



## **DIGGLE STARS**

Arlo Gill - for greater effort, concentration and resilience in learning. Well done!

Olly Kershaw - for showing a much improved attitude to his learning and increased effort in all lessons.

**Stanley Darke** - for fantastic effort and confident blending in phonics!

**Oliver Shearing** - for improved attitude to maths, resilience and great progress.

Amelia Gowans - for excellent work in her English.

Noah Cumming - making good choices, trying hard and working hard in phonics.

# <u>HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS</u>

A few weeks ago there was an article in the newsletter asking for volunteers to help us to support listening to children read 1:1. We have had a little bit of interest but not much as of yet. If you feel like you could maybe give up half an hour of your time weekly to help us promote the love of reading please do either ring the school office or drop me an email.

You will notice from the dates for your diary, that there is a music concert taking place in school on Tuesday 28th March. This is a lovely opportunity for all our musicians to showcase what they have been working on this term. The concert takes place across the morning but each group has a specific performance time that we will do our very best to stick to. Please do come along and support your child even if you can only stay for the duration of your child's performance

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Tues 28th Mar - Music tuition children performance am

28th & 29th Mar - Class 3 & 4 performance 2pm

Thurs 30th Mar - DLP Concert Postponed

Fri 31st Mar - FODS Easter Egg Hunt. Finish for Easter

Easter Holidays - FODS Scarecrow Trail

Mon 17th Apr - Back to School

Tues 23rd May - Class Photos

W/C 12th June - FODS Father's Day Gift Sale

14-16th June - y6 to Kingswood

**18th July** - y5&6 performance 2pm & 6pm

## <u>Class R</u>

This week has been Oral Health Week in Class R. Our word of the week was 'teeth'. We started by sharing what we already knew about teeth and why we need teeth. We then looked at some dinosaur teeth. The children were amazed that the T-Rex tooth was bigger than their head! The children were also able to see the difference between carnivore teeth and herbivore teeth. We then looked at different types of food and talked about if they were good or bad for our teeth. The children were shocked at how much sugar is in a packet of raisins and agreed they were not healthy. The children then drew some of their favourite food and labelled it as health or unhealthy. Finally, we talked about why it was important to brush our teeth and practiced brushing our own

teeth after lunch...the children were not all a fan of Mrs Bradbury's mint toothpaste but they all had a go. They had lots of fun though brushing the chalk teeth, making play dough mouths and brushing our giant teeth with the giant toothbrush.

This week we also looked at the festivals of Mother's Day and of St Patrick's day. The children enjoyed making cards for their mums and telling everyone why their mum is special. On Friday we also looked at the photos of the celebrations in Ireland and making some Shamrock collages. In Maths, we practiced the number 7 and made lots of rainbows with the different resources in the classroom. In Pe, the focus was balance and the children loved trying to balance the cone on different parts of their body.

Friday was a very blue day, but this was a good thing and thank you to everyone in class R who donated to the rainbow raffle.



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

# <u>Class 1</u>

This week in English we have spent time writing a lost poster based on the Dogger story. We looked at examples of real lost pet posters to find out what information they need to include. We then used what we had learnt to take information from the story and use it to write our lost toy poster to help find Dogger. We edited our first draft and began writing them up in best. In Maths we have finished off our unit on addition and subtraction

within 20 looking at subtraction on a number line and solving missing number problems. We then moved on to place value to 50.

We have been practising counting to 50 both orally and by continuing a number sequence counting forwards or backwards. We also looked carefully at how many tens and ones were in numbers between 20 and 50.

In Science we looked at the difference between objects and materials. We learnt that an object is made out of one or more materials. We then completed a Venn diagram to sort pictures of objects and materials.

In Theme we learnt about toys from the 1980s and 1990s which our parents may have played with. We watched a video that showed television adverts for these toys. We then chose 3 of them to stick in our book and wrote about what they did.

# <u>Class 2</u>

This week Class 2 have written an information text based on Bob, the Man on the Moon. We have written sections each day and used a checklist to help us include good vocabulary, joining words and other features to make it interesting for the reader. We are going to edit them next week to see how we can improve them.

In Maths we have begun to work on the skills needed for multiplication. We worked with equal groups, and learned how to write multiplication number sentences using repeated addition.

In our RE lesson we learned about the Christian festival of Easter and learned why Good Friday and Easter Sunday are important for Christians.

In IT we looked at devices that can take photographs. We used the i-pads to take photographs of each other, making sure we remembered to ask permission to take someone's picture. We also learn how to capture an image in portrait and landscape. We predicted first which way it would look best, took the picture and then reviewed it. We had fun!









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## Class 3

This week in maths, Class 3 have been multiplying and dividing a 2 digit number by a 1 digit number and looking at the relationship between the two operations. We have written recipe instructions in English, and also written character descriptions and identified word types within a text. The children used their shading and drawing skills to complete a picture of Twiggle Village in art and looked at how computers are connected to networks, servers and switches in ICT.

# Class 4

Class 4 learnt about the sugar trade in SMSC this week. We looked at how farmers work on plantations in Malawi to harvest sugar cane, which is then processed in mills and sent across the world. We discussed how the farmers are not always paid fairly for their work, and saw how Fairtrade products can ensure that the profit is split more evenly. We also discussed ways that we could try to make the world a fairer place. In maths we looked at correspondence problems and in English we used dictionary to check the meaning of words.

## <u>Class 5</u>

This week's English has been all about working on writing from the point of view of an object. The class focussed on beginning with how objects in the classroom would sese things. We spoke in the role of these to get ideas ,first then wrote out paragraphs on that object. According to the class, our clock does not think

much of us! In maths we have finally finished our work on division an ended this with a lesson on problem solving which showed increased confidence in a lot of the children. In theme we have been comparing. In theme we have compared locations

in North and South America and explored longitude and latitude. In ICT we worked very well on data basing. We also made our Mother's Day cards.

# Class 6

In English this week we have been looking at writing a short narrative from the perspective of an object. First of all we discussed and noted ideas down for the perspective of a shoe; this prompted many discussions about what type of shoe and

thinking carefully about what this particular shoe might experience on a given day. We then transferred these ideas to write an independent piece of writing from the perspective of the Endurance. In Maths we have continued to look at statistics: where have shown confidence in reading and interpreting data in a pie chart and have also used protractor to present our own

data. We have also learnt how to find the mean and have recapped how to find the area and perimeter of given shapes. In computing this week we have continued to look at how we can use variable to change values. We used our new skills to edit and improve a variety of games.

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## Fundraising raffle in memory of Miss Alker

A huge thankyou to everyone who has bought raffle tickets for the fundraiser in memory of Miss Alker. This has raised £1261.

This money, along with the money donated as part of the general collection, will be given to Miss Alker's parents for Miss Alker's two children.

We couldn't have done this without FODS help, and we are again very grateful for their ever supportive efforts. We are also very grateful to all those wonderful generous people who have donated prizes to this cause, especially Mr Fielding, who started the ball rolling with the donation of an iPad.

## The winners are:

IPAD - Lauren Scholes 4 x hospitality tickets to Oldham Athletic - Edwyn Harrison Signed Oldham Athletic shirt - Joanne Watson Family ticket to Huddersfield Giants - Archie The White Hart voucher - Gemma Armstrong Hamper from Caffe Abaco - M Asquith The Old Bell Vouchers - C Chamberlain Reclamation Room voucher - Joanne McLoughlin Cocoa Saddleworth Hamper - Seb Ellis 2 Hour clean from Miracle Maids - Dawn White

Please contact the school office to arrange collection of your prizes.

# Space food!

Aurora from Class 2 went to 'Mini-professors' last week, where she saw some space food. Space food is a type of food product made for astronauts to eat during missions to outer space. As her class has really enjoyed the book 'Man on the Moon', Aurora thought that we might want to try some of the food astronauts eat. We are all excited to have a taste of a neapolitan ice-cream sandwich! Thank you Aurora.



## <u>Notices</u>

## **Parent Pay**

As we near the end of the financial year, please can everyone make every effort to clear any outstanding debts from ParentPay. All Autumn and Spring term music fees should be paid in full. BASC debts should be cleared, and all dinner money accounts should be in credit. All BASC payments via childcare vouchers and tax free childcare are up to date as of today. Any very recent payments may not have shown in our account yet. Thankyou to all those of you who have cleared outstanding payments over the last few weeks. It is appreciated.

## **Reading Volunteers**

We are looking for parents or grandparents who are able to offer sometime to school to come in and support staff with listening to children read. If you have even half an hour a week to spare and would like to come in and listen to children read, we would love to hear from you. Please either drop the office or your child's class teacher an email to express an interest. We will provide support to anyone who wants to come in including getting them a DBS check. We do operate a policy of not putting family members into their children's class.

## **Invite from Sacred Heart Church**

Parents of children from Catholic backgrounds who might be interested in the Sacramental program, especially those in yr 2 onwards, who would like to be part of the preparation at Sacred Heart Church in Uppermill, please contact Fr Jim james.clarke@dioceseofsalford.org.uk / 07722433863 OR Mary Farmer on 01457810189

Sacred Heart also have children's Liturgy sessions for children of all ages during mass which starts at 9.30am each Sunday and all families are most welcome to bring their children to these.

# <u>Tuesday Morning Music Concert</u> <u>Timetable</u>

On Tuesday 28th March there will be an open morning of music performances. You are welcome to attend the concert at the time that your child is playing or singing. We do not expect parents to stay all morning.

Equally *if your child is interested in starting an instrument* then you are welcome to pop in at the relevant time and see children performing and speak to the teacher.

9:00 Keyboard Group (Mrs Radcliffe)

9:10 Guitar Group (Mr Hadfield)

9:20 Key Stage 1 Choir

9:30 Woodwind Group (Mrs Thomas)

9:45 Percussion (Mr Smith)

10 Singing Group (Miss Davies)

10:15 Key Stage 2 Choir

10:25 Brass Groups and School Band (Mr Byers)

This concert is free.

# Diggle School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 31st March Diggle School Playground 3.15 - 4.30 £3 per child ( non school siblings welcome) Children at school club will get the chance to take part at 4.30 Pay via parent pay by 24th March or entry cannot be guaranteed ! This is a parent accompanied activity



Now taking bookings for the Easter holidays!! Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023 (please note we are closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday) 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

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.



# Friends of Diggle School Present The DIGCLE SCARECROW TRAIL 1ST - 16TH APRIL 2023

Our fabulous Scarecrow Trail is BACK! A great day out for all the family.

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 will be available from lots of different outlets in Diggle Village from April.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for more up to date information nearer the time

> Easter treats for all entrants! All correct entries entered into a prize draw! Prizes for the best scarecrows!



All profits to directly benefit the children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075



RIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL ops £3 per gift Money must be bought into school in a sealed envelope on the day of sale. Gifts for males of all ages ! Monday 12th June Wednesday 14th June Friday 16th June DAD

# **Oldham Theatre Workshop Summer Production 2023!**

## **AUDITIONS ARE NOW OPEN!**

# Three children, separated by time but connected through conflict find each other in a secret world that hides under the table. In trying to save each other, is it possible that they might just save themselves?

We're looking for dynamic and energetic performers aged 8 - 25 for our forthcoming production of 'Three Times Table'.

The audition will be a friendly, workshop style audition, which will include Movement, Voice work and Acting.

Please prepare ONE of the following for the audition (1 MINUTE MAX):-

#### A MONOLOGUE FROM A PLAY OR FILM

#### A POEM OR A PIECE OF SPOKEN WORD (PUBLISHED OR ORIGINAL)

#### A SHORT STORY (PUBLISHED OR ORIGINAL)

\*\*\* Please wear comfortable clothing as you will be expected to take part, freely in physical activity.\*\*\*

To book your audition please click this think - <u>THREE TIMES TABLE AUDITION LINK.</u>

#### **Production Information:**

Production week will run from Monday 24th – Saturday 29th July 2023

### Working with the OTW team you will create a piece of theatre which will be performed LIVE at Oldham's Queen Elizabeth Hall.

OTW has an ongoing relationship with industry professionals and we promise to make an effort to invite Agents and Casting Directors to all of the performances.

Please note; if you are not available for the entirety of the production week - you will sadly not be able to take part in the production.

Weekly rehearsals will take place at OTW on **Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM - 9:00PM** as of **Monday 17th April 2023**. We will include some weekend rehearsals as we move towards our production week.

### **Production Fee:**

Should you be successful in gaining a place in the company you will be asked to pay one of the following fees:-

### If you live inside Oldham: £116 (or if in receipt of benefit) £58

### If you live outside Oldham: £136 (or if in receipt of benefit) £68

We always strive to make our productions accessible for everyone, so if for any reason you would like to take part but feel unable to please do get in touch with us to discuss how we can support you.