



DIGGLE STARS

Lia Bennett - for always being ready to learn at the start of a lesson.

Oliver Matley - For his amazing singing in our Nativity practice.

Lizzie Bridgstock- For a super effort in Art this week.

Libby Mansfield and Raeya Heron- For great reasoning skills in maths to solve problems.

Molly Clarke- For really trying with her spellings and being resilient.

Jack Bradbury- for always being kind and helping others.

Alex- for making a great start to school and settling in well.

Cole Calverley - for making extra effort in his descriptive writing.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

As you know, in the past we have always only administered prescribed medication in school. However, in order to help out working parents and improve attendance, we are making a change to our policy.

In future if your child is well enough to come to school in a morning because you have given them a dose of something like Calpol but you know they will take a dive once this starts to wear off, we are now going to give this kind of medication once a day in school. The medication must be labelled on both the bottle and the box with your child's full name. You must also complete a medication form and then bring the medication and form to the school office. Please do not pass it through to adults on the door in the morning as it is the office staff who give the medication and they need to speak to you. If your child attends club you may give it to a member of club staff. Please note we can only give one dose of any medication in the day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 22 Nov - Flu vaccine catch-up day

Thurs 23rd Nov - Open day

Wed 29th Nov - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs

Thurs 29th Nov - 1pm - Class R new parents open day

Sun 10th Dec - School Choir performance at Uppermill Methodist Church

Wed 13th Dec - School Choir performance - details t.b.c.

Mon 18th Dec - KS1 xmas performance pm

Tues 19th Dec - Class R nativity am
KS1 xmas performance pm

Wed 20th Dec - Panto day

Thurs 21st Dec - Xmas Dinner Day
KS1 xmas party

Fri 22nd Dec - KS2 xmas party
Xmas theme non-uniform
Finish for Christmas

2024

8th Jan - back to school

Here are our
amazing
Diggle Stars!



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 1.
They have won the Percy Pigeon
Award for having the tidiest
cloakroom. Well done Class 1.



Class R

We have had loads of fun in Reception this week learning all about Diwali. We watched a video and learnt about what Hindus do to celebrate 'The Festival of Lights'.

We used coffee and water to make a brown paste. We then painted this onto our hands and arms to make some beautiful mehndi patterns.

We used food colouring to dye some rice which we then used to make rangoli patterns. We also mixed condensed milk with coconut and food colouring and made some delicious Diwali snacks called 'laddoos'.

After learning that Hindus light candles (called 'Diwas') in their houses to celebrate the special day, we made our own diya lamps out of modelling clay. We had to use our fine motor skills to squish the clay and use our fingers and thumbs to shape it. We then decorated them with paint and glitter.

In phonics we learnt the sounds j, v, y and w and in maths we identified circles and triangle by counting the sides. We also made some "Kandinski art" using circles and triangles as a template.

Finally, we learnt our parts for the Christmas play and started to sing some of the songs.



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

Class 1

This week in Maths we have completed our work on addition and subtraction and started to learn about 3D shapes. We explored the 3D shapes to help us learn their names then we used a feely bag to see if we could guess the shape based on what we could feel. We also followed instructions to build different trains that contained certain numbers of specific 3D shapes.

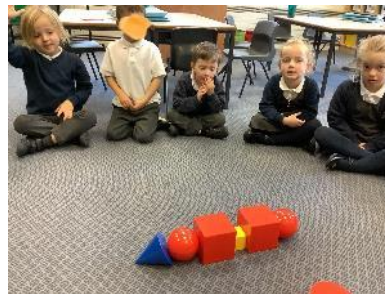
In English we have continued to read our class text 'Lost and Found'. We read that the boy and the penguin were going to row to the South Pole. We talked about what they might want to take with them on their long journey and why. We wrote our ideas in full sentences focusing on capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We also wrote our ideas about what we would take on a long journey and discussed the idea of something sentimental. In Science this week we learnt about the different animal groups such as mammals, reptiles, birds, fish and amphibians. We sorted pictures of a variety of animals into the correct groups. In Theme we have learnt about the climate in the Arctic and the differences between an Arctic Summer and Arctic Winter. In Art we have painted our backgrounds for our winter display work ready for printing next lesson.

Class 2

This week in Maths we have been adding to the nearest multiple of ten and subtracting from a multiple of ten. We have also been looking for patterns as we have worked.

In writing we have been retelling the story of The Storm Whale in our own words. We tried to include lots of the writing features that we have learnt in year two.

Class two have started a new Science topic called 'Animals, Including Humans'. We have sorted pictures of creatures into the categories of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians and fish. Some creatures were easy to sort, others much more difficult. We also found out what a life cycle was and learnt about the life cycle of a hen.



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Class 3

This week in maths, Class 3 have been adding and subtracting across 10s and 100s using exchanges. We have used pictorial representation and apparatus when needed.

In English, we have been reading and writing instructions using adverbs and command verbs.

We practised chest passes in basketball, combining these with past skills to carry out activities and selecting the appropriate skills for the games.

We produced some amazing cave drawings of animals in theme, blending and using our shading skills, building up from previous sketching lessons. We are all taking turns on our 'cave wall' to see what it would have been like drawing on the walls.

We have started a new Computing Unit 'Creating Media- Stop frame animation' and enjoyed making our own mini animations using a flip book.

Class 4

This week, Class 4 have been describing a stone age cave setting. They have practiced building up sentences and we have pushed even harder to use our interesting adjectives and other devices for description.

In Maths, we have learnt about calculating the area of a 2D shape by counting squares. We have also been practicing our times tables.

In Science, we looked at the 9 life processes with 'Mrs Gren'. This sparked a lively debate in our class about robots and AI and if they were alive. We looked at some forms of AI and the children checked off which life processes they thought current AI has.

In PE, our focus is still gymnastics and this week we looked at different kinds of rolls. This built on our last lesson by making sure we prepare to set off into a roll properly and finish in the correct position.

Finally, the children loved layering sound and editing sound in our computing lesson. We also chose team names, rolls and topics for our Christmas podcasts.

Class 5

This week in Maths class 5 have been converting fractions in order to find equivalent, greater and smaller fractions. In English we have been researching individuals that were on the Titanic. We used this information to write biographies about our chosen people. In science the children have been looking at different forces such as buoyancy and air resistance. In PE the children have been practicing defending and maintaining possession of a ball.

Class 6

In English this week we have been researching passengers from the Titanic to write biographies about them. We have really tried to take care to read the information and make notes on the important parts, before then writing this in our own words. In Maths this week we have started our fractions topic, learning how to order and compare fractions by changing the numerators or the denominators depending on their common factors. In Science we have finished writing up our Science experiments to see which surfaces within school had microorganisms on them which then developed into mould. In Theme we have started to look at the Industrial Revolution and learn about what it was and the impact it had, as well as looking at countries within the British Empire at this time.

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TWO Special Shout Outs

We love hearing about the amazing things that our children have done outside of school. If your child has done something worth shouting about please let us know. Email leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk or joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.

The first shout out goes to Alfie in Year 6. Alfie has had two fantastic sporting achievements in recent weeks. Firstly he won the Dovestone Sailing Club Youth regatta and has also been awarded parents player of the year for his Saddleworth Rangers Rabbits under 10s team for the 2023 season. Well done Alfie, we're very proud of you.





Our second shout out goes to Freddy, a former Diggle pupil, who last year played the part of Link in our school production of Hairspray. It was lovely to hear from Freddy's parents who said; 'He still has such lovely memories of being Link in Hairspray and his time at Diggle. It was such a huge boost for his confidence.' Following his success as Link, Freddy pursued his passion for amateur dramatics and last weekend won an award for playing Jojo in Mossley AODS Next Generation production of "Seussical Jnr" at the Association of Community Theatre Spotlight Awards (most accomplished character actor).

What's more, in two weeks he's playing Zack, the lead guitarist in the band in MAODS production of School of Rock. The kids in the band are all playing their instruments live for the production. Well done Freddy, we're so happy that Diggle School could help you on your path to stardom.

Diggle School enjoyed a relaxed day of learning today, coming in their sleepwear to support Children in Need.

Children in Need



Class R Open Day

SPREAD THE WORD...Class R are holding an open day for prospective parents from 1pm on 29th November. If you know of any children who are due to start Reception in 2024, please spread the word. Mr Hoyle cannot wait to meet them.



Home Reading Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's 50 Home Readers...



FODS AT CHRISTMAS

FODS
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

GRINCH MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER AT 7PM
FILM STARTS AT 7PM
CINEMA UPPER MILLS

FREE POPCORN
TICKETS
MUSIC
RAFFLE
HOT CHOCOLATE STATION
CHILDRENS CRAFTS

MEET THE GRINCH!

SPECIAL VISIT AND TREAT FROM SANTA!



FODS
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

Fods will be creating our fabulous Festive hampers again this christmas. Raffle tickets to enter the draw to win a hamper will be sent home in book bags next week. Please return ticket stubs with money in a sealed envelope to school.

Please can you support your class hamper by bringing an item into school before Friday the 24th November so the FODS Christmas elves can work their magic.

Last years hampers were filled with chocolates, toiletries, alcohol, christmas treats and lots more!
Thankyou for your continue support,
Team FODS

All donations delivered to classrooms before **FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

Once again FODS are creating their very popular Christmas hampers. All donations will be gratefully received and raffle tickets will be going home in book bags next week.

All donations in by Friday 24th please.

Notices

School Meals

The menu for school dinners is on the school website -

<https://www.diggleschool.co.uk/school-meals>

The amazing kitchen staff provide a wide range of tasty meals throughout the week, with 3 options to choose from most days, and all dietary requirements will be catered for.

Meals are charged at £2.60 for years 3-6 unless eligible for Free School Meals. If you pay for your child's dinners the easiest way to make sure you don't fall behind with payments is to set up the "Auto Top-Up", which automatically adds an amount set by you when the balance drops below a certain amount.

If your child doesn't usually have school meals and wants to try, they just need to order on the day. We are very flexible regarding children mixing school dinners and packed lunches if there are certain days they like the menu choice and not others.

Music Lessons

Music lessons have commenced, and fees are now on Parent Pay. Please note that Singing lessons will not start again until after half term and the charge on Parent Pay reflects this planned absence.

Lessons will be as follows:

Monday - Singing (from after half term)

Tuesday - Brass

Wednesday - Percussion, Woodwind, Keyboard

Thursday - Guitar

Please ensure your child brings their instrument with them where applicable on the day stated above.

If you would like your child to start music lessons please contact the school office to enquire about availability and financial commitment.

School Band Rehearsal Dates

Quick reminder that Mr Byers is not available for 8.30am band practice on the following dates...

Tuesday 28th November 2023,

Tuesday 16th January 2024,

Tuesday 6th February 2024,

Tuesday 27th February 2024,

Tuesday 12th March 2024,

Tuesday 16th April 2024,

Tuesday 7th May 2024,

Tuesday 4th June 2024,

Tuesday 26th June 2024,

Tuesday 16th July 2024

School Dinner Suppliers

We understand that recently, on occasion, the food served has not been as stated on the menu. We can only apologise for this, unfortunately it is out of our control as we are having some supplier issues.

Our new cook is working hard to resolve these issues, whilst also creating a revised menu which we know the children will love. As always we appreciate your support and understanding and we can't wait to introduce our revised menu. Look out in the Diggle Star over the next few weeks to see some pictures of our new and improved school meals.

New School Defibrillator

We are pleased to announce that the school now has its own defibrillator machine. This has been sent to us by the government for school use.

However, as you know, at Diggle we feel we are an integral part of the community so are happy to offer the use of the defibrillator machine to the wider Diggle community.

If there should be an emergency, please come to school and we will pass you the defibrillator.

Unfortunately, the government has not supplied us with a weatherproof external mounted box which means the defibrillator will need to be kept inside school, so will only be accessible during school hours.

Although this is not ideal, we hope that, if the worst happens, and the school is open, we can be of help.

We'd like to remind you that there are also two other defibrillators in the village, one at Diggle Day Nursery and one at Kilngreen Church.



Charity Request

The parents of one of our children in Year 2 is fundraising on behalf of 3 orphanages in Chernivtsi, Ukraine.

They are hoping to raise £30,000 to provide urgent humanitarian aid, which will be delivered at the end of November 2023.

If you would like to donate, please use the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ChildrenofUkraineChristmasAppeal?utm_id=1&utm_term=8Jrwqmjnk

Notices Continued...

Staff Cars

Once again, please could we kindly ask that children do not play around the teacher's cars before and after school. We understand that the waiting area for the Year 5 and 6 door is in the car park, but some of the games the children are playing are quite boisterous and unfortunately one of the teacher's cars has been damaged.

School Pantomime Trip

It's panto day on the 20th December - OH YES IT IS!. The children will be visiting The Millgate Theatre in Delph to see Rumpelstiltskin. The theatre trip is now on Parentpay, please login to give consent and make payment. Thank you.



Flu Vaccine Catch Up Session

If your child missed their flu vaccine we will be having a catch up session on Wednesday 22nd November.

Did you know...



According to research by School Health UK, and reported on the mumsnet website, a healthy packed lunch costs over £4 per day to make, versus a healthy school meal at just £2.60 per day. We were amazed when we read about this. If you want to read more, visit:

<https://www.netmums.com/child/packed-lunches-or-school-meals-whats-cheaper>

ONLINE SAFETY - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Did you know that all social media sites have minimum age restrictions? These are given because it is NOT SAFE for children under this age to use these channels. Did you also know that by letting your child access these channels using your login credentials, you are potentially exposing them to more danger?

It has been brought to our attention that pop-up adverts are appearing on social media sites which are showing extremely graphic material. We believe this is because the pop-up adverts are aimed at the registered user of the account. So if you are a 35 year old adult, who is letting your child access their social media account, your child could be seeing adverts suitable for a 35 year old adult. This may well include graphic content.

We cannot stress enough that you should not be letting your child access ANY social media channels. For your reference the minimum age restrictions are given below.

FACEBOOK - 13 years of age. **TIK TOK** - 13 years of age.

YOUTUBE - 13 years of age. **INSTAGRAM** - 13 years of age.

SNAPCHAT - 13 years of age. **THREADS** - 12 years of age.

DISCORD - 13 years of age. **X (TWITTER)** - 13 years of age.



PARENTS & GUARDIANS

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase your children's presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched days/ weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price/deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt/invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD



ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
[actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

SHINE BELLS

CITY KICKS

City Kicks is a **FREE** programme for children and young adults aged between 8 and 18 years. The sessions aim to encourage our participants to socialise and take part in football activities in order to positively impact their physical and mental health. All abilities are welcome.

Schedule of Kicks Sessions

Tuesday

Where Benchill Community Centre, M22 8EJ

When 4pm - 6pm

Thursday

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When 4pm - 6pm

Thursday

Where Cedar Mount, M18 7DT

When 5pm - 7pm

Friday - City Girls

Where Levensulme High School, M19 1FS

When 4pm - 6pm

FREE
For All



For more information about our Healthy Communities programmes, or if you would like to attend, please contact Rofique Miah on [07753467127](tel:07753467127) or at Rofique.Miah@cityfootball.com.



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Schedule of Kicks Sessions

Monday

Where Falinge Park High School, OL12 6LD

When 5pm - 7pm

Wednesday

Where Park View School, M40 7EJ

When 5pm - 7pm

Thursday

Where City Football Academy, M11 4TQ

When 4pm - 6pm

Friday

Where Scotland Hall Road, M40 2TJ

When 5pm - 7pm

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U10s GIRLS PLAYERS

**Saddleworth 3Ds FC
Year 5 from September 2023**



Contact Ben 07808078598

- The clubs first Girls team
- FA Qualified Coaches
- Charter Standard Club
- Matches – Saturdays
- EMJFL



We are All set and ready to go- we just need you!

