



## DIGGLE STARS

**All of Class R** - for being resilient when our bubble closed and for the amazing work, they have all done this year.

**All of Class 1** - for continuing to work hard and smile through what has been a very tough year!

**All of Class 2** - for the effort they have made to keep working hard and being responsible right up to the end of term, well done!

**All of Class 3** - For their resilience during difficult times and working hard. You have all grown in confidence as well as height and I wish you Good Luck in Year 4.

**All of Class 4** - for being an absolute joy, from start to finish.

**All of Class 5** - for their fantastic effort in the production and for the biographies they have written.

**All of Class 6** - for their fantastic performances in 'Wow what a year!'

**Jen Garside** - For playing such an important role in our play and doing this brilliantly.

## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

We got so near to the end of term without losing a bubble but unfortunately we lost Reception on Tuesday this week. It was perhaps inevitable that we would fall at some point and the fact we have lasted as long as we did is down to you as parents helping us by following the guidelines and taking your children for tests, whenever we have asked you to. Thank you for all your cooperation and support.

We are currently making plans for September and I will communicate these with you before we finish next week. Please be aware that these plans maybe subject to change depending on how the situation re infection rates looks in September.

We will still have an issue of the Diggle Star on Tuesday, it will be a bumper photo issue celebrating FODS's wonderful Birthday Party Day on Monday and of course our Year 6 leavers assembly on Tuesday.

Check out today's issue for some fantastic images from the outdoor Covid safe Year 5/6 performances earlier this week, which were a real treat to watch.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Mon 19th July** - FODS Great Big Birthday Party - own clothes for a donation of £2 payable through Parent Pay or can wear uniform for free

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

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

**School resumes  
Monday 6th September**



We encourage all parents to become fully vaccinated - if you haven't had your vaccine yet please see [nhs.uk/covid-vaccine](https://nhs.uk/covid-vaccine) or speak to your GP practice.

We also encourage all parents to continue to take twice weekly rapid flow covid tests as early identification stops the spread.

## Class R

This week has been an unusual week for Class R due to our bubble closure. The children have reacted very calmly to this change, demonstrating all the resilience they have developed over the year. The children have been completing some wellbeing activities as part of their home learning and before the bubble closure, the children were sharing details of their favourite holidays with each other, as we began to look at the sea side and summer holidays. Mrs Bradbury and Miss Leach are so proud of everyone in Class R for the amount of progress they have made while in Reception and we are looking forward to our online Google Meet classroom on Monday! Don't forget your party hats!

## Class 1

This week in Maths we have been learning about time. We have recognised o'clock and half past times and drawn the hands on a clock to show these. We have also counted on in hours to work out the time duration from o'clock to o'clock. In English we have been completing our English summer revision booklets to revisit lots of the key skills taught this year. In Theme we had fun creating our own Maasai collar necklaces using paper plates, pipe cleaners and beads. We thought carefully about the pattern we wanted to make and made sure to choose bright colours.

## Class 2

This week in our English lessons, Year 2 have learned how to use conjunctions to make compound sentences and give reasons. We also did some 'housekeeping' in our English books checking and reviewing the work we had done this year. We looked at how our work had improved throughout the year, we were especially proud of our progress with spelling and joined handwriting! In Maths we have continued problem solving. This week we worked on a challenge to make totals using different numbers and combinations, it sounds easy but it proved a little tricky... we were resilient. To finish our African theme work we designed and made necklaces just like the Maasai tribes wear. Isaac had brought one to show us and explain about it. We used brightly coloured beads and collage materials, we also looked at African patterns and continued repeating patterns which we made sure were brightly coloured. In our last Lifestyles lesson we made fruit pancakes with sauce and honey, yum!



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



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### Class 3

This week, we have finished our book 'Bewilderwood' and enjoyed finding out how it ended. We drew our own version of the 'Big Party' and are looking forward to our own on Monday- Thank you FODS! We have enjoyed looking back at our books this week and at our art through the years as we filed away the art from this week. We have enjoyed our time looking through the maths we have learnt this year as well as our themes. We all had a go at weaving this week, and had to be very resilient as we got in a muddle! I hope all of Class 3 and their families have a great Summer and a well earned rest after a difficult year.

### Class 4

We finished our final two maths assessments at the start of this week, before enjoying some fun, multiplication mosaics. We also used some interesting verbs to write up some directions for Swampy as he journeys through *Bewilderwood*. We also made sure we finished off all of our theme artwork too. In PE we finished our sessions with CITC by working on our communication and spatial awareness. We even found time on Thursday for a rounders game on the field in the sun!



## Class 5

This week in class we have worked on equivalent fractions in maths and completed our extensive biographies of famous people. We've contributed enthusiastically to the Year 5/6 production, demonstrating our vocal abilities. On Friday, we planned (in small groups) our own obstacle courses using the Commando Joe's equipment. The children worked admirably, sharing ideas and having lots of fun, despite the blazing heat.

## Class 6

This week, Class 6 have worked so hard to put the final touches to their production. They have also had to do two dress rehearsals due to a technical hitch with the cameras. They have done three performances with a live audience.

All children worked incredibly hard and performed brilliantly. They also had a well-deserved, relaxed afternoon after the final performance watching 'Wonder', which is the book we have been reading in class.

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

Thanks to  
FODS for funding  
Commando Joes





## Wow - What an AMAZING school production!



Despite everything COVID has thrown at us, the children and staff in years 5 and 6 have shown amazing resilience in planning, practicing and performing a superb open-air production, in the sunshine, in front of 3 reduced capacity, socially distanced but actually *there-in-real-life* audiences!

**WOW, What an Achievement!**

We hope those of you who came really enjoyed the show. For those who couldn't make it, and for extended family members, the performance has been recorded and details will be sent out as soon as it is available.









## Self isolation is still a requirement

As you have all no doubt heard the rules on self isolation will be changing in the future with this in mind the Local Authority has asked us as headteachers to reiterate the following message to our parents.

As you will be aware, there will be changes to how contacts are managed that start **no sooner** than August 16th.

*Until those changes happen, all close contacts of confirmed cases of COVID-19 do still need to isolate in line with the current guidance.* After that, close contacts who are aged under 18, or who have received both doses of the vaccination, will not have to isolate and will instead need to have a PCR test. All confirmed cases will still need to isolate for ten days.

I am more than aware that self isolation is difficult especially with young children however **please can I stress the importance of you ensuring that if you or your child is identified as having to self isolate, for example if a class bubble closes, it is imperative that you adhere to the rules and ensure that the person who is required to isolate does not leave the house and is not in contact with anyone from outside your household.**

Case numbers in Oldham are currently the worst in Greater Manchester and it is only by everyone doing their duty and following the rules that we are going to reduce these numbers.

A free 8 week course (2 hours per week) led by Parents for Parents and Carers of Children aged 2-11

Free childcare for babies and children (aged 6mon—4 years)

An opportunity for parents to work together and discuss their difficult experiences as a parent. The Parent Group Leaders will work through a variety of parenting topics and provide them with a safe space to discuss and offer strategies.

### Start dates

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September** or  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

10-12pm

Based **Face to Face** at the  
**Ashton Hub**

If you have any further  
questions or to book a  
place, please contact:  
0161 330 9223  
[office@togmind.org](mailto:office@togmind.org)



## Keep saving your plastic pop bottles please



Thankyou to everyone who has brought in plastic bottles already.

This is a long term project so please keep doing it over the summer so we can repair the greenhouse and get it productive again.



# THE GREAT BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The pandemic has seen lots of birthdays and parties missed for our children, as well as lots of FODS events. To make up for it we are holding an EPIC birthday party for all children on Monday 14th July, with party food, cakes, balloons, party games and lots of fun!

Extras will be available to buy soon on Parent Pay.

Option to wear party clothes all day  
£2



Epic Personalised Party bags (already pre-ordered)

Monday 14th July

## Notices

### Parent Pay

Please ensure all dinner money and BASC debt is cleared ASAP. All parents need to start with a zero or credit balance in September. No debt to be carried over please.

For Parents in Year 6, any credit balances will be returned to you during the holidays either by refund or transfer onto a sibling's account who is remaining in school; all debts must be paid before the end of term.

### School Dinners

From September, we are taking over the school catering, and we are looking forward to introducing new menus. Sadly, our current cook, Mrs Wallis is not staying with us, so we are now recruiting a new cook to join our team. If you know anyone who may be interested, please share the link below with them. <https://www.greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/G4/OL-49313/> As part of this change, from September we will also be reducing the cost of school dinners back down to £2.40 per meal.

### Covid

As the restrictions lift on Monday, please continue to be careful and sensible. We will not be changing any of our risk assessment for the 2 remaining days, so will be keeping the children in the same routines as the rest of the term.

**We are very close to the end - please do not send your child into school if they are at all unwell.**



# Diggle Village Olympics

Please note sessions will run throughout the summer holidays until the event competition. Sessions may be cancelled due to bad weather.



## SADDLEWORTH VILLAGE OLYMPICS IS GO!

After a forced break due to COVID restrictions, Saddleworth Village Olympics is back in 2021. Diggle needs you to represent the village and give it your best.

PRESENTATION EVENING @ DIGGLE BAND CLUB  
DATE 16th OCTOBER

Keep up to date by following the Diggle Team on  
Twitter [@digglestv](https://twitter.com/digglestv) or our Facebook Group –  
[Diggle Village Olympic Team](https://www.facebook.com/DiggleVillageOlympicTeam).

You can now register children online at  
<https://digglevillageolympics.co.uk/>

## Diggle Team Training Schedule

COMMENCING TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 ON  
DIGGLE SCHOOL FIELD \*

[All children must be registered](#)

### Monday

Hockey (10-13) (Mixed)  
(Shin pads and gum shields must be worn)

6.15pm to 7.00pm

Dodgeball (10-13) (Mixed)

7.00pm to 7.45pm

### Tuesday

Football (7-11) (Mixed)  
(Shin pads must be worn)

7.15pm to 8.00pm

### Wednesday

Badminton (7-16) (Mixed)  
(Please bring your own racquet)

6.00pm to 7.00pm

Rounders (7-16) (Girls)

7.00pm to 8.00pm

### Thursday

Tag Rugby (7-11) (Mixed)

6.30pm to 7.15pm

Basketball (12-16) (Mixed) \*\*

7.00pm to 7.45pm

### Friday

Junior Netball (7-9) (Girls)

5.45pm to 6.30pm

Cricket (7-9) (Mixed)

6.30pm to 7.15pm

Senior Netball (10-16) (Girls)

6.30pm to 7.15pm

Cricket (10-13) (Mixed)

7.15pm to 8.00pm

\* Badminton held at Saddleworth School sports hall

\*\* Basketball will NOT be held on the 22nd July or the 26th August.

Do you have spare time for a new hobby?  
Ever wanted to play a brass instrument?

WHY NOT COME ALONG & JOIN  
DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

A BRASS BAND FOR  
EVERYONE

We aim to provide a friendly, fun and inclusive  
environment for our players.  
We welcome anyone who would like the opportunity to play  
a brass instrument.

We offer tuition, instrument loan & are open  
for all ages & abilities

For further information please contact  
Brian Cliffe : 07703 184200



Diggle  
Dandelions 

Every Child Deserves The Best Possible Start  
The Early Years Statutory Framework

Diggle Dandelions is a community  
Pre-school and playgroup providing high  
quality care and education for children age  
two to five years. We offer a safe, supportive,  
vibrant and stimulating environment in  
which your child can play and learn. With a  
choice of session times throughout the week  
during term-time. We offer small group sizes  
with qualified, experienced and dedicated  
staff. Located in the grounds of Diggle  
Primary school.



Diggle Dandelions

[www.diggledandelions.org](http://www.diggledandelions.org)

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Free early  
education places  
for 2 year olds\*

30 hours  
free childcare

for working parents of  
3 and 4 year olds



**STRAWBERRY TEA**

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 14th 2021**  
2.00 pm ~ 4.00 pm

TICKETS  
ADULTS £5.00  
CHILDREN £1.00

To reserve your tickets  
Please contact  
Suzanne  
07733335784

Musical  
Entertainment

Children's  
Activities

Light refreshments  
Tea, Scone with Strawberry Jam & Cream  
or  
Tea, Strawberries & Cream  
Cake & Fruit Juice