



DIGGLE STARS

Harry Heywood - For writing independently with greater confidence and concentration.

Thomas Russell- for a fantastic first week at Diggle School, trying hard and following our 6Rs.

James Wild - for his enthusiasm in reading and making great progress.

Finlay Gee-for a fantastic effort in his Greek myth writing.

Leo Loughlin - For showing off his amazing science knowledge in the wonderdome.

Jackson Butterworth - For his enthusiasm when making his Roman Shield and following his design well.

Jack Fox - For being resourceful, particularly with his maths learning. He has also created an authentic Roman shield.

Lucy Grange- for amazing effort in Maths and English and always being responsible and respectful

Here are
our
amazing
Diggle
Stars!



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

What a wonderful way to end a half term, Science week has been very successful. I would like to thank Mrs Rawson for her fantastic organisation and FODS for funding the activities. Also all the staff for dressing up and making the day so exciting with all their various experiments. Also a big thank you to you for all the brilliant costumes today. I hope you all have a wonderful half term.

Percy is busy getting ready for his half term skiing holiday, so hasn't had time to find the cleanest cloakroom! He'll be back soon!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 26th Feb - Return to school

Weds 6th March and Fri 8th March -Mother's Day Sale.

Thurs 7th March - Charlie and the Chocolate factory themed World Book Day.

Fri 8th March - Rainbow raffle donations.

Wed 11th March - In Person Parent's Evening 3:30 - 6pm.

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

Mon 25th March - Yr 4 Experience Easter.

Thurs 28th March - Y3 & 4 Roman Day.

Thurs 28th March -Break Up for Easter and Easter Egg Hunt.

Thurs 29th Mar/Sun 14th Apr -Scarecrow Trail.

Fri 3rd May -Olympics Wacky Races.

Thurs 23rd May -Whole school trip to Chester Zoo.

Wed 12th June- Fri 14th June - Year 6 Kingswood Trip.



Class R

What a wonderful final week to the half-term in Class R. We enjoyed Pancake Day on Tuesday by eating them all up. Some of the children had golden syrup, some had maple syrup and others had lemon juice. Some had all 3!!!

In maths we have continued to work with the numbers 6, 7 and 8. We practiced subitising (telling what a number is without counting) by playing dice games like snakes and ladders. We also talked about the concept of odds and evens using egg boxes. We then looked at doubling. The children had great fun playing dominoes. This game is excellent for subitising and for spotting doubles!

We really enjoyed Valentine's Day on Tuesday by writing words to our loved ones. We made cards too.

The science activities have been wonderful this week. We made rockets on Monday with a real scientist, we went inside the wonderdome on Wednesday to explore space, and we dressed up as scientists for Friday's extra-special Break The Rules!



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

Class 1

We have really enjoyed our Science week! We had a visit from a scientist called Luke who talked to us about energy and how we can see or hear when energy is transferred. We had great fun creating explosions with bicarbonate of soda and lemon juice! We then made paper straw rockets where our breath provided the energy to launch our rocket!

We loved visiting the WonderDome planetarium and found out so many exciting facts about Earth and Space. At the end of of session in the dome lots of us said we would like to visit the moon one day!

We ended Science Week with our experiments move around. In groups we moved to different rooms where we carried out exciting experiments like static butterflies, erupting volcano, germs and soap, blowing up balloons using baking soda with vinegar and dinosaur footprints!

In English we have completed our retell of the Beegu story and using our imaginations to write an alternative ending to the story.

In maths we have completed our unit on addition and subtraction, learning about related facts and missing number problems. We also completed an assessment on Place value within 20.

In Theme we learnt about Alexander Graham Bell and how he invented the telephone. We were interested to find out that he became interested in sound by working as a teacher for deaf children.

We are looking forward to our half term holiday, have a great week everyone!



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Class 2

It was our school science week and Class 2 had a fantastic time! We had fun working on lots of different experiments including 'kitten rescue' where we measured temperatures, making a dinosaur fossil, blowing up balloons with vinegar and baking soda and even making an erupting volcano - wow! We were amazed with the WonderDome planetarium which took us on an adventure exploring the wonders of the Universe. It may even have inspired one or two future space explorers....We also found time to work on developing our descriptive writing skills with some super sentences to describe a woodland setting and writing a recount. Our spelling focus was to practise those key spellings which we are not quite secure with. We finished designing some colourful postal stamps as part of our Communication display. In maths we began work on our 2, 5 and 10 times tables with lots of counting and practical work.

Finally we had 'Break the rules' day on Friday which saw lots of rules being broken. We have worked hard this half term and are looking forward to our half term holiday. Have a lovely week everyone!



Class 3

What a wonderful finish to the term with Science week. The Wonderdome was amazing and it was lovely to visit the different planets and especially the moon! The children enjoyed the fireworks science on Monday and have had great fun moving round the different experiments on Friday, learning more about the different areas of science. The costumes were amazing and we really had a broad spectrum representing a variety of science fields.

This week we have also been busy in DT, designing, making and evaluating our Roman shields. The children worked hard to produce them and considered changes and improvements along the way. We look forward to taking some of our finished shields with us on our march over to Castleshaw on 22nd March when we hope to reproduce some Roman army formations whilst visiting the Roman site.

Class 4

This week has been Science week! The children enjoyed learning about fireworks on Monday, staring up at the stars on Wednesday in the Wonderdome and finally doing lots of different experiments with different members of staff on Friday. In Class, our lessons have had a DT focus, while we have created our own Roman shields. On Monday the children designed and wrote instructions on how they would create their shields. They had to use what they could remember from our literacy lessons on instructional writing e.g. time conjunctions and imperative verbs. Later in the week they then had the chance to build their shields, and the final products are looking amazing!! In Maths, we have continued looking at length and perimeter and particularly length and perimeter of rectilinear shapes. Why not ask your child to define 'rectilinear'?

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Class 5

This week class 5 have started their new topic in Maths - decimals and percentages. We have started to look at equivalent decimals and fractions. In English the children have been writing their own independent Greek Myths. In PE the children have had their final yoga lesson, we have also created our own positive mantras and/or meditations. We have also taken part in science week where the children have had a look at what it's like to be different types of scientists.

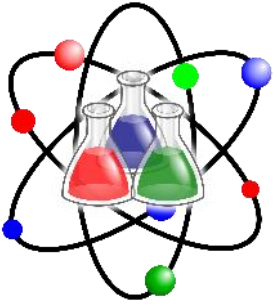
Class 6

This week in Class 6 we have written our own independent Greek myths, where we have created our own mythical creature to feature in the story and have worked hard to include all of the writing elements. In Maths we have tried to catch up with the Decimals topic, finding the specific value of particular columns and looking at how to multiply and divide numbers by 10, 100 and 1000. As well as the exciting Science week activities we have also continued with our science topic of Evolution and Inheritance and have looked at fossils and compared their similarities and differences to the closest living species now. In some of the example we were able to see subtle changes into how they have adapted and evolved over millions of years.

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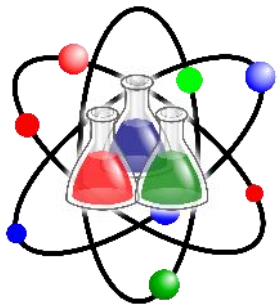
Well, what a fabulous time we've had in Science week. On Monday, Luke the Scientist came into school and showed us how fireworks get their different colours, how to make a paper straw rocket, how to measure temperatures to keep a kitten warm and how to make a cast of a footprint to see if we could match the shoe to the print - (like real crime scene investigators).

On Wednesday the hall was filled with the Wonderdome, which is an amazing indoor planetarium. The children loved learning about how planets are formed and what the future holds for space exploration.

Finally, today the children have tried lots of different experiments. In KS1 they have learnt about static butterflies, an erupting volcano, germs and soap, blowing up balloons using baking soda with vinegar and dinosaur footprints, and in KS2 they have learnt about the density of liquids, chromatography, optical illusions and using ultraviolet light to reveal hidden messages.

Over the next few pages you'll see some of the wonderful things the children have been up to. A big thank you to Mrs Rawson for doing all the organising in school and to FODS for providing the funding. The children have all said how much they have enjoyed it.

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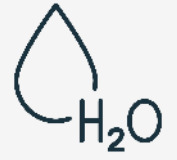
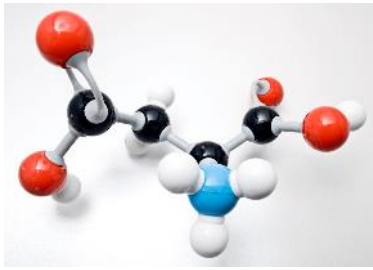
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Home Reading Celebrations

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



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.

Last week Awa, Vale and Maya in Class 3 took part in a dance competition, they were all part of the same street dance team and won runners up medals. Well done girls. We'll see you on Strictly in no time.



Half Term Holiday Club

Holiday Club still has last minute availability for this half term on Monday and Friday. Call or email to secure a place.

Now taking bookings for February half-term!
Open Monday 19th February to 23rd February 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

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.



Chaucer Writing Competition

The Chaucer Heritage Trust was founded in 1992 and aims to further interest, understanding and appreciation of the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, his life and times and influence.

The Chaucer Heritage Trust is hosting its seventh annual writing competition for schools inspired by the works of Geoffrey Chaucer, considered by many to be the father of the English Language and England's greatest medieval poet.

The special theme of the competition this year is 'Being Part of a Group'.

This is a lovely competition and we strongly encourage as many of our talented students to take part as possible.

There is still time to enter this fantastic competition. All entries must be submitted by 29 February 2024.

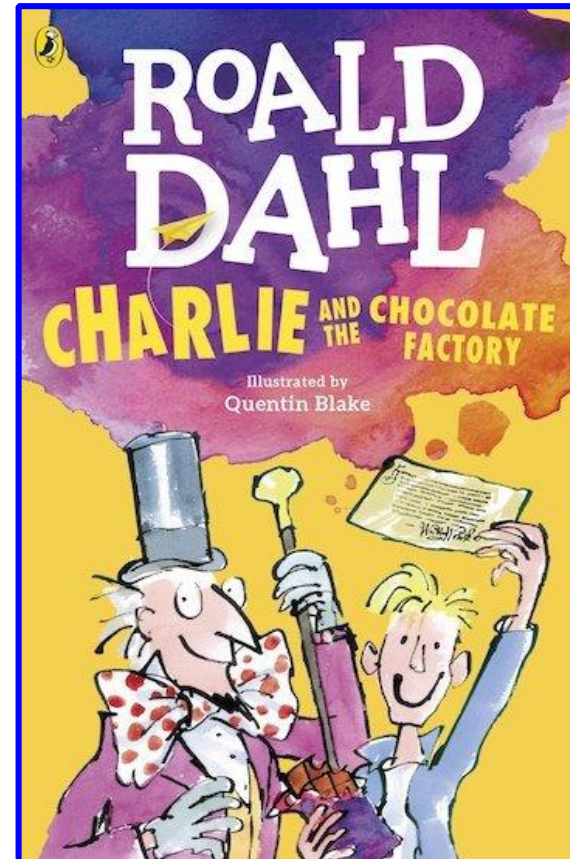
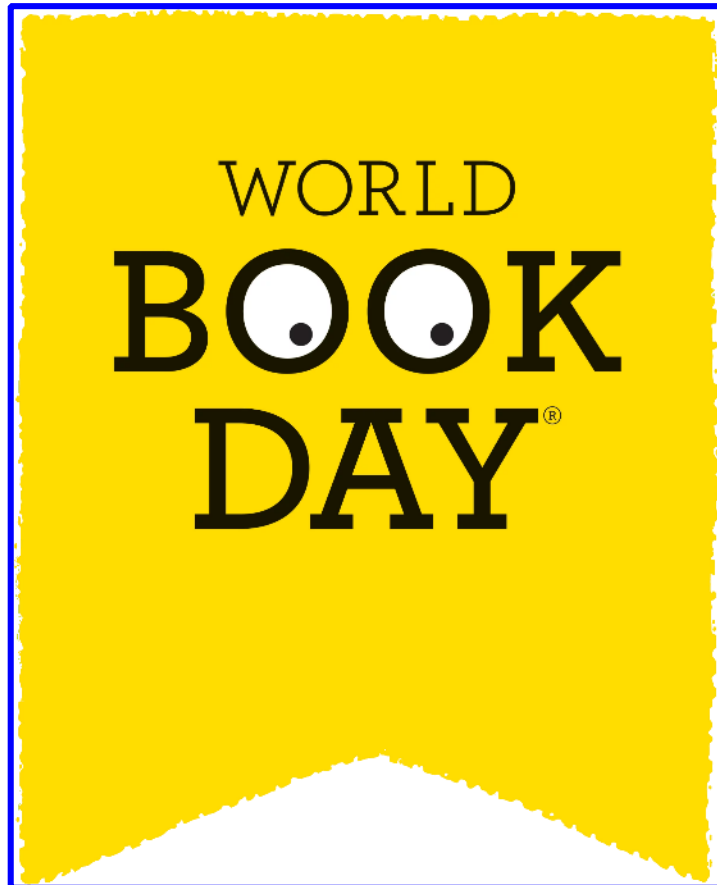
For more information, including all the rules, please take a look at this link:

<https://chaucer.org.uk/the-canterbury-tales-writing-competition-2023-24-being-part-of-a-group/>



World Book Day

Don't forget..... For World Book Day this year, we are having a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme. Please could all children come in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed fancy dress. Please don't buy expensive fancy dress outfits, you can dress as anything 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' related. Maybe you could dress as Charlie, or Grandpa, or Grandma, or even just a big sweet! FODS will be selling Wonka Bars, will you get the lucky golden ticket?



A message from FODS...

Team FODS have been very busy this month organising funding for various exciting events coming up. We have committed to spending more than £15k on various things including a big project of updating the practical area between years 1 and 2.

We also have some very exciting news! FODS is funding a whole school trip to Chester Zoo on the 23rd May. This will be entirely free for all students as we will also be funding the coach hire. We are sure this will be a fabulous day for everyone!

In June we are funding a fantastic whole day experience from 'KAPLA Clubs' which will involve every class spending time building an entire project including houses, villages, bridges , animals etc. At the end of the day the children will exhibit their hard work before getting the chance to be the demolition squad when the event is over! There will also be some other things coming up which are still in the process of being booked. We can afford to do all these amazing things thanks to your support with our fundraising! Have a look at some of our great events coming up and make a note in your diaries! Last but not least we hope you have all had the chance to see our new memorial bench dedicated to the memory of our wonderful Year 6 teacher, Miss Alker, who sadly passed away early last year. We hope the children will sit on it and enjoy it, which we are sure Miss Alker would have loved.



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Mothers Day Sale



£3 per gift. Gifts can be pre paid for on parent pay from next week.

Gifts for all females of all ages !

Wednesday 6th March

Friday 8th March



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On World Book Day FODS will be holding a very special golden ticket sale in school! Buy a special large bar of chocolate and you may find a golden ticket!

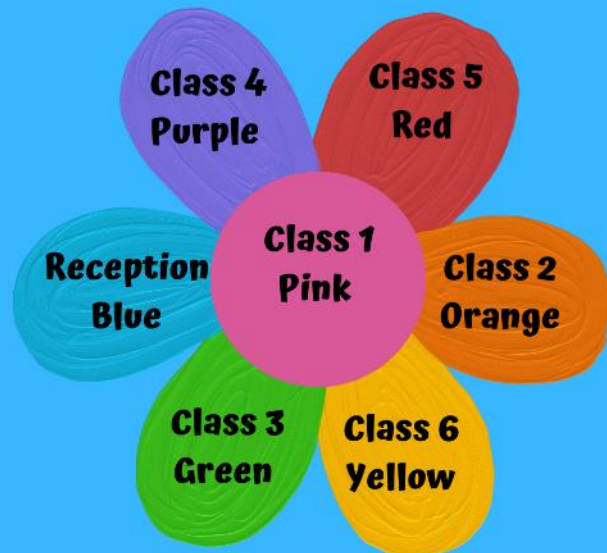


Chocolate costs £2 per bar
Golden ticket bars win a special prize
EVERY child will get a free bookmark and can choose a book!

Chocolate bars can be paid for on the day or on parent pay. Children can buy more than one.



FODS will be holding a Rainbow Raffle this March. We will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for colour themed donations. Each class will have their own colour!



**Pupils are kindly asked to bring donations in on Friday 8th March in exchange for a non uniform day .
Raffle tickets will be on sale in March
The Raffle will be drawn on the day of FODS Easter Egg Hunt, Friday 28th March.**

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!

A cheerful cartoon rabbit stands in a grassy field, holding a wooden sign that reads 'FODS FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL'. Next to it is a signpost with a sign that says 'FODS FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL'. There are several colorful Easter eggs and flowers in the foreground.

Prizes for
best
scarecrows!

Friends of Diggle School
Present The

Easter treats
with your trail
sheet!

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

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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



Miss Alker's memorial bench...





Community MMR Immunisation Clinics



- **Primary School Children who have never had an MMR or only had one dose**
- **Primary School staff born after 1970, who have not had a complete course of MMR**
- **Nursery Children who missed their first MMR Vaccine**

Wednesday 21st February
Positive Steps - Union St OL1 1DJ - 9AM-1PM

Call IntraHealth on 0333 3583 397 option book an appointment.

www.intrahealth.co.uk

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 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**

Community Wardrobe

Can you help keep a child warm this winter in Oldham?

OCWO are collecting warm new or preloved winter coats to help families in need.

Any queries please contact Sally or Janine 07759139930.





Tan's Tiney Home Nursery

Looking for a reliable Childminder
in Diggle?

High-quality year-round care for
children from 9 months old.
Offering a fun caring, stimulating
and educational environment for
your child to learn and thrive.

Wrap around care for children of all
ages attending Diggle School.
Breakfast and evening meal
offered.

For more [information](#) please visit my [facebook](#)
page - Tan's Tiney Home Nursery or get in
touch with any questions or to book a visit.

Tel: 07873628734

Email: tanstineyhome nursery@outlook.com



TEA TASTING

AT:- KILNGREEN CHURCH HALL

LEESIDE

DIGGLE

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 3.00pm

TICKETS

£8.00

PER PERSON *Includes light refreshments*

JOURNEY THROUGH THE HISTORY OF TEA

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON OF TEA TASTING !

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

MR PAUL JEFFERIES

PROFESSIONAL TEA TASTER.

EXPLORING FLAVOURS FROM AROUND

THE WORLD AND HOW TEA GETS FROM BUD TO CUP

TASTE TEST THE TEA ON OFFER



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