# DIGGLE STAR - 16.06.2023





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# **DIGGLE STARS**

**Ella Moore** - for always being being **responsible** and **respectful**.

**Zara Scholes** - for fantastic effort in writing this week.

All of Year 3 - for excellent behaviour and attitude to learning whilst Mrs Spencer has been at Kingswood this week.

**Toby Parker** - for an improved concentration in maths lesson.

All of Class 4 - for completing the Multiplication Check.

**Charlie Ellis** - for excellent work in his mathematics and ICT.



# **HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS**



What an absolute pleasure it has been to take Year 6 to Kingswood this week. The staff at Kingswood commented multiple times on their fantastic attitude and manners.

Also a big thankyou to the rest of the staff who gave up their time to spend their time with Year 6 at Kingswood.

I am really proud of you all.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Mon 26th June - Open Day

Mon 3rd July - Welcome Evening 6-6.30pm/6.30-7pm

Tues 18th July - Y5&6 performance 2pm & 6pm

**Thurs 20th July** - FODS Make the Rules Day

Fri 21st July -

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9-10am Children finish for summer holidays



# Class R

This week in Class R, we have been answering the question 'Where do Minibeasts live?'. We reminded ourselves of what a habitat was, which we had discussed a little bit when looking at our Autumn and Dinosaur topics. The children were really enthusiastic to share places they knew they could find certain types of Minibeasts like worms. We recounted doing a Minibeast hunt in our outdoor area and in the classroom and then went to find more Minibeasts in a different habitat - the forest school woods. The children were very excited and when they found a Minibeast they were gentle and respectful when seeing if it would crawl in our observation cups.

After the Minibeast hunt the children really enjoyed looking at the non-fiction books we have about different types of Minibeasts and each child wrote a list of where different minibeasts live. Sunday the 17th of July is Father's day, so this week we also discussed what makes dad's and other male role models in our lives (such as grandfather's, uncles etc) so special. The children listen to the story of how father's day was created and then created cards to mark the celebration.

In Maths, we have being practicing addition and number facts to 5. Why not ask your child to show you the different ways of making 5? We have also started to explore subtraction by singing 'Ten Green Bottles'. The children enjoyed playing different subtraction games and having a go writing number sentences for both addition and subtraction.

In PE, the focus this week was spacial awareness and observation skills. The children had a great game of collecting cones and stacking them. However Mrs Bradbury kept stealing the cones to add extra challenge.



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

# Class 1

This week in English we read to the end of the story Lila and the secret of rain. We completed thought bubbles to show what Lila was thinking when she made her way to the top of the mountain. We wrote about our favourite moments in the story. Lots of us enjoyed the part where the villagers were celebrating and dancing because the rain came. We also completed a story map in pairs to show the order of events in the story. In Maths we have continued our learning about the numbers 50-100. We practised counting forwards and backwards from any number between 50 and 100. We found one more and one less than any number 50-100. We also compared numbers 50-100 which had the same number of tens but a different number of ones. In Science we went outside in the sunshine to identify the different types of trees around school. We used a sheet to show us what the leaves on each tree looked like. We also learnt about evergreen and deciduous trees. In Theme we used maps to locate Africa and Kenya. We found out that Kenya's capital city is called Nairobi and that Kenya is named after Mount Kenya!

## Class 2

This week Class Two have continued our African Adventure theme. We used atlases and a globe to find out where Kenya is in the world and investigated some of the main physical features found there. We also looked more closely at what everyday life is like for children. We followed a typical day for Nana who lives in a town and Evangeline who lives in the country. There are similarities with our day but also lots of differences. We began to learn some traditional African dance moves. It was great fun but quite hard work. If we continue we will become very fit. Maths this week has focused on time. We have recapped o'clock and half past and also learned to tell time to quarter to and quarter past. We worked practically with clocks, made our own clocks and played games. The sunflower seeds we planted have now started to grow. We are very excited! We measured them and drew them in our sunflower diaries. The tallest is already 7cm tall but some are still to appear yet. In PE we continued our athletics work with Chiara from CITC. This week we focused on correct throwing skills and techniques, leading up to working with the foam javelins. We did really well and only one got stuck in the trees!









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## Class 3

This week in maths Class 3 have been representing and interpreting data in bar charts and pictograms. In English we have done a piece of writing based on the book 'Return' by Aaron Becker. We have concentrated on using expanded noun phrases and exciting vocabulary. In theme we compared the amount of daylight hours in the UK with those in Antarctica. We finished off the week with a P.E. session and practised our athletics skills.

# Class 4

Another solid week in Class 4. We have been really getting into decimals in maths this week. We have compared them, rounded them and finally, converted them. We also spent some time doing some last-minute times table practice before our Multiplication Check on Friday. I am so proud of all of the children for their effort and resilience. It's done now! In English we wrote rhyming, acrostic and shape poems, in SMSC we looked at changes in boys during puberty, in science we studied vibrating particles in the air, and in theme we researched the climate in a variety of tropical regions.

# Class 5

This week has been slightly different as we have been having a big push on some ICT looking at creating and editing videos. The class found this really enjoyable and showed some great skill. In English we have continued looking at parentheses and how se can use commas to embed clauses in sentences as well as continuing work on our novel, The Boy with One Name. In mathematics we have been getting to grips with angles looking at how degrees are used to measure turn and sharpening our angle measuring skills. We also started Tennis and Athletics in our PE.

# Class 6

This week in English we have started to read 'Wonder' where we have been introduced to the character August as he starts Middle school. We are looking forward to reading how he comes with the changes and challenges that come his way and have empathised with some of his feelings already as we have these same thoughts going to high school. We also completed some maths assessments. On Wednesday we enjoyed watching the performance by the visiting drama students.

The week was ended with a great trip to Kingswood. Keep your eyes peeled for more on this next week.

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Dear Staff, Parents, Friends and Colleagues of Michelle x

where do we start and what can we say ... we just wanted to send an emotional and massive thank you to every single one of you who so kindly organised a raffle and/ox contributed to the raffle, or bought tickets for the raffle, in our daughter Michelle's memory, and raised an amazingly unbolievable amount of money for her adored two boys, our lovely glandsons, Michael and Charlie.

For you to even think of raising a monetary gift for Michelles boys is so astounding, and we would never have even anticipated or expected such compassion and generosity. We can't thank you all enough, it's really overwhelming.

Michael and Charlie are extremely grateful to you, they were overshelmed too (although it did bring a smile to their faces as well, thank you). They are able to treat themselves to something each which will mean something to them and remind them of you thoughtfulness and, of course, their beautiful mumx

The friendship and kindness you have all shown to ow family in so many different ways has been really supportive and comforting.

Most of all, the love, care and friendship that you all had for Michelle is so special to us and we will always remember that. THANK YOU ALL SO VERY MUCH.

Mike, Pauline, Michael and Charlie

# **FODS Colour Run**

What an absolutely amazing day we had for our colour run!

The sun shone all day long and everybody was having the best time! It was fab to see everybody in all the colours of the rainbow and also to christen our new running track which is also now a fabulous rainbow colour 🔣 🌈 We took hundreds of photos so we will try and put them in an album on our page Thanks to everyone for coming and making it a huge success! Special thanks also go to Mrs Newton, Mrs Spencer, Mr Hoyle, Mr Pitman and Mrs Powell, who were great sports in the soak the teacher stocks! We also had 2 lovely students, Megan taking photographs all day and Brandon who took some amazing drone footage which we will share later. huge thanks to them too! And lastly a big thanks to Manchester Cabins who always provide our toilets free of charge...they are brilliant!

Lots more photos on the FODS Facebook page - @FriendsofDiggleSchool











Winners of the Raffle are:

Ellis - Y6 - £30 Thomas - Y5 - £20 Matilda Y6 and lestyn Y1 - £10

Well done! And thank you to everyone who took part.

Please can parents contact the school office to collect the prizes.

# Next Week's school dinner menu

We will be on week 3 of the school dinner menu next week.

If your child does not usually have dinners, why not see if there is a day they would like to try. Dinners are charged at £2.50 per meal for years 3-6 unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Week Three				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beef Bolognaise with Pasta Gluten (H)	Chicken Madras with Rice Gluten (H)	Beef Stew & Dumplings Gluten (H)	Cheese Beef Burger in a Bun Gluten, Milk (H)	Fish & Chips Gluten
Quorn Dippers Wheat	Vegetable Curry and Rice	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasties Gluten, Milk., Egg	Veggie Burger in a Bun (Quorn) Gluten, Milk	Swiss Veggie Balls in Tangy Sauce
Jacket potato with various fillings*	Turkey Sandwich  Gluten, Milk	Jacket potato with various fillings*	Ham Sandwich  Gluten, Milk	
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Garlic Bread Herby Diced Potatoes	Roasted vegetables, Garlic bread	Roast Potatoes, seasonal vegetables	Spicy wedges, coleslaw	Chips, Baked Beans,
pudding				
Assorted Cake Bar  See Allergen Files	Assorted Cake Bar  See Allergen Files	Assorted Cake Bar  See Allergen Files	Assorted Cake Bar  See Allergen Files	Milk Shakes See Allergen Files
		ection, fresh fruit are availa re home-made. Potatoes a		

# **Notices**

#### **Parent Pay**

Thankyou to everyone who have ensured their Parent Pay balances are in credit, or have paid Music fees on time. It is appreciated.

Please can everyone ensure their BASC and school dinner balances are in credit, and remain in credit, and all music fees are paid in full for the year. If you haven't already done so, please consider setting up the Auto top-up feature in Parent Pay which ensures you do not slip into debt.

If your child is in Year 6, or you are leaving us at the end of this term, and you use BASC, please check your balance and ensure you are adjusting your payments to aim to finish the year without debt or credit. This is very important if you pay by Tax Free Childcare or Childcare Vouchers - these payments cannot be refunded due to the tax implications.

### **Welcome Evening**

This year's welcome evening will be held on Monday 3rd July. There are 2 sessions - 6-6.30pm and 6.30-7pm and will be held in school. Each session is the same, but allows for parents with children in more than one class to visit 2 classes. Please just come to school in time for the meeting to start at either 6 or 6.30. These sessions are for parents - children do not attend, and are an opportunity for you to meet the class teacher for the new school year in September, in the new classroom, hear about what will happen in class, the routines and expectations, and an opportunity for you to ask any questions. (Please note for parents of new class R children, the welcome evening will be on Tuesday 4th July as per the welcome letter you should have received today)

#### **Class Photos**

You should now have received an email containing a link to view your child's class photo. Should you wish to make a purchase please do so via the photography company directly as indicated via the link. Thankyou.

#### **New Music Tuition Students**

Parents of new music tuition students were sent an email last week containing a link to register with the Music Service. Please follow the instructions in the letter and ensure this action is completed.







# Are you a parent with a child starting school in 2024?

Do you want your child to learn and achieve in a "friendly and supportive environment"?

Would you like your child to attend a school rated 'Good' by Ofsted, with large outdoor grounds and lots of opportunities to learn and grow inside and outside of the classroom?

Diggle School is holding a Summer Open Day where adults and children can tour and experience all we have to offer at Diggle School.

All year groups are accepting places and we welcome children who live outside of our catchment area.

### The Open Day is on Monday 26th June 2023.

Parents & children can attend either the morning or afternoon session and will spend time in the classroom, their child would be moving to.

Morning Session: 9am - 10am Afternoon Session: 2pm - 3pm

For more information please contact enquiries@diggleschool.co.uk

By phone :01457 601970











# Now taking bookings for the Summer holidays! Open Monday 24th July to Friday 25th August 2023 inclusive 8.45am - 5pm £26 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

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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.







