



DIGGLE STARS

William Chadderton - for a fantastic a attitude to learning and being very well mannered

Arthur Davies - for settling in to Class R well and for getting involved in all the activities!

Izzy Siddall - for a positive and confident start to Class 4. A hard worker and a wonderful role model.

Martha Chamberlain – for trying really hard in all activities and being **resilient**.

Amelia Powell - for being a fabulous member of the Gestapo on our Commando Joe's mission.

Lily Hazlehurst - for fantastic **resilience** with her writing this week.

Stanley Howard - for great non-fiction writing in theme and including different conjunctions.

Daisy Lees - for having a fantastic 'have a go' attitude, even when she finds things difficult.

Jack Bradbury - for showing great resilience in a range of situations over the past few weeks.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

It has been a lovely first full week in school. The weather has meant that lots of classes have been able to enjoy some outdoor learning which if you follow us on Facebook you will have seen.

Attached to the email for this newsletter is information about extra curricular activities this term. Due to the current financial climate we have decided to provide all our activities with no charge. This however means that we cannot use Parent Pay as a method of signing up. Therefore we are trialing a new system of a Google Form - the link is in the letter. Please can I ask that you are patient with us if there are technical issues. We have trialed it in school but should you have any issues please be assured that your child will not miss out on a place in a club if you struggle to access the form straight away.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 19th - school closed for **State Funeral of HRH Queen Elizabeth II**
Tues 20th-Fri 30th Sept - FODS Penny Wars

Friday 30th Sept - **Macmillan Coffee Morning @ Band Club**

Wed 28th Sept & Wed 5th Oct - Reception class parent workshops
5th Oct - y5&6 visit to Stockport Air raid Shelter

Mon 10th Oct - Open Day 9-10.30 or 1.30-3

Tues 11th Oct - Get to Know FODS
Mon 17th Oct - **Flu Vaccine**

Thurs 20th Oct - FODS Break the Rules day
- Finish for Half term

Fri 22nd Oct - Staff inset day - school closed to pupils

31st Oct - back to school

Wed 2nd Nov - **individual photos day**
W/c 7th Nov - Parents Evening meetings

Please see the first newsletter of the year - 9th Sept - for full list of key dates for December onwards.



The State Funeral of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will be held on Monday 19th September.

This day has been designated a public holiday by the Government, with schools, and many workplaces closed to allow as many people as possible to watch this historic moment.

This week, the children, staff and parents have contributed to a book of remembrance and celebration of all the things we held dear about the late Queen. For example, Class R celebrated her sparkle and Class 1 celebrated her crown and hard work.

The originals will be kept here in school (it has been requested by the Royal Family that books of condolence are not sent to the Palace), however we have taken photographs and laminated them, and these will be put with the other public displays in London this weekend by Mrs Bradbury. She will take some photographs of them in place for next week's newsletter.



Please also note there is a national minutes silence at 8pm on Sunday 18th September which we encourage all our families and children to observe.

Class R

This week in Class R, we have continued with our 'All about Me' topic. The children have been talking about emotions. We started the week by thinking about how many emotions, we could name and we read the story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas. This helped us spot some different emotions and we created a colour monster display in our classroom to communicate how we were feeling to everyone else. By the end of the week, we were thinking how we can show and communicate how we feel. The children practiced yoga and made some calm playdough monsters. The children also started forest school this week and really enjoyed exploring our forest school area and collecting different natural objects!

What a fab week!



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

Class 1

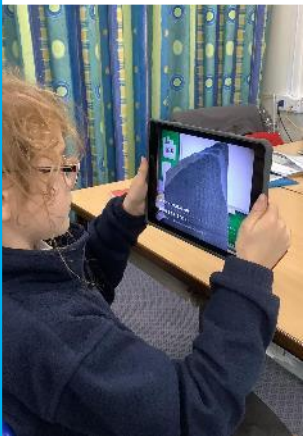
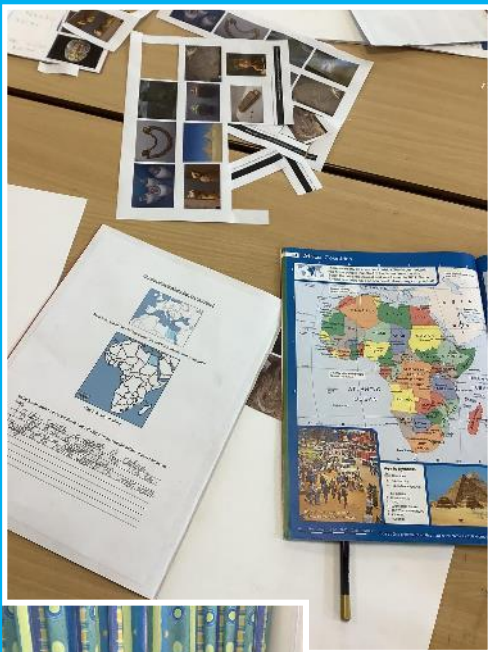
This week in English we have started to read 'The Bog Baby' by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward. We have completed a carousel of activities to become familiar with the book including going on a Bog baby Hunt and recording our findings, writing about the place a Bog Baby lives and what they might do there, creating models of Bog Babies using dough and drawing and describing our own Bog baby. In Maths we have been working on place value to 10. We have sorted objects in different ways, counted objects and used objects to represent numbers. We have also practised filling in the missing number in a sequence in numerals and words both forwards and backwards. In Forest school we got creative using natural materials to build dens and tools and enjoyed finding conkers and getting inside the spiky husk. In PE we played more movement games such as Mr Men land and spiderman tag. We have also worked hard on making our contribution to the book of condolence for Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth 11.

Class 2

In Class 2 this week we have continued our theme of 'Discovering Diggle'. We have written about our village, what we like about it, what we can do here and found out a few new things from each other. We have also completed our Diggle artwork by adding painted trees with colourful paper autumn leaves. In Maths we have been counting numbers to 100 and learning more about tens and ones and their values in numbers to 20. We have continued reading stories from our chosen author, Julia Donaldson. This week we added some more to our collection and used them as part of our reading rotation activities. We had a fun afternoon in forest school where we worked together on outdoor art. We used natural materials we collected to make our own sculptures and artworks. We were creative and tried hard to work well together in our groups. This week we also enjoyed our first PE lesson with Chiara from CITC. We worked on developing our skills of throwing and catching through team games and individual practise. For our contribution to the school book of condolence we remembered our favourite things about Her Majesty the late Queen Elizabeth.



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



Class 3

This week, Class 3 have worked on their non-fiction writing linked to theme, writing about the reasons why the River Nile was important to the Ancient Egyptians. In maths, we have been representing 3 digit numbers with Base 120 and recording the numbers. We have learnt the importance of zero as a place holder. In PE, we learnt underarm passes in basketball and how to move in different ways with the ball. We enjoyed creating our own scavenger hunts in Forest School and then swapping with friends.

Class 4

In English this week, Class 4 started on their new text *The Egyptian Cinderella*. We looked at the front cover and made predictions based on the illustration. We then read the first 4 pages and analysed the character of Rhodopis. In maths we have worked on Roman numerals as well as rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. In SMSC we talked about friendships and in science we classified animals into five categories; mammals, reptiles, fish, birds and amphibians. We identified Egypt on a map in this week's theme lesson, and then looked at images of Egyptian artefacts, writing about what we thought they were. An excellent first full week!

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Class 5

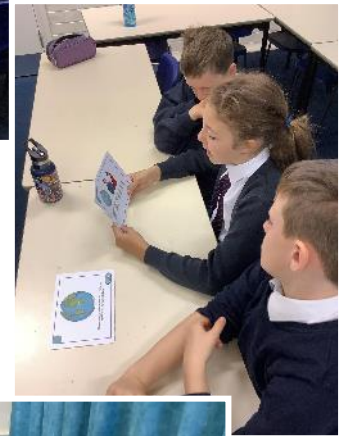
In Class 5 this week we have looked at the outbreak of WWII and each wrote a newspaper report informing the nation of the news which announced the new that Britain was at war with Germany. We have started out Earth and Space topic in Science this week and have looked at different theories which support the Earth being flat or spherical and learn about the importance of looking at evidence carefully. On Wednesday morning we also enjoyed our first mental health and well-being session with Leon from CITC where we have discussed what we believe mental health to be.

Class 6

In theme this week we have been learning about World War 2. We did a world map and coloured the Allies and the Axis in different colours. We also did Axis controlled countries and neutral countries. In PE we did Commando Joe's and it was related to theme. We did obstacles while being interrogated by the Gestapo. On Monday we did science about Living Things and their habitats, we classified them into groups of their similarities and differences. In maths we learned about scaling with place value and we also learned about 1 millions and 10 millions. In English we looked at a picture from the book we are learning about and did our own paragraph, we highlighted the things we liked about the paragraph our teacher wrote.

By Sienna Whiteley

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**WE DID IT! DIGGLE
SCHOOL HAVE GAINED
THE GOLD MARK AWARD.**



We are delighted to announce that we, Diggle School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise schools' engagement (provision and uptake) in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our physical activity and school sport achievements this year include: A range of competitions across the DLP, playing football at the City Academy Stadium, a fantastic sports weeks, a variety of sporting clubs raising awareness of the commonwealth games, a visit from an Olympic Athlete, inclusive events for all children to take part in, training programme for some of our current year 6 pupils, taking part in the daily mile, healthy lifestyle programme. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community. We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to: Diggle Staff, Schools from the DLP, CITC and help from OCL. We look forward to applying once again in 2023!



Notices

Parent Pay

Please make sure your Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date. Please consider using the auto top-up function in Parent Pay for dinner money - this enables you to set an automatic payment of an amount you set to be triggered when the account balance gets to a specific point, meaning you don't get in debt.

As a reminder all pupils in Years 3-6 pay for their lunches in school unless entitled to Free School Meals.

(see https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/free_school_meals for more info)

Parking and Waiting reminder

Please do not pull up, stop to let a child out, or park on the zig zags between 8am and 5pm.

Even when the weather is cold, please do not sit in your vehicle with the engine idling when parked on Sam Road as the children and other parents walking past are inhaling the fumes. Thankyou

Flu Vaccines

If you have not yet done so, please return your child's Flu Vaccine form. This form needs returning even if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine.

DESIGN YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS CARDS IS BACK....BUT
WITH A DIFFERENCE !



THIS WEEK YOUR CHILD WILL BE SENT HOME WITH A TEMPLATE TO DESIGN THEIR OWN CHRISTMAS CARD. FULL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED AND THEY WILL HAVE UNTIL MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER TO RETURN TO SCHOOL.

THESE WILL BE SENT TO THE COMPANY WHO WILL PROVIDE A SAMPLE CARD FOR EVERY CHILD AND DETAILS OF HOW TO PURCHASE CARDS, TAGS, WRAPPING PAPER AND GIFTS WITH THEIR DESIGN ON.

FODS WILL LET YOU KNOW THE DATE THAT ANY ORDERS HAVE TO BE PLACED.

WHEN DESIGNING YOUR CARD , FOR BEST RESULTS USE BRIGHT AND BOLD PENCILS AND FELT TIPS.



Happy designing!

Please see email for full details



Design ideas and inspiration



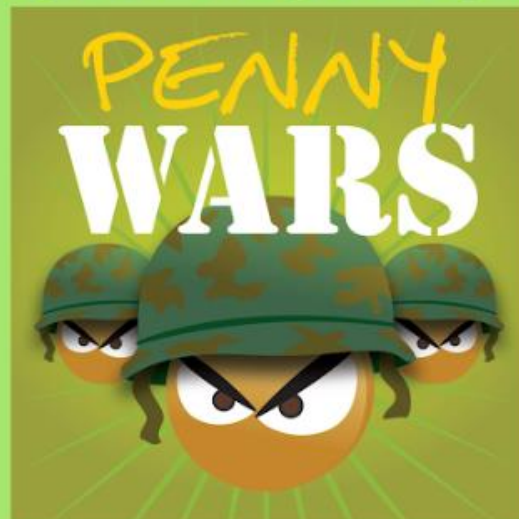
Need help? Call our Customer Service team on 01542 489000 or email info@classfundraising.co.uk



Start saving your pennies...

Penny Wars is back!

Tuesday 19th - Friday 30th 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.



DIGGLE ALLOTMENT SERVICE

Location: behind Diggle Chapel

ACCOMPANIED BY DIGGLE BAND

SUNDAY

2nd OCTOBER

10.00 am

Please bring a piece of fruit to see what we can create together

All welcome to join us afterwards at The Gate for Breakfast Butties & Drinks

FOOD DONATIONS TO OLDHAM FOODBANK

P. T. A.

The one where you Join in....

FODS is the PTA for Diggle School!
We would love it if you would come and
join us for a drink and a chat on
Tuesday 11th October at 8pm
At Diggle Band Club



We are a friendly bunch and love
welcoming new members!



You don't have to join the committee
and can volunteer for as little or as
much as you like...our events are great
fun and raise much needed funds for
the school!



Friends of Diggle School
Present The

DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL

Friday 21st- Monday 31st October

Our fabulous Spooky Trail is back!

A great day out for all the family.

Trail sheets, priced at £3 will be available from The Gate

Inn and Grandpa Greene's priced £3

or buy on ticketsource via the QR code below

and pick up your sheets on the day.

Follow Diggle
Scarecrow Trail for
news and up to date
information about the
spooky trail
Halloween Treats for
all children !



All profits directly benefit the children of
Diggle School
Registered Charity Number 1035075



BREAK THE RULES AT

HALLOWEEN



1. You must not wear silly clothes, pyjamas or fancy dress
2. You must not wear a crazy hairstyle
3. You must bring a healthy snack to school (no nuts)
4. You must drink water at school
5. You must not wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos
6. You must not bring teddies or games to school
7. You must not stand up in class and tell a spooky joke
8. You must not change your name

50p per rule or £3 to break ALL 8 rules!

Please bring your money in a sealed envelope and give to your teacher, or pay on parent pay.

Trick or Treat bags will also be available to buy nearer the time.



HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT BAGS

AVAILABLE SOON ON
PARENT PAY FOR
BREAK THE RULES
DAY

**£3.50
EACH**

We Can Help Families



This is a tough year for families in Oldham, but we can help.

We've all faced difficulties, coming out of the Covid pandemic, and the rising cost of living. That's why Oldham partners are working together to offer families a little more help to get them through the tough times.

We've put together our top tips for families as part of our We Can Help campaign.

Simply visit: www.oldham.gov.uk/We-Can-Help-Families for links...



1. **Mental health** — Our mental health is equally as important as our physical health. We have resources such as [5 steps to mental wellbeing](#), or [Kooth](#) which is a service for 10-25 to talk confidentially with trained professionals and peers, and you can take your child to a [Take5](#) drop-in session run by MIND. You can also visit your GP, or if in immediate danger call 999 or go to A&E.



2. **Parenting** — We've pre-paid for every parent, grandparent and carer to access £100 of [parenting courses](#). You can claim yours today with the code "DAISY". Courses cover all ages from bump to 19. Get tips to manage challenging behaviour. Also see our Oldham [speech and language](#) resources and GM [10 Tips for Talking](#).



3. **Community support** — Oldham has lots of amazing voluntary, community and faith groups which provide help and run activities. See the Action Together [Community Activities Directory](#) for more information.



4. **Activities** — [Holiday Activities and Food](#) will be available over the Summer for children aged 5-16 who are receiving free school meals. For younger children, download the [50 things to do before you're five](#) app, and young people can check out local [youth groups](#). Oldham's [family information service](#) includes support and activities for all children including additional needs.



5. **Food** — We don't want any Oldham child to go hungry. There is direct help such as [free school meals](#), and you can also find your local [foodbank](#). If you're pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be able to access vouchers from the NHS [Healthy Start](#) food and milk scheme.



6. **Financial help** — If you've lost your job or are struggling with [rent](#), [heating](#), [debt](#) or [benefits](#) we can help. There are people to talk to so you're not alone.



7. **Domestic abuse** — If you or your family are affected by domestic violence or abuse you can get advice through the Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline on [0800 254 0909](#) or [End the Fear](#) website. You can [ask for ANI](#) to get help confidentially in any pharmacy. In an emergency, call [999](#) to contact the Police. If it isn't safe to speak and you have called from a mobile, press [55](#) when prompted and your call will be transferred to the police.



8. **Problems with drugs or alcohol** — [Turning Point](#) offer advice and support if you want help about drugs or alcohol. You can call them on [0300 555 0234](#). The national charity [Smart Recovery](#) also provides help and support in recovering from addictive behaviour.



9. **Safeguarding** — If you have a concern about the safety or welfare of a child, young person or vulnerable adult, please contact the Oldham Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub on [0161 770 7777](#). If you believe they are at immediate risk of harm, contact Greater Manchester Police on [999](#).

Pin to your fridge!



We Can Help Families

Speech, Language & Communication



How your child communicates is really important for their life, including school, jobs and friendships

We've put together our top tips for speech, language and communication as part of our We Can Help campaign. Simply visit: www.oldham.gov.uk/talk for links...



1. **Babies and pre-school** — Parents and carers play the most important part in helping their child's communication and talking in everyday life. Children learn through daily life, play and reading together. Please try to reduce the time you spend looking at your phone or tablet whilst with a baby or young child. How you look at, read with, speak and react to the world with your child helps them to develop.

Check out the Greater Manchester [Top Ten Tips for Talking](#), [50 Things To Do](#) Before You're Five, and Oldham's [Language Skills Guide](#). Or for tips and videos about language and bonding see the excellent [BBC Tiny Happy People](#).

ICAN also have great [resources for parents](#) including a guide to stages of language development and a poster to [check progress](#). And for information about stammering, take a look at [Stamma](#).

If your child attends an [early years setting](#), have a chat with their key worker about your concerns. They are there to help and support your child and work together in partnership with families to develop an action plan using the [WellComm Toolkit](#).

If your child does not attend a setting, or you have any concerns about your child's speech, language and communication development, you can also speak to [Oldham's Right Start Team](#).



2. **Primary school** — As your child begins their journey through primary school they will continue to develop their understanding of longer instructions and questions. They will use more complex vocabulary, longer sentences and stories, develop more speech sounds and extend their conversation skills. Take the opportunity to read together.

ICAN has great [resources for parents](#) including a guide to stages of language development in primary school and a poster to [check progress](#). For information about stammering, visit [Stamma](#)

If you are concerned about your child's speech and language development, please speak to their class teacher or the SENCo. You can work together to decide the best next steps for your child. For confidential advice you can also text Oldham [ChatHealth](#) on [07507 330499](#).

The [Oldham Speech and Language Therapy Service](#) work with families, schools and teachers. This service is for children who need a higher level of support.



3. **Secondary school** — Language development in secondary years is more gradual. Your young person will use language to solve more complex problems and develop a wider vocabulary. They will explain more complex ideas and use language socially in a more sophisticated way. Your young person's form tutor or the school's SENCo will be able to discuss any concerns you have.

ICAN have great [resources for parents](#) including a guide to stages of language development in 11-17 year olds and a poster to [check progress](#). For information about stammering, go to [Stamma](#). And for confidential advice you can text Oldham [ChatHealth](#) on [07507 330499](#).

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