the Battle of Somme, a Photograph Open Day, notable Oldham figures, The 'Revival' Exhibition, and The Transformation of the Old Town Hall.

In Saddleworth, Heights Chapel above Delph will be open on Sat 10 Sept and Sun 11 Sept from 1pm-4pm, with refreshments available. Visitors can find out the chapel's history and see a display of original stencils used in its decoration, and on the Sunday there is a Songs of Praise service starting at 3pm.

Also in Delph, there will be guided tours of the site that was once a Roman fort on the Chester to York military road. Tours include findings from the latest excavations in 2014. Meet in the car park outside the Castleshaw Outdoor Centre, Waterworks Road, Delph, OL3 5LZ. No dogs allowed. Thu 8 Sept, 1.30-3pm; Sat 10 and Sun 11 Sept, 2-3.30pm.

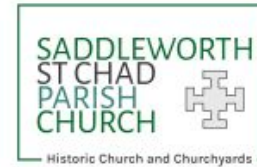
Holy Trinity Church, Dobcross, will open its doors on Thu 8, Fri 9, Sat 10 and Sun 11 Sept, from 10am-4pm. Built in 1787, the Grade II listed 'Pennine Auditory' Chapel contains fine examples of original box-pews. Booklets with guides available at certain times.

In Lees, Grade II\* listed Gothic church St. Thomas' is open on Sat 10 Sept from 10am-4pm so visitors can see the new community room and facilities, or enjoy tours of the bell tower (10am-12noon).

St. Anne's Church at Lydgate is holding open days on Sun 4, 11 and 18 Sept from 2.30-4.30pm, showing church history booklets and registers, plus maps and suggested walks around the graveyards.

And the historic St. Chad's Church in Uppermill will be open on Fri 9 and Sat 10 Sept from 10am-4pm and Sun 11 Sept from 1-5pm. Find out about the long history at the current Grade II\* listed building through Parish Registers, tours of the bellringing room, children's activities and more.

[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1567/oldham\\_histories\\_festival\\_2023](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1567/oldham_histories_festival_2023)



**HERITAGE FESTIVAL**  
9<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
**OPEN 10 am to 4 pm**



Join us as we unwrap the creativity of Saddleworth people past and present

As part of **Heritage Open Days**, we are taking part in England's largest festival of history and culture. **The Parish Centre Art Group** will also be presenting an **Exhibition of Art and Crafts**

### Free Entry

- Church building and yards
- Guided tours of the building and yards
- Bellringing
- Art and Crafts Exhibition
- Silent Auction
- Childrens activities (Weekends and Wednesday)
- RSPB (Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>) Conservation churchyard (Wildlife walkabout)
- Morris Dancing (Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> 6:45 pm)
- Rush cart banners
- Children's Art Competition Winners display
- Impromptu musical interludes (Everyday) Bring your own instrument and see how it sounds in the superb acoustics of the church

### Bookable events including

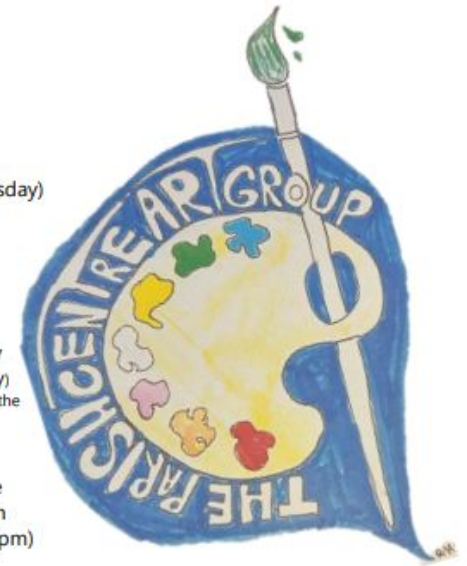
- Vincent Hewitt, Genealogy Journey and the Commonwealth War Graves in Saddleworth Church Yard (Eventbrite: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm)
- Act One (Eventbrite: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> eve)

### Also

- Genealogy searches £20
- Refreshments at the Hearse House

**The Church and its churchyard(s) are looked after by volunteers. Fund raising is by donations and events. The purpose of fundraising is to preserve the church for future generations and avoid closure. We look forward to seeing you during Heritage Week.**

Saddleworth St Chad Parish Church  
Church Lane OL3 6LW (Charity No 1133933)







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# KILNGREEN CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE



SUNDAY  
1st  
OCTOBER

10.00 am

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