




## Head teacher's Comment

I hope you all have the time to read the messages from your teachers on this newsletter.

I would like to add my voice to the teachers and say that I have never been more proud of our children, staff and parents. You have all risen magnificently to the challenges that Lockdown have brought, and I can't thank everyone enough for pulling together and getting us to the end of a year with a smile.

I hope you all get some well-deserved rest and recuperation over the next 6 weeks. I can't wait to see you all come back through that door in September.

However, one group will not be back as they will be starting their next exciting journey at high school. Year 6 you have been an amazing group of children and you have coped with everything that has been stolen from you by this pandemic with courage and fortitude. Dare to dream and remember that it is not what the world holds for you that is important, but what you bring to the world.



## CONGRATULATIONS to our 300 Readers

These children have read every day since we started the term in September, have completed their reading diaries with their parents and got it signed off by their teachers. Well done to all of you.

Evie Boon  
Emily Walsh  
Seren Shaw  
Jenny Steele  
Hannah Whitehead  
Harry Spencer

Well done!  
And well done to all of you who have carried on reading and were nearly at your 300 mark too!



Please note, the BASC portacabin will be being refurbished during the Autumn term, so there will be a temporary cabin in the carpark when we return for BASC and Diggle Dandelions to use.

See you back in school on  
Wednesday 2nd September.

Have a great Summer!

## Parent Pay

Thank you to everyone who has brought their child's accounts up to date over the last few weeks. It is greatly appreciated.

If you still owe money for BASC, school dinners and music fees please make these payments over the summer break.

If your child is leaving us, please clear these debts immediately.

Refunds have now been made to all of you who are leaving us this time and had credit items on Parent Pay.

If you are moving on, your child's Diggle School account on Parent Pay will disappear when we return in September, and any credit you have should remain within the "parent account" for you to use again when you activate your child's account at your new school..



Dear Class R,

I can't believe it is already the end of your first year at Diggle School, and the end of my first year at Diggle too. We started this journey together and despite all the uncertainty and having to miss the last term of school, I can say it has been a fantastic year. You have all tried your best and progressed so much since September. You can read, write, use your maths knowledge to solve problems and so much more. I know you will continue to be super-duper as you progress up into Year 1 and thank you parents and children for being supportive and lovely to work with.

Have a fun-filled summer break, your proud teachers

Mrs Bradbury and Miss Leach.





**Busy Bees Sports Day.**  
 What a lovely way to finish a very strange year.





### Class 1

Class 1 have really enjoyed Sports Week and it has been lovely to see the photos of them getting out and getting active! It feels so strange that this is our last day in Year 1 and yet we have spent so much time apart. I would like to say how much I have missed you all since March but seeing you looking busy with your learning in the photos you have sent me has really helped. You have all worked so hard even when it has felt tough and I am very proud of you for that. Keep smiling through the summer holidays and I will see you when you come back again in September to start in Class 2.



## Class 2

Our final week in Year 2 and all the staff who work in our class have really missed you but we have appreciated your effort, the work you have done and we are very proud of you all. We cannot believe this has been your last week in Year 2 but have been so pleased to see how all of you have developed and progressed and the resilience you have shown to keep going when you missed your friends and all that school has to offer. It has been very different for you all and so we also need to say a big thank you to all the parents and extended family members who have worked so hard over the past few weeks, stayed motivated and kept in touch in what has been a difficult and busy time. We hope all of you have a lovely school holiday and a good rest!



### Class 3

May I take this last opportunity to say how proud I am of Class 3 for the way they have shown their resilience through Lockdown and this difficult time. You have worked extremely hard and we have supported each other through this as a class; sending not only work, but photos and messages to cheer each other up. May I also, once again, thank you as parents for supporting your children with the work and making it as successful as I feel it has been. Although tough at times...we made it! Thank you all and have a well deserved rest and a great summer!  
Keep smiling, Mrs Spencer :)



### Class 4

Thank you for all your hard work this year Class 4. You have been a terrific class and Mrs Hawes, Mrs Jackson and I have loved spending our time with you. You have all worked so hard this year and it's such a shame that we had to leave school in March. You have responded really well to lockdown and it has been great to see you continue your hard work at home. I hope you have had fun in Class 4 and learnt a lot. I know that I have. Enjoy your summer and I will see you all in September when you will be in Class 5. For the final time this year, I can say... "Get out!"





## Class 5

Class 5 you have all been absolutely fantastic during lockdown. You have worked your socks off showing great responsibility, resilience and a great level of maturity during this difficult time. I am so proud of the work you have produced and have loved getting your daily emails with work updates and about what you have been doing generally. I hope you will look back at your home learning book to see all of the fantastic work that you have produced and that you enjoyed reading the class text. Please take the summer to email with your families and to come back refreshed and recharged for your final year at Diggle School! Thank you for the gifts, kind words and messages of support that I have received during lockdown. They provided me with great comfort in some difficult times.

Take care and stay safe, Mrs Hazlehurst.

### Kelly Holmes Fact File by Sophie Miles



Kelly Holmes winning a race.

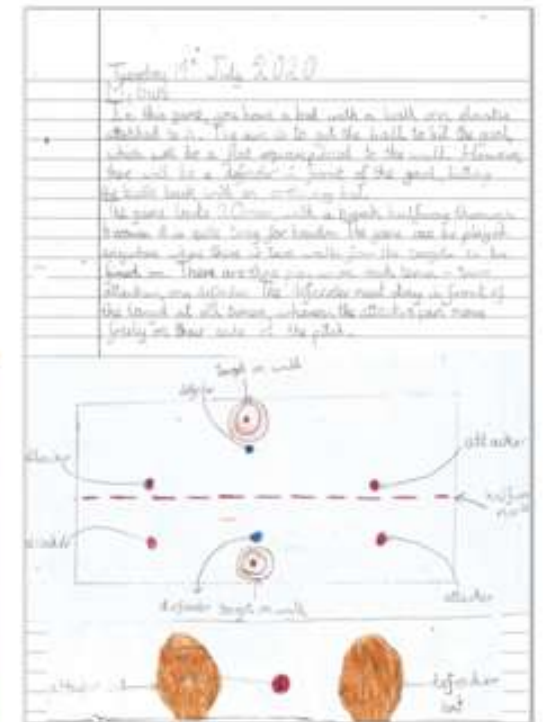
Date of birth: 19 April 1970

Born at: Pembury, England

Famous for: Winning a gold medal at the olympics during 2004 in the 800 metre race.

Event she took part in: She specialised in the 800 and 1,500 metres events.

Interesting facts: Before she became an athlete she joined the British army. She took part in her first major championship in 2004 at Athens. She is a darts so will have made some contact with the queen at least once. She even has her own website. She took part in her first olympic games session during 1993 at Stuttgart in Germany.



### Year 6 - A message from Miss Alker

Class 6, I just want to say that you have been amazing this year. Although our year was cut drastically short, you have all made me so very proud. Your resilience in particular has shone through, especially during these very challenging last few months. During the time that we were together as a whole class, we have shared laughter and tears but we have grown together. You have worked so hard, both in school and at home. It is now time for you to officially leave Diggle School and venture into a new world at secondary school. Reach for the stars and **DO NOT GIVE UP!** You can achieve anything you want to. I will miss you all. Miss Alker :-)



Attached to the email with this newsletter is a special message to Year 6 from Ellen White, England and Manchester City footballer (sent to us by City in the Community)





## LEAVER'S AWARDS

### The Elizabeth Lawson Award

The 'good egg' award. This is an award that goes to someone who is caring and kind; someone who will go out of their way to help others and can be relied on. This year, the award is going to a young man who is quite quiet in class. That said, he is a very good friend to a lot of you. He helps out with things as much as he can, and often without being asked to. He is responsible and keeps himself out of any falling out that goes on. He is polite and caring to everyone he meets. The Elizabeth Lawson Award, this year, is going to **Samuel Ashworth**.



### Creative Writing Award

I have awarded this to this young lady as, from the start of Year 6, her writing has completely blown me away. I think to have such talent as a writer deserves some recognition. The vocabulary and sentence structures she uses are way beyond that of an 11-year-old. It doesn't matter what style of writing I ask for; she always creates a piece that is way above what is expected – there have been times when I have struggled to suggest improvements. This year, the creative writing award goes to **Dara Birch**.

### The Sports Award

Thinking back over the last year, this person has been involved in most of the events; the triathlon, sports hall athletics, dodgeball, football matches – all but one of these events, I think they have been involved in – and they were also down to take part in the swimming league this year which unfortunately didn't take place. In addition to this, they have always been enthusiastic in PE lessons and have been involved in many events from football to swimming. I am sure if we could have finished the year, then they would have put themselves forward for other events too. The reason this person deserves it above others is the sportsmanship that they show towards their teammates; encouraging the team to improve and leading by example when a push is needed. This year the sports award goes to **Joe Scott**.



### Mathematics Award

This year, I have introduced an award for mathematics. For quite a while, I knew that this person deserved some recognition to the effort that has gone into her maths this year which is why I asked could we have an award for it. I really hope you don't mind me saying this, but way back in September, this young lady was in floods of tears because, in her words, she 'couldn't do it'. I told her she **could** do it and that it was my job to help her to do it. She has worked incredibly this year and I am so, so proud of her. I would never have thought that in March she would independently be scoring in the 30s (out of 40) in her mini-maths and come out of Year 6 at expected level. Our first ever mathematics award goes to **Zara Barraclough-Watson**.



### The Lachlan Ashworth Kindness Award

Locky's award was introduced last year after he sadly passed away. His mum, Laura, wanted us to remember how kind Locky was – not that we could forget. The award is pretty self-explanatory really – it is for kindness. This young lady stood out, not only to me, but to Mrs Cocker, Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Hazlehurst as being particularly kind. She is kind, not only to her friends but to others in her class, to the younger children and also the adults in school. She never has a negative word to say about anyone. For me, to receive this award would be an absolute honour and this year, it is awarded to **Erin Jackson**.

### The Music Award

The recipient of this year's Year 6 music prize was actually quite straight forward to decide on this time. The person that I have chosen has always been a really enthusiastic participant in all his musical endeavours; he's been a member of the school brass band, the school orchestra, the school choir, not to mention the DLP brass band. He also, a couple of years ago, took up a second instrument and in his playing of the guitar shows as much enthusiasm as he ever did for his brass instrument. He is always a pleasure to watch perform as his enthusiasm shines through. So this year, the music prize will go to **Lewis Tunncliffe**.

