



DIGGLE STARS

Harrison Joy - For always being smiley, especially in maths.

Isabelle Ransom - for super effort with handwriting and presentation.

Georgia Allewell - For being responsible and keeping the classroom tidy and for always trying hard in every lesson.

Nilsson Molden - for a fantastic attitude to learning and great effort in writing this week.

Martha Chamberlain, Heidi Watson, Harper Wild and Milania Schofield - For showing resilience in maths and working hard to consolidate new methods of calculating and applying them.

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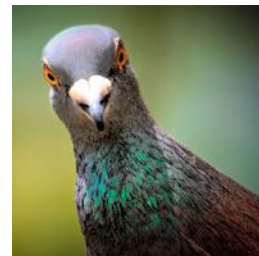
HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

There has been a lot of illness in school this week. We seem to have a nasty flu type virus and a stomach bug currently doing the rounds.

If your child is well enough to attend school with the help of a dose of Calpol or similar type medicine, then please do send them to school. We are happy to dispense medication as long as you have signed a form. As you will know we are currently monitoring attendance closely.

However, if your child is really quite unwell then the best place for them is at home. I would also like to remind you that if your child has either sickness or diarrhoea then they must not return to school for 48 hours after the last bout of symptoms. This helps to ensure that we do not end up spreading the bugs to large numbers of pupils.

Congratulations to Year 2, who have the tidiest cloakroom this week, and will be enjoying the company of Percy Pigeon!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 24th Jan - Year 5 to Bridgewater Hall
- arriving back 17:15 approx

Mon 5th Feb - Year 5 performance
Saddleworth School 16:00 - 18:00 approx

w/c 12th Feb - Science Week

Fri 16th Feb - FODS Break the Rules Day

Fri 16th Feb - Break Up for Half Term

Mon 26th Feb - Return to school

Thurs 7th March - Charlie and the
Chocolate factory themed World Book Day.

Fri 22nd March - Y3 & 4 Hike to Castleshaw

Mon 25th March - Yr 4 Experience Easter

Thurs 28th March - Y3 & 4 Roman Day

Thurs 28th March - Break Up for Easter

Wed 12th June - Fri 14th June - Year 6
Kingswood Trip



Class R

Goldilocks and the Three Bears has been our story of the week in Class R. We have read the traditional tale, watched Mr Tumble tell the story and even seen the ballet version on BBC iPlayer.

The children have loved our messy tuff tray full of porridge oats, cups and spoons. In the pop-up theatre we have enjoyed playing with Goldilocks and the bears to retell the story. The children have also thought about their own traditional tales and designed a front cover.

Some of the children also considered some characters and a storyline. We have ordered the Goldilocks story by cutting and sticking images, and have grouped objects into small, medium and large. Our post office is still serving lots of customers and the children are enjoying writing letters to people, weighing packages and sticking stamps. In maths we have focused on the number 0 and learnt how to find, subitise and represent it.

We also welcomed some pupils-of-the-future on *Wednesday's Stay and Play*.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have read the first few pages of our class text 'Beegu.' We have written predictions about what Beegu might do after her spaceship crashed. We wrote thought bubbles for Beegu and the rabbits to show what they might be thinking when Beegu tried to talk to them. We wrote sentences about what sounds Beegu might hear coming from the city and wrote captions to go with pictures showing what happened when she tried to talk to the man.

In Maths we have been continuing our learning about place value within 20. We have practised 1 more and one less within 20, we have placed missing numbers on the number line, we looked at number lines with different start and end numbers and estimated where numbers would go on an blank number line.

In Theme we continued with our topic about Communication Then and Now. We learnt about William Caxton and how he introduced the printing press to England in 1476. We were shocked to learn that before this many people could not read because books were only available to the wealthy. In PE we are learning about Gymnastics and we practised spins on different body parts and asymmetrical balances before putting these in a routine.



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Class 2

This week we used our new class story, 'Fee Fi Fo Fum', to help us learn about apostrophes for possession. We looked at the characters from the story and wrote about them using the apostrophes in our work. We were also very excited to receive a letter from Wolfie! He asked for our help in trying to make amends for what he had done and how he could be a kinder wolf. One of our suggestions was to do some nice things for Little Red Riding Hood and her Grandmother to make up for scaring them. In Maths we continued our work with money. We counted and compared money all the way from one pence to £50. We also worked hard on an addition and subtraction assessment. This week, we also explored what IT is and where it is used. We looked at school, our homes, shops and the wider world. We were amazed to see how much we use IT everyday, for work, to talk to people, to play and to buy things. During our P.E. lesson we worked on travelling with a ball. We learned skills to change direction, control the ball with our feet and how to dodge an opponent in a game. Finally, we really enjoyed the snow and the opportunity to play out in It too!



Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been reading about Julius Caesar and collecting facts for writing his biography. In science, we have been investigating how shadows change when the object or light source is moved. It was tricky to record the results at first but we showed resilience and got there in the end! Class 3 were then set the challenge of investigating how footballers at a night match can have 4 shadows. Their learning showed as they worked in groups to complete this.

In maths, we have been working in different groups to further and consolidate our knowledge of multiplication.

Class 4

This week in Class 4, we have been practicing writing biographies. The children chose a famous or historical person to do a practice biography - using their knowledge of features from last week. They then self evaluated their biographies and used the feedback to help them improve for their biography of Julius Caesar. In theme, the children have researched Caesar and plotted the growth of the Roman Empire on a map. In maths, the children have learnt about multiplying and dividing with 10 and 100. They were able to apply their knowledge of place value to help them.

In Science, the children have moved onto a new topic - animals including humans. Some of our teachers and teaching assistants were blown away by their knowledge of the human digestive system and we are looking forward to learning more over the next few weeks. In computing, we have also started a new unit - programming. The children were able to program a turtle to draw different numbers using programming language.

Finally, in PE we have continued with our football skills - looking at different dribbling techniques. The children practiced using different parts of the foot to move the ball and introduced dropping their shoulders to fool defenders, which we learnt during our invasion games unit.

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Class 5

In Maths this week class 5 have been multiplying 3 and 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. We have also been solving problems involving multiplication.

In English we have been busy writing our submissions for the DLP writing competition. In theme we have investigated the conquest of Alexander the Great. In PE we have been doing Yoga, we learned some yoga poses and talked about which muscles we were using.

Class 6

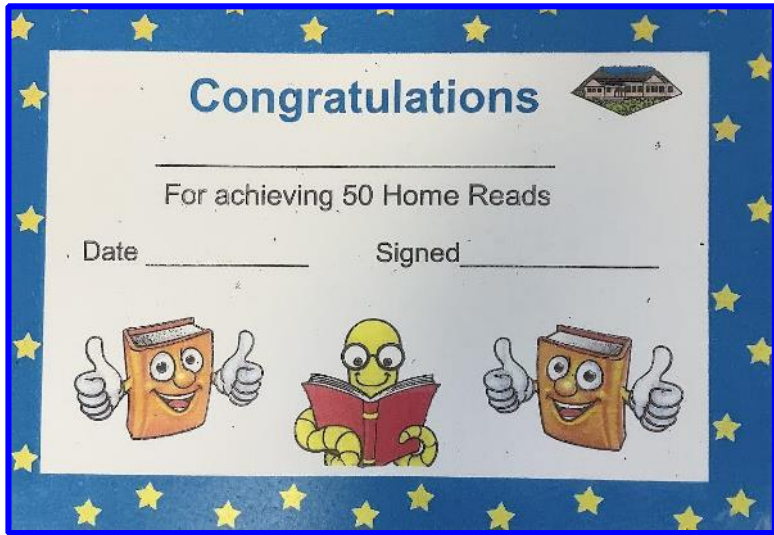
This week in English we have continued to focus on different aspects of SPAG specifically looking at how to write in note form and how to use commas, colons and semicolons in lists confidently. We have also started to plan and write using a chosen stimulus for a DLP writing competition. In SMSC we have looked at what biodiversity is and how we can change things in our lives to have a positive impact on our world. In maths we have continued to learn about ratio and looking carefully about the relationship between numbers and how we can use this to help us when answering different questions. In theme this week we have looked at the Greek Gods and learned about some of them in more detail.

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Home Reading Celebrations

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



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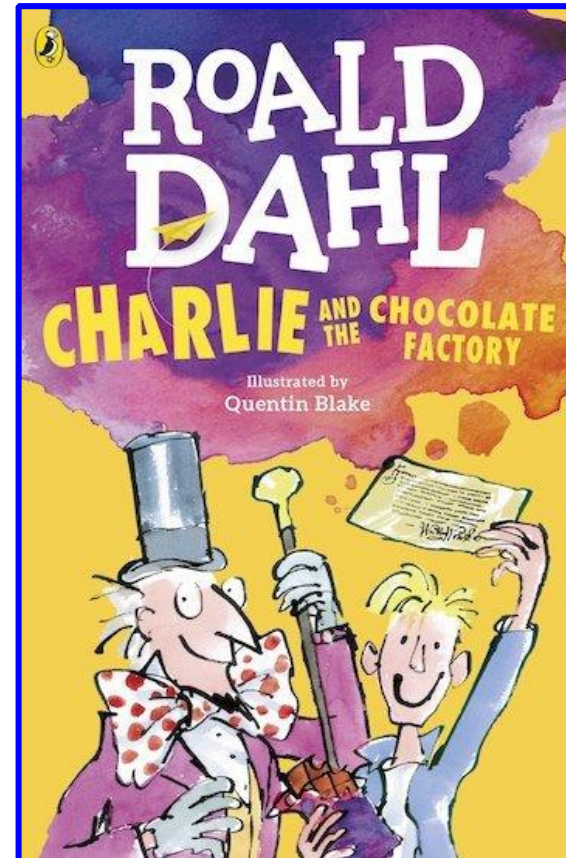
Congratulations to the children who this week reached 100 Home Reads...Amazing!



World Book Day

For World Book Day this year, we are having a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory theme. Please could all children come in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed fancy dress. Please don't buy expensive fancy dress outfits, you can dress as anything 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' related. Maybe you could dress as Charlie, or Grandpa, or Grandma, or even just a big sweet!

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BOOK
DAY®



A MESSAGE FROM FODS...

Wow! What a busy term we have coming up!

Coming up first we have the unwanted Gift and Book amnesty. If you have any unwanted gifts from Christmas (unused) or any children's books in good condition we would love to have them. If you have either of these that you would be willing to donate please bring them in bags and leave them in one of the 2 boxes FODS now have for donations.

RED BOX for unwanted gifts.

YELLOW BOX for secondhand books.

Over the next few pages you will see all the other fabulous events we have coming up for your children. We are aiming to provide some fantastic treats for the children this year so your support in fundraising is hugely appreciated!

We are kicking off with an old favourite, Break the Rules Day! This will be held in Science Week so has a science theme! Look out for some super things in Science week which have been provided by FODS.

As Easter is early this year, March is a super busy month! We have 2 Mother's Day sales on the 6th and 8th of March and on the 7th of March we will be holding our very special Golden Ticket chocolate bar sale on World Book Day. School are having a Charlie and the Chocolate Factory themed book day and we are sure it is going to be lots of fun!

At the end of March we have a trio of events...Our rainbow hamper raffle (children will have a non uniform day on the 15th March in exchange for a raffle donation), FODS fabulous Easter Egg Hunt on Thursday 28th March and of course FODS Scarecrow Trail during the Easter holidays.

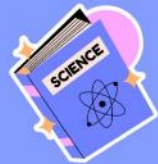
We hope you will be able to support us on all these events and look forward to seeing the results of our fundraising throughout the year!

TEAM FODS

Science Week

Break The Rules day!

Friday 16th February



1. Dress as something science related!
2. Wear a crazy hairstyle
3. Bring chocolate or sweets to school
4. Bring a fun drink to school
5. Wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos
6. Paint your nails
7. bring a toy, game or teddy to school
8. Wear silly accessories



50p per rule or £3 to break ALL 8 rules!

Please pay £3 on parent pay or
bring your money in a sealed envelope and give to your
teacher.



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Mothers Day Sale



£3 per gift. Gifts can be pre paid for on parent pay
from next week.

Gifts for all females of all ages !

Wednesday 6th March

Friday 8th March



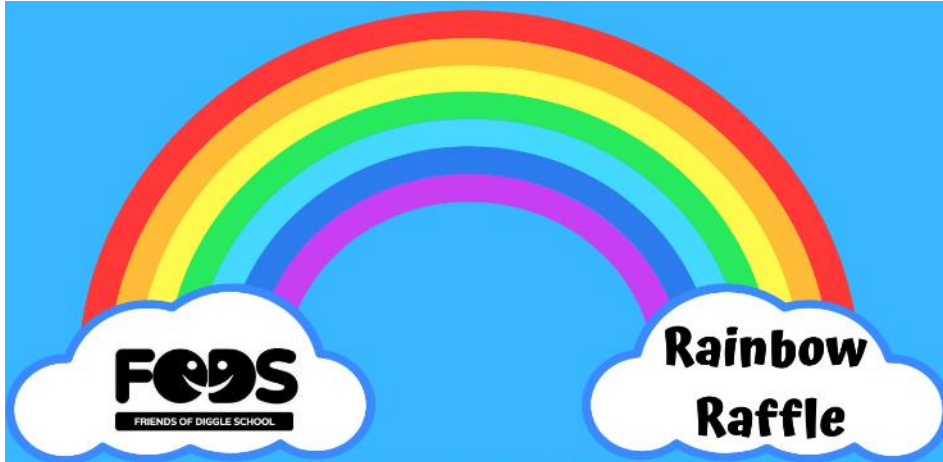


On World Book Day FODS will be holding a very special golden ticket sale in school! Buy a special large bar of chocolate and you may find a golden ticket!

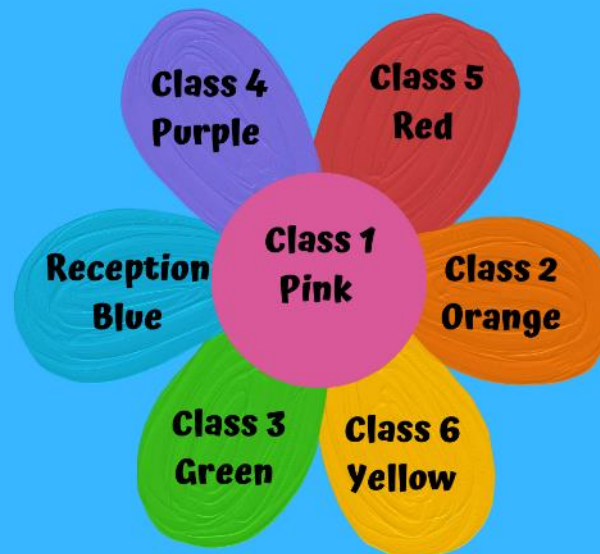


Chocolate costs £2 per bar
Golden ticket bars win a special prize
EVERY child will get a free bookmark and can choose a book!

Chocolate bars can be paid for on the day or on parent pay. Children can buy more than one.



FODS will be holding a Rainbow Raffle this March. We will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for colour themed donations. Each class will have their own colour!



Pupils are kindly asked to bring donations in on Friday 8th March in exchange for a non uniform day .

Raffle tickets will be on sale in March

The Raffle will be drawn on the day of FODS Easter Egg Hunt, Friday 28th March.

Diggle School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 28th March

Diggle School Playground 3.20 - 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

Find 6
coloured
eggs to
win
prizes

Find the
special
egg for
egg-stra
prizes!

Tea,
coffee,
drinks
and tuck
shop

Have a
photo
with the
Easter
Bunny!



Prizes for
best
scarecrows!

Easter treats
with your trail
sheet!

Friends of Diggle School Present The DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL 29TH MARCH - 14TH APRIL 2024

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

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 are available now from
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-Of-Diggle-School> or scan the QR code below.

Purchase your sheet then pick up on the day from one of our outlets-
The Gate Inn, Grandpa Greene's, The Diggle Hotel and Diggle Lock.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for up to date car park and weather info and opening days and times of all venues.

This years theme is

ALL THINGS TELEVISION!

All profits to directly benefit the
children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075



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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.



This week we have a very unusual shout out. It goes to the incredibly hard-working members of FODS, and all the children who have used our new benches so respectfully.

FODS work tirelessly for the school and we are incredibly lucky to have them. Thank you once again, and thank you to all the children for using the equipment so beautifully.

Parking

Please could we ask that you do not block drives on Heather Way. We have had a number of complaints from residents who are finding their drives have been blocked by the cars of our parents.

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...

PLEASE NOTE, EVEN THOUGH MORNING BAND PRACTICE IS NOT ON, LESSONS WILL STILL BE HAPPENING, AND BAND PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE DAY, SO YOUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

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

Community Wardrobe

We are pleased to support a local initiative called Community Wardrobe, where you can donate warm winter coats and quilts to keep local families warm this winter. On Sunday they are having a donation afternoon at Springhead Church between 1.30pm and 4.30pm, there will be a bouncy castle and coffee and cakes. If you have any old coats or quilts you would like to donate, you can either drop them off at Springhead Church on Sunday or bring them into school next week. Thank you.



Half Term Holiday Club

Don't forget to book your place for the 'outstanding' Diggle Holiday Club this February Half Term. Remember, places are limited, so don't delay.

Now taking bookings for February half-term!
Open Monday 19th February to 23rd February 2024 inclusive
8.45am - 5pm £27 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.

