



DIGGLE STARS

Poppy Stevenson - For working more independently especially in SMSC this week.

Max Cadogan - For excellent contributions and ideas in English this week.

Isaac Edmondson - For some amazing artwork in theme.

Ralph Tann - For following instructions and being ready to listen on the carpet all week.

Awaa Sharif - Awaa has tried hard this week with her writing in Literacy.

Harry Spencer - for an amazing effort in his maths assessment.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



We have currently got three positive cases of Covid amongst our pupils. Luckily due to families being very proactive these cases have not meant that we have had to close a bubble. These children have presented with cold-like symptoms, sore throats and headaches so none of the usual three symptoms that we are told to look out for. Please can everyone continue to be vigilant and if your child is unwell at all in any way keep them at home and get them a PCR test using the "You have been requested by your local authority" option.

If your child is not unwell but is having to stay at home due to self-isolation then school will provide online learning for them. If however your child is unwell then we would not usually provide work for your child. They need time to rest and recuperate so that they can return to school fit and well.

There is information regarding the Welcome Evenings further down this newsletter. Due to Covid restrictions this has now been moved online for all but new reception parents who have been informed via letter of their Welcome Evening.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Week commencing 28th June - Welcome Evening - see later in this newsletter for times of each class

Wed 30th June transition days for everyone

Thurs 1st July - transition day for year 6 and new class R

**Wed 14th July - 2pm & 6pm /
Thurs 15th July 9:30am** - Year 5&6 production outside in the yard - see letter sent 18/6 for full details

Tues 20th July - 9.15am Year 6 leavers assembly outside

Tues 20th July - finish for summer holidays



Class R

This week, Class R have continued to learn about our new topic 'The Ocean'. We have started to learn a new story, 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. We are using the storytelling actions we learnt earlier in the year in order to help us retell the story. We have also been practicing writing parts of the story in sentences, with full stops and capital letters. In Phonics, we have learnt some new digraphs but the letters are too chatty and so they have to be split up and the last sound put in the middle. The children have really enjoyed this concept and identifying words with the chatty digraphs. In Maths, we have been practicing writing numbers to 20 and strengthening our understanding of subtractions. Why not ask your child to subtract from 10? Finally, the children have enjoyed making fathers day cards and sharing what makes their dad or granddad special to them.

Class 1

This week we have started our new topic 'African Adventure'. We have focused on Kenya and learnt about where in the world Kenya is and the names of some of the cities, mountains, rivers and lakes. We used atlases in pairs to find places marked on a map of Kenya then we marked Kenya on a world map and labelled some of the place names. In English we have been reading a story set in Kenya called Lila and the Secret of Rain. We have made inferences about the characters feelings, chosen and written about our favourite moment and worked in pairs to create a story map. In Maths we have been learning to find a half and a quarter of numbers and solving problems involving this. In Science we completed an investigation to find out which was the oldest tree in our grounds.

Class 2

This week we have continued our theme 'African Adventure'. We have been learning about the Nature Parks and Game Reserves in Kenya. After learning about different physical and human features we designed our own maps for a park or reserve using a key and even adding a safari trail too! In maths we have been making more arrays and linking them to division as well as multiplication. In our SMSC work we have researched inspirational women including Queen Elizabeth II, Mother Teresa and Malala Yousafzai. It was very interesting and we worked well with the new i-pads. We finished our week by singing some call and response songs originally from Ghana and also listening to some African music, we really enjoyed 'The Click song' by the South African singer Miriam Makeba.



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



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Class 3

This week Class 3 have enjoyed learning more about eh Bobbles of Bewilderwood and writing descriptions about them using all their learning, including embedded clauses!

In maths, we have been working on multiplication and division at our own levels and abilities. We have completed our world maps and enjoyed sketching and painting outside in the dappled light under the trees. We even worked in teams to build a boggle village.

Class 4

We began our unit on 'time' this week in maths. We have focussed on using analogue clocks and will go on to digital next week. In science we continued our 'sound' topic by investigating how sound travels through the air. We revisited the idea of particles, which we had learned about in science lessons in January. For English we read a further chapter of 'Bewilderwood' while in SMSC we spent a second lesson thinking about positive and negative changes and we to react to these.

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

Class 5

This week in Class 5 we have written our own description of the rundown Nowhere Hotel, thinking carefully about the descriptive phrases that we can include to create an image in the reader's mind. We have then tried to mark the work against a set of criteria and used this to suggest ways of improving the text. In Maths we have been rounding to the nearest whole number and 1d.p and then ordering and comparing numbers with up to 3d.p. The children have also enjoyed starting the 'Lifestyles' programme with Adrien from CITC.

Class 6

This week in Class 6 we animated a scene on Scratch and we coded actions for our characters to do and wrote what the actions do in ICT. In Maths, we did two assessments on fractions, ratio and coordinates assessments. In English/Theme, we wrote a detailed description of theories about how the Titanic sunk. We have also been practicing for the production including putting some actions to the songs we will be singing.

By Layla and Harry.



Urgent message from Oldham Council

EU Settlement Scheme - There is now less than 2 weeks to go until the EU Settlement Scheme deadline of 30 June 2021.

There are growing concerns locally and nationally that elderly people, some of whom may have resided in the UK for many years, have not applied to the scheme in the numbers expected and also families lacking awareness that they also need to complete applications for their children (including children born in the UK). If you know anyone this may apply to - please check, they have done what they need to with respect to this scheme.

EU, EEA or Swiss citizens, and their family members need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living, working, studying and accessing healthcare, pensions, benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021. Failure to apply may mean that residents cannot access healthcare or welfare benefits to which they are entitled.

To apply for the EU Settlement Scheme please visit the Gov website:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

For advice or support there are resources available in multiple languages:

<https://europa.org.uk/category/support-advice/>

<https://settled.org.uk/en/>

<https://www.hereforgoodlaw.org/advisory>

Residents can also contact Oldham Citizens Advice at www.casort.org or by telephone to the Advice Line 0808 278 7803 (which is available Monday-Friday 08:30-17:30)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT
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30 JUNE 2021



HM Government

Apply now at: gov.uk/eusettlementscheme

Pictures of Class R's fab learning this week.



This Class R have:

- Built boats.
 - Made Pirate maps.
 - Made Ocean habitats.
- and much more...

Sticky Knowledge

Class 1 and 2 have produced some beautiful artwork and writing from our Great Fire of London topic last half term. Our corridor displays are looking fantastic, and we are encouraging the children with their sticky knowledge by displaying key questions to see what they remember.



Notices

Music lessons

Outstanding fees are now over-due for music tuition.

Your fees should now be fully paid up for the full year.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument from September, please return the sign-up form ASAP.

We also have information on the school website about music lessons - see For Parents / Clubs and Activities.

ParentPay

We have a lot of families where there are two parents registered on parent pay and both parents have the same phone number on their profile. This means when we send out text messages, one parents is getting it twice and the other parents is not getting it at all. We try and only use text messages when it is something urgent, or important, therefore it is important that all registered users have their own phone numbers registered against their profile in Parent Pay.

Please take a minute to log into Parent Pay and click Profile Settings and verify your mobile number is correct. Thank you.

Parking

Please can we remind parents not to park in the entrance to Heather Way, (the residential road opposite the school gates). Parking here makes it difficult for residents to access and leave the road. With the staggered start and finish times, there is plenty of parking space on both Sam Road and Huddersfield Road, as well as the carpark by the canal, so this area really shouldn't be needed by school parents as a parking area.

Please can we also ask that you don't use the school staff carpark entrance to reverse into to turn around. This causes a danger to the people using the carpark entrance to arrive and leave school. Please drive a little further up the road and use the canal carpark to turn around in. Thankyou

Save your plastic pop bottles please

You may have seen on Facebook Mr Ryan and the children doing forest school this half term are working up the garden area to make it productive again. They are also hoping to renovate the greenhouse back to its former glory!! It is quite a few years ago now when Mr Ryan and Mrs Cocker first built the plastic bottle greenhouse - the children who helped then are now in college!!



To aid in the greenhouse repairs - please bring your empty (washed) clear plastic 2-litre pop bottles into school.

Don't throw away surplus shrubs or perennial plants this summer ... bring them to school!!



Also, Mrs Whitehead has been planting up the area around the playground over the last few weeks with plants from her own garden. If you have any perennial plants or small shrubs that are no longer needed in your own garden, rather than throw them away, please carefully dig them out with their roots and bring them to school so they can be planted in the banking area.

Welcome Evenings

We were hoping to hold our Welcome Evenings in school this term, but as the Covid restrictions have not changed, this is now not possible. We are therefore going to conduct these meetings online using the Google Meet facility in Google Classroom. New Reception parents will still come to a meeting in person, but this will now be held outside with only one parent per child and chairs spaced out to ensure social distancing. New parents have received full information in a letter.

The times of the online Welcome Evenings are below: they are spread out across the week to accommodate those families with more than one child in school.

Please remember you need to attend the meeting of **your child's class from September**, not the class they are currently in. *E.g.: If your child is currently in year 2 you will attend the year 3 meeting.*

Mon 28 th June	New Reception	6 pm	At School
	Year 6	7 pm	Google Meet
Tue 29 th June	Year 5	7 pm	Google Meet
Wed 30 th June	Year 2	5 pm	Google Meet
	Year 1	6 pm	Google Meet
	Year 3	7 pm	Google Meet
Thu 1 st July	Year 4	6 pm	Google Meet

Exciting News

We are all very excited at school, as Mrs Bradbury is going to have a baby in the Autumn Term. I am sure you will all join me in offering your congratulations to her and her husband. As Mrs Bradbury will be on Maternity leave for the vast majority of next year, we have employed Miss Evans to take her place in Reception in September. Miss Evans has been working with Mrs Bradbury and Miss Leach since Easter and so is very familiar with the school and staff. We are looking forward to welcoming her on board for the year from September. The Reception Class staff team for September will consist of Miss Evans - Class teacher, Miss Leach - Teaching Assistant and Mrs Hawes - Teaching Assistant.



They are all really looking forward to welcoming their new class, as Mrs Bradbury welcomes her newest family member.



Emailing your child's teacher

All the teaching staff wrote to you all recently to ask you to use their new email address ...

firstname.lastname@diggleschool.co.uk

If you email a teacher on the old email address, it could be several days before the email is read as this platform is not easily accessed in school by the teachers.

The email address for the office - info@diggle.oldham.sch.uk and for Mrs Newton - head@diggle.oldham.sch.uk are unchanged for the moment.

BASC

We are starting to plan BASC staffing for September. Please can we ask **all current users of BASC** to email Sarah Stephens (sarah.stephens@diggle.oldham.sch.uk) with confirmation of the hours your child will be using BASC from September. We appreciate plans may change, so please email her with your requirements as you know them now and update her of any changes should they arise.

If you do not use BASC, but think you will need to from September, please see the BASC page on the website for pricing and opening hours (<https://diggleschool.co.uk/before-and-after-school-club-basc/>) and email Sarah Stephens with the booking form.

Thank you in advance for your help on this matter.

Portacabin refurbishment

We are delighted that the renovation work on the portacabin that houses BASC, Diggle Dandelions and Holiday Club is finally underway.

The children who can see this area from inside school have been very excited about watching the progress of the builders in taking away the old cabin construction ready for the new.

The renovated portacabin building should be ready for use when we return in September.



YOUR INVITATION TO OUR

OPEN EVENTS 2021

**WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER AND
THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

Saddleworth School is now over 100 years old and has a proud tradition of providing its students with a first-class education whilst also providing a nurturing and supportive environment.

Our mission is to 'Empower and Inspire' our young people to be passionate about their learning, their future and to enable them to harness their full potential.

Students and families joining us in September 2022 will join us at an incredibly exciting time in the school's development and will join us in our brand new state of the art building in Diggle.

OPEN DAYS
WEDNESDAY, 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021
THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021
9.30AM

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021
6.00PM - 8.00PM
(No appointment necessary)

See our website for further details
www.saddleworth.oldham.sch.uk/home

Please note the event may be subject to change due to Covid restrictions.

ENABLING YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND AND DEVELOP THEIR TALENT



Class 3

Class 3 have been using work by the artist 'Charlie Pascoe' who they researched through her Facebook page and recreated these wonderful images of a world map. Mrs Spencer sent a message to Charlie, and she replied. We are sending her some photos of our finished pieces so hopefully will get another reply.



Nicola Spencer
I showed my class of 7- 8 year olds your work and we are now in the middle of doing a picture of a world map using patterns inspired by your work. They loved spotting the tails amidst your waves! 😊 I'll try to post a couple when finished x

17 h Like Reply

Author
Charlie Pascoe Art
Nicola Spencer aw wow that is so exciting, I would LOVE to see some of their finished work, they might even make up some patterns that can inspire me on my next painting, then we can all go a full circle together 😊

16 h Like Reply



Charlie Pascoe Art

Charlie, aged 17yrs lives on the beautiful isle of Portland so takes inspiration from the incredible



