



DIGGLE STARS

Joseph Bridgstock - for better focus in class with super science work this week.

Jack Fox - for teamwork, resilience and patience when completing a group activity in forest school.

Alfie Beach - for a hardworking and focussed attitude in class this week.

Annabelle Blackman - for listening carefully to instructions and creating perfect sentences.

Arlo Gill - for super work telling the time in maths and a sensible attitude this week

Frankie Fielding - for completing every piece of work to a high level and following instructions everytime.

<u>HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS</u>

The weather has been beautiful this week. Just a quick reminder that when it is hot and sunny your child should apply sunscreen before coming to school. They will also require a hat and their water bottle. It is important to stay hydrated in the warm weather. All this is doubly important if your child is on Forest School and therefore out every afternoon. They can often work in the shade but extra precautions are always a good idea.

I have spent the last couple of days with the Year 6 children at Kingswood. They have been an absolute pleasure to be with and everyone had lots of fun. A big thank you to Mrs Hazlehurst, Mrs Hawes and Miss Pickles for all their hard work which made the trip possible. Look out for an in-depth article next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

w/c Mon 20th - Sports Week all week

Wed 22nd - Y3 Come and Play

Mon 27th - Welcome Evening – 6-6.30/6.30-7pm (an overview of the new school year with your child's teacher from Sept)

Wed 29th / Thurs 30th -Transition days

Tue 19th July - Year 5 and 6 production at Kiln Green 2pm and 6pm (tickets will go on sale soon)

Wed 20th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly 9am

Finish for Summer Holidays

<u>Class R</u>

This week Class R have been thinking about what they might see under the sea. We read some facts about life under the sea and

discussed what we could see in the pictures. We then used teamwork to make our own version of the ocean, mixing paint and water to make green/blue sea, rocks from outside, shells, sand which sunk to the bottom, sea creatures and grass which

represented seaweed. This week we have also received a message in a bottle! It contained many red words and our new sounds so luckily we could read what it said. It was a letter from the Pirates telling us to find the treasure using a special map of

Diggle school. Class R used their map skills to discover the treasure, it was very hard work! We then wanted to send one back so we used tea bags to stain paper and explained that we

found the treasure, what we did and how we felt. In Maths, we have been focusing on 'doubling'. We have learnt that doubling means adding the same number. We then played a game where we had to find a partner who matched the same cubes and see how many we had altogether. In RE, we have been carrying on with our 'nature' topic and read the story Adam and Eve. We then practiced retelling the story using pictures on rocks.

Our word of the week is 'exercise'. We discussed what this is, why we need to do this and what the benefits are. We then took part in a fitness video and went outside to do some team racing. In addition, we have learnt all about Father's Day and made some creative cards. Finally, Class R have been enjoying the lovely weather this week and have spent time outside, using the water tray squirters to cool down.



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

<u>Class 1</u>

This week in English we have started a new text called 'Diary of a wombat'. We have written a timeline of the wombat's activities, we have written our own diaries for one day at school and learnt how to use a colon to start a list. We have written all the ways the wombat found carrots and written about the dust bath from both the wombat's point of view and the family's point of view. In Maths we have been learning about time. We have used clocks to practise reading the time to the o'clock and half past the hour as well as drawing the hands on a clock to show the given times. We have also practised working out the time one or more hours earlier or later. In Science we sorted and compared leaves using magnifying glasses. We looked at whether the leaves had teeth, hairs, were singular or in a bundle, the shape of the leaves and their colour. We then sorted them into groups using our own criteria. In Theme we have been learning about the states and territories of Australia. We labelled these on a map and looked at pictures of places in each state or territory. In PE we also enjoyed a special cricket session with the Lancashire Cricket Foundation.

<u>Class 2</u>

This week we have had lots of fun and learned new skills in forest school. We have investigated habitats, made a hedgehog model and a home for it to live in and designed a mini play area from natural materials. We really enjoyed our burgers and sausage around the fire to end our week! In phonics and spelling we have worked on our secure spellings, especially when checking our writing at the end of an activity and helping each other when we were spelling a tricky word. We continued our recount work by writing our news for the week. In maths we have done lots of work on fractions of shapes and numbers. We have recapped how to write a fraction, learned how to use a fraction sharing mat and worked with simple equivalent fractions too. We continued our geography theme this week by learning about human and physical features. We listed the features we knew (we knew quite a few) then added to the list with our investigations. We learned about important physical features found in Australia such as the longest river, the Murray river, the highest point, Mount Kosciuszko and the largest desert, The Great Victoria Desert. We plotted them all on a map of Australia.

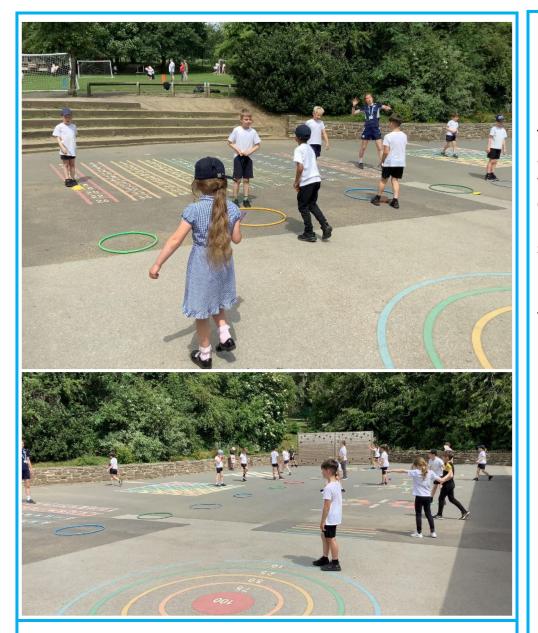






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<u>Class 3</u>

This week, Class 3 have been revisiting place value in maths and assessing learning. In English, we have working out what words mean in context, finding their root word and then their definition in a dictionary. Our governor, Mr Johnson, was most impressed and enjoyed his visit in Class 3. In science, we have started our new unit on 'Plants' and looked at the function of parts of a flowering plant. We enjoyed our athletics lesson, learning the javelin with the CITC coach and our session with the Lancashire Cricket coach.

Class 4

We continued with our sound topic in science this week by exploring how sound waves travel from the source to our ears. We spoke about air particles and demonstrated how these move by standing in a line and gently being pushed. In SMSC we focussed on what changes boys go through during puberty and in PE we have continued our rounders unit. We have finished some assessments in maths and spent time playing maths games on the iPads - a reward for completing the multiplication check on Tuesday. On Friday we had an extra PE lesson with CITC and also made some lovely Father's Day cards.

<u>Class 5</u>

This week in Class 5, we have had some time getting to know Mrs Alker, who will be the class teacher next year. We have listened to real accounts of what it was like aboard the Titanic and researched eye witness statements, to help us with our own writing of a first person account of what it was like to be on the Titanic. We followed this up by creating a watercolor painting of the Titanic on its maiden voyage. In Maths, we have

focused on consolidating our knowledge of addition and subtraction with 5 digit numbers. All Class 5 really enjoyed starting Athletics with CITC and their first Cricket session with The Lancashire Cricket Foundation. In Science, we have looked at animal gestation and compared embryos and fetus' of different animals.

<u>Class 6</u>

This week has been a busy week. We had an amazing visit from a touring theatre group who did their first school performance for us - it was a pantomime about temptation and making the right choices. We had our last transition session with Mrs Aucterlonie from Saddleworth School where we have been learning all about secondary school life. In RE we've been enjoying creating religious art and in Theme we have been creating life stories of Titanic survivors, and made some lovely Father's Day cards. On Wednesday lunchtime, we went to Kingswood for our residential. We had an AMAZING time, and all came back very tired ... you can hear more on our antics at Kingswood in next week's newsletter!!

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<u>Cricket</u>

Years 3, 4, & 5 have been enjoying developing their cricket skills this week in the sunshine, thanks to the Lancashire Cricket Foundation. They practiced batting and were really impressed at how far they could hit the ball.



Sports For Champions sponsorship forms

Before the half term break, all the children watched a video in school all about the Sports for Champions visit we are having as part of Sports Week. They were all also given a sponsorship booklet all about the programme.

We are delighted to be welcoming Olympic Gymnast Daniel Purvis to school as part of Sports week.



Daniel will be spending time with the children, and as per the sponsorship form, various incentives are provided to encourage the children to raise money. The money raised is split between the school and the athlete via Sports for Champions.

There is a QR code for donations or you can send a cheque payable to Diggle School Fund. If you use the QR code, you will be asked to type the name of the school into a search box and then once selected you will be taken to our sponsorship page. Please return forms and money to class teachers by Monday 20th June.

Sports Week - Next Week

This information was emailed out as we came back after Half Term along with the Commando Joe's competition details. This therefore is just a reminder.

Children are to come to school in sports clothing all week.

Monday - Commando Joes Day Children will be able to come into school dressed in sports or commando/army style clothing. Children have been given the opportunity to enter a competition to design the best Commando Joe Obstacle course and the winner of the competition will build their obstacle course and this will be the course that the whole school will use on the day.

Tuesday - A day with an athlete. Danny Purvis - an Olympic Gymnast joins us to put the children through their paces in a differentiated fitness test.

Wednesday - Football skills and mini games Each class will work with a member of CITC to learn some football skills and take part in some mini games.

Thursday - Sports Day Children will compete in classes along with other classes from their key stages to take part in a round robin of activities. *Parents and carers are invited to come along and watch the Sports day events. KS2- 9:15 am start KS1- 2:15pm start*

Friday - Hockey skills and games Each class will work with a member of CITC and learn some hockey skills and mini game scenarios.



Notices

Parent Pay

Please check your balances, and clear any outstanding items. We are carrying quite a bit of debt at the moment both in BASC fees and dinner money. We will have to ask children go onto packed lunches and stop using the BASC service for continued unpaid debts in these areas.

Dogs

Please can we remind parents not to bring their dogs onto school grounds when dropping off / collecting.

Welcome Evening

Welcome evening is Mon 28th June in school. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher from September, in their new classroom. The teacher will run through the typical day in the class, the expectations in the class, useful things to know and also give parents an opportunity to ask questions.

There will be 2 sessions - 6-6.30 and 6.30-7pm. Parents are invited to come to one of these sessions for their child's class. This meeting is just for parents only, however if you are without any alternative childcare, we will run a creche in the BASC building for £1 per child, payable on entry so please bring correct change. Please let the school office know if you would like to take up a place with this service. Now taking bookings for the Summer holidays! Monday 25th July - Friday 26th August 2022 inclusive 8.45am - 4pm £25 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.



Start saving your pennies... Penny Wars is back! Monday 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.



SAVE THE DATE THE GREAT DIGGLE JUMBLE TRAIL

SUNDAY 10TH JULY, 10 - 4 PM

A jumble trail is like a jumble sale but on your street! Stalls can be laid out in your garden (front or back as long as well signposted!), drive or front path. Stalls cost £5 your house can then be added to the trail map. Trail maps will cost £1 to buy and will show all houses having a sale. You can sell anything from bric-a-brac, clothes, shoes, household items or cakes, drinks etc. If you would like to join in please email digglejumbletrail@outlook.com ALL PROCEEDS ARE TO GO TO THE DIGGLE BAND CONTEST COMMITTEE FOR THE

2023 BAND CONTEST

