

DIGGLE STAR - 19.04.2024



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DIGGLE STARS

Lucy Cocker - For effort and progress in all written work. Well done!

Tommy Ormerod- For coming to school each day this week with a positive attitude to learning.

Jasper Gyongyosi- for great enthusiasm in Science and taking care of our cress seeds.

Fraser Seymour - For having a really sensible first week back.

Alfie Beach- for being a fantastic role model for others and positively representing Diggle School.

Scarlett Hall - for trying hard in Maths this week and writing a good non-chronological report on Norway.

Ronnie Barton - for contributions to class discussions and answering questions in class.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

Welcome back to the summer term, I hope you all had a lovely Easter break.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming you all in to school for the first of our Open days this term.

You will be able to visit your child's class in one of two slots on Monday, either 9 - 10 or 2 - 3. If you are coming for the year 6 open session on Friday it is just a 2-3 session.

As we are hopefully heading into the Summer months now please ensure that you send your child into school with a water bottle every day.

Also just a quick reminder that we ask that children do not bring rucksacks into school as our cloakrooms are not very big.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 22nd Apr -Open Day. Classes R to 5 (9-10 am and 2-3 pm sessions)

Fri 26th Apr -Open Day. Class 6 (2-3 pm session only)

Fri 3rd May - Olympics Wacky Races

Tues 7th May - Class Photographs

Tues 21st May - Reception Stay and Play

Thurs 23rd May -Whole school trip to Chester Zoo.

w/c 3rd June - Sports Week

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

Mon 24th June - Open Day. All year groups (am and pm sessions)

Here are our amazing Diggle Stars!



Percy is still recovering from doing the scarecrow trail in the rain. He'll be back next week!



Class R

We have had a fabulous first week back of the summer term. We started our brand new topic of *Minibeasts*. The classroom is full of books about small critters, and the old reading area is now a 'minibeast investigation lab'.

The children have got back into the swing of things by completing counting and colouring minibeast sheets. They have also been practising their pencil control with some more minibeast-themed activities. The playdough has also been out and the children have made their own bugs.

We have read the books *The Very Ugly Bug*, *Mad About Minibeasts* and *Beetles*. We have also watched a few episodes of *Teeny Tiny Creatures* which looked at earwigs and craneflies.

In maths we have been identifying 3D shapes. The children can spot pyramids, cuboids, spheres, cubes, cones and cylinders. We used paint to see how a 3D shape is made up of different 2D shapes.



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

Class 1

This week we began our new transport topic 'There and Back.' In English our linked text for this half term is 'The Naughty Bus.' We began reading and looked in particular at the way the writers have arranged the text and punctuation on each page and discussed what effect this has on the readers. We made predictions about what adventures the bus might get up to, to earn him his name. We also wrote about where the bus works and what the clues were. We wrote thought bubbles for the people at the bus stop who the bus drove straight past. In Science we looked at what plants need to grow well and planted some cress seeds on cotton wool.

In Theme we started to learn about how transport has changed over time. We found out about a very early form of transport called a sedan chair which was first used in China over 4000 years ago. We also looked at the differences between older and more modern versions of each vehicle.

In Maths we completed assessments for length & height and mass & volume before we started our new block of work on Multiplication and Division. We have practised counting in 2s, 5's and 10's. In PE we started our unit about net and wall games. We had fun practising attacking and defending in game called steal the treasure. We worked in pairs to rehearse our throwing and catching skills and then played a game of cage dodgeball.



Class 2

This week we started a new 'There and Back' theme about transport. We discovered there are many different types of transport that we use now, but it was a bit different in the past. We learned how people's lives were very different before they had cars, planes or trains. We investigated steam trains and had a 'virtual' train ride where we found out what it is like to travel on a steam train and how the locomotive worked by using coal to heat a fire to boil water to make steam to make the train go! We researched George Stephenson the inventor of one of the earliest steam locomotives. We imagined we were on the first ever journey and wrote about our experiences. We looked at how steam trains changed and compared what it was like to be the fireman or a first class passenger on the train. In Maths we have been working with 2D and 3D shapes, investigating the properties of these shapes including edges, faces and vertices. We drew 2D shapes and sorted them using different criteria. We enjoyed our first PE session of the term with CITC.





Class 3

This week we have started our new theme which is text based. We are going to be doing lots of work around the book *The BFG* by Roald Dahl. We have already read 3 chapters, answering questions from the text and looking at different suffixes and spelling rules. We have inferred from the text to draw a picture of the view from Sophie's window using the descriptions to help us.

In maths, we have continued with measures, looking at different scales for mass, adding and subtracting and have now moved on to capacity and volume. In Computing, we have continued with Branching Databases, formulating questions to separate a variety of items.

We have considered mindfulness and wellbeing in SMSC, focussing on having a positive attitude to help our mental health and how we can make this happen. We enjoyed meeting our new CITC coaches today for an athletic lesson where we developed our running techniques.

Class 4

This week in maths, we have finished off our unit on Fractions. We have recapped last terms learning and looked at how to add and subtract with improper fractions and with mixed numbers.

In Literacy, we have started our text based theme which is '*The Witches*' by Roald Dahl. We have read the first 2 chapters and discussed what TV, films and stories have taught us about witches - pulling some great vocabulary like 'grotesque'. We have also written a non-chronological report on Norway as this is where the text is set. In Literacy, we have also been developing our Spelling and Punctuation knowledge by learning the rules around plurals. Why not ask your child the rule for when to add 'ves'?

In Science, we have moved onto a new topic: States of Matter. The children learnt about features of Solids, Liquids and Gasses. We also looked at the different particles of each state and acted them out.

In French, we learnt how to discuss our favourite sports and took a survey of which sports our friends preferred by asking the question 'Quel est ton sport prefe?'.

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Class 5

This week in English class 5 have looked at lots of different SPAG features, we have focused mostly on how to use commas and the effects using a comma has on sentence structure. In Maths we have started our new topic on Shape. We have started to look at measuring and classifying angles. In Theme we have started to look at South America and the Amazon Rainforest, we discussed what we already knew about South America and labelled the different countries within it on a map using an atlas to help. In Science we finished our topic on animals and their habitats and compared life cycles of different animals.

Class 6

This week we have continued to read The Girl of Ink and Stars and have made predictions about what we think might happen to Isabella as she continues on her perilous adventure to save her friend. We have also spent some time discussing the text to ensure we all understand what has happened so far. In Maths we have been looking at how to measure angles and also calculating missing angles within a straight line and a triangle. In Science we have started our new topic, animals including humans, where we have closely looked at the heart muscle and have started to understand the idea of oxygenated and deoxygenated blood within our blood vessels.

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Home Reading Celebrations



Congratulations to this week's 50 and 100 **AND**
200 Home Readers...



DLP- Virtual Rowing Competition

On Wednesday Diggle School hosted other DLP schools and held a rowing competition. The children took part in 2 individual races where they tried to improve their technique to increase the overall distance that they would have travelled in a minute. After that they completed as a team against the other schools and the average distances covered were taken for each team. It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying themselves and also supporting each other. All the children represented Diggle School brilliantly. Well done!



DLP Writing Competition



Last term, the nine schools in the Dovestone Learning Partnership held a writing competition which was open to all children in Years 5, 6 and 7.

The children were given a picture, or a piece of music, or a sculpture, which they had to write a story or poem about. The work of three children from each school was then shortlisted to be entered into the final.

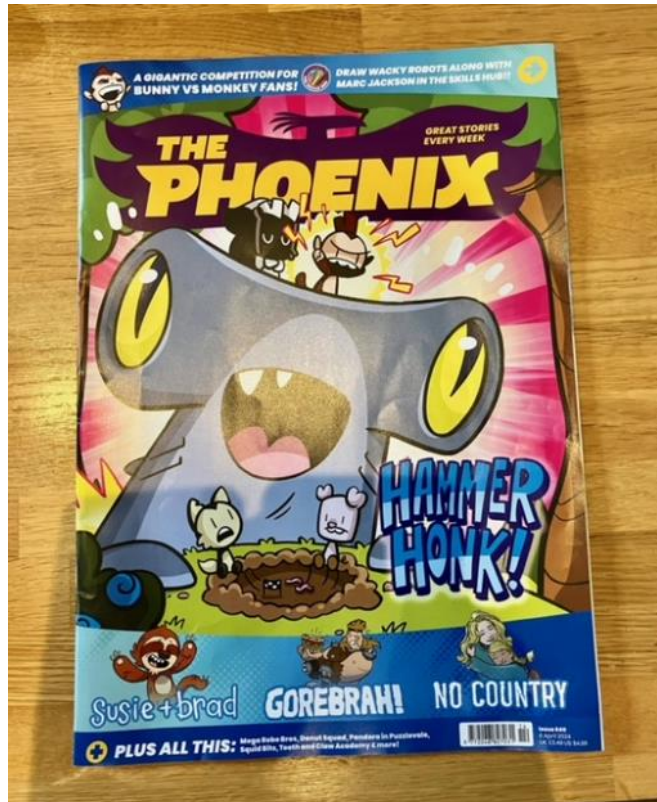
All the shortlisted entries were judged by the head teachers of the DLP schools.

We are pleased to announce that Eloise in Year 5 was one of the three winners chosen from the whole of the DLP.

Huge congratulations Eloise, you should be very proud of yourself!

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 FOUR shout outs!

The first goes to Etta in Year 4. Over Easter, Etta wrote a letter and drew a picture which she sent to her favourite comic 'The Phoenix'. Etta's efforts were so amazing that The Phoenix published them. Well done Etta, next stop The Tate!

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Our second shout out goes to Libby in Class 3.

Over the Easter holidays, Libby set up a stall outside her house and sold some of her toys to raise money for charity.

Libby did unbelievably well and raised over £100 which she has chosen to share between Cancer Research and the RSPCA.

What a kind and caring thing to do, and for such great charities. We are all super impressed with your achievements Libby. Well done!

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Our next shout out goes to Annie in Year 5.

Annie very kindly helped her mum organise her first community yoga session. Without being asked, Annie unloaded the car, set up vases with twinkle lights, put all the equipment out in the hall, took payments and directed the food bank donations.

Annie acted incredibly responsibly, and helped her mum enormously. Annie didn't complain once, and did everything possible to support her mum.

Well done Annie, your mum is super proud of you, and so are we!

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Our final shout out goes to our very own Mrs Spencer, who completed the Manchester Marathon last weekend.

Congratulations Mrs Spencer, we think you did amazingly well, and we're very impressed that you were able to walk when you came into school on Monday!



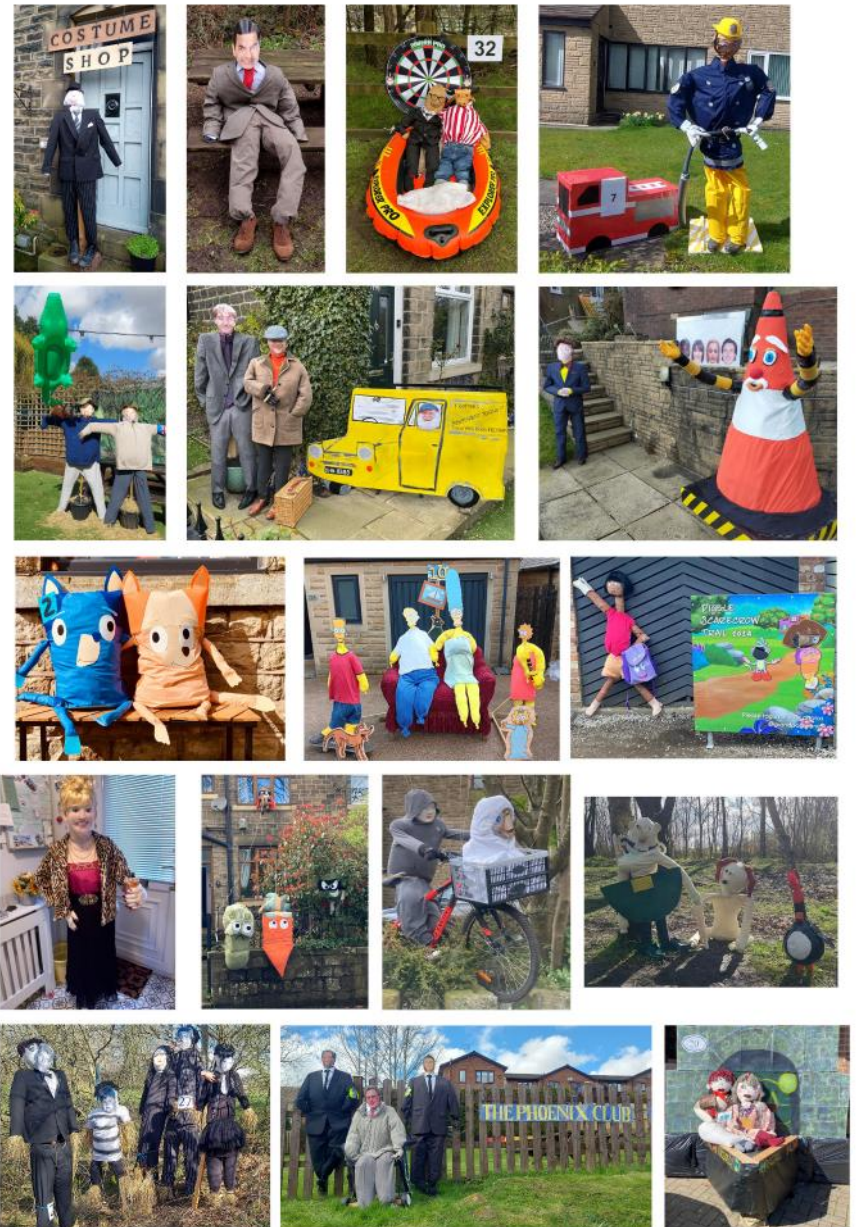
A message from FODS...



Welcome back to school after a very wet and windy Easter Holidays! Just before Easter we had our Easter Egg Hunt which was a lot of fun...the Easter Bunny joined in looking for Easter eggs too!



Over the Easter holidays we had our annual scarecrow trail. Despite the weather not being great we managed to raise a fantastic £4,300! We had some amazing scarecrows on display and a huge thanks must go to the makers for their creativity!





£4,300 Raised!

Thanks so much for visiting the trail!

We have lots to look forward to in the summer term! coming up on the 3rd May we have our fantastic Wacky Races. This year is an Olympics themed one and should be lots of fun! Tickets will be available to buy soon on Parent Pay.



On the 23rd May the children are going on a full school trip to Chester Zoo! This has been fully funded by FODS and we are sure it will be a fantastic day for all!



On the 11th June we will be having our brilliant full day workshop run by KAPLA clubs, and fully funded by FODS. They will be taking over the school hall along with all the classes to build some amazing structures...we are sure the kids will love it!



Finally, on Saturday 29th June we have our fantastic Summer Carnival! This will be a great day out, so keep an eye on further announcements about this!



Music Lessons

Music lessons are 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 7th May 2024, Tuesday 4th June 2024,
Tuesday 26th June 2024, Tuesday 16th July 2024**

Music Tuition September 2024

It's that time of year again when we are inviting all students who will be in Year 3 or upwards in September 2024 to sign up for music tuition. The children in Diggle School are very fortunate in that they can choose to receive tuition from Oldham Music Service in Brass, Woodwind, Guitar, Singing and Percussion (including drums).

Your child will be bringing a letter home very soon. Please return this as soon as possible if you would like your child to begin music tuition in September. If your child is going into Year 2 and is very keen to begin playing an instrument, we can arrange for a music tutor to assess their readiness.

Over the next few weeks, the music tutors from Oldham Music Service will be visiting school to show the children what learning an instrument involves, and even giving them a little demonstration.

If your child already has music tuition and you would like this to continue, please return the form that was sent out before Easter.



Saddleworth
Art Trail 2024 Comes to Diggle !
4th to 6th May Bank Holiday Weekend

Diggle 8 on the trail sheet

Venue:-

**Kilngreen Church
Leeside Diggle**

**Open Sat, Sun & Monday
11.00am - 3.30pm**

Featuring:-

Parish Centre Art Group

Janet Iles - Banners in Fabric

Shirley Luke - Grove Art

Jess Kouzelis - Drawn in Thread

The Three Generation's - Art work

(Cara & Harry Hamilton, Suzanne Bradshaw, Eileen Eckersley)

**Please come along - bring the family
Drawing table available for children
to create artwork of their own
(or adults if you fancy a try !)**

**ART CAFE - Serving
light refreshments**

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ALL WELCOME





SADDLEWORTH ART TRAIL

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<p>1</p> <p>Laura Skilbeck at home</p> <p>Contemporary painter and illustrator.</p> <p>1 Co-operative Street, Uppermill, OL3 6AD 11am - 4pm Sat/Sun/Mon www.lauraskilbeck.com Instagram: @lauraskilbeck</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Sean Willis at home</p> <p>Local Lino-Printmaker</p> <p>24 Court Street, Uppermill, OL3 6RD 10am - 3pm Sat/Sun/Mon Instagram: @seanwillisprints seanwillisprints@gmail.com</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Art Textile Group at Saddleworth Museum.</p> <p>Work based on the theme 'A Walk in the Wild'. High Street, Uppermill OL3 6HS 1pm-4pm Sat/Sun/Mon marlynp1atrd@icloud.com Parking/wheelchair access/toilets available</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Mark Demateader at home</p> <p>Contemporary Figurative Artist</p> <p>Top Oth Croft, Ladcaster Road, Uppermill, OL3 6LJ Sat/Sun 11-4 Mon 11-3 www.markdemateader.com dianademateader@gmail.com</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Mark Whyatt, Janis Bowle, John Hewitt and Sarah Bartle at Millyard Gallery.</p> <p>Painting, collage, drawing and illustration, 97 High Street, Uppermill, OL3 6BD Sat 10-4, Sun/Mon 12-4 millyardgallery@gmail.com jhowle1985@tiscali.co.uk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bill Woods and Trish Cas at St Chad's Church.</p> <p>Mixed media and Interactive Installation // Acrylic portraits. Church Lane, Uppermill, OL3 6LW 7:30-9:30pm Friday (opening night) 12-5pm Sat/Sun/Mon Instagram: @billwoods27 www.bill-woods.co.uk tishcas@gmail.com</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Linda Edwards at The Cross Keys</p> <p>Landscape and portrait artist. Ranling Hill Gate, Uppermill, OL3 6LW 12-9:30pm Sat/Sun/Mon www.lindaedwardsart.com lindaedwards190@gmail.com Refreshments/toilets/parking</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Parish Centre Art Group at Kiln Green Church</p> <p>Painting, stitching, ceramics, printing and pastels Lee Side, Diggle, OL3 5JY 11-3:30pm Sat/Sun/Mon janetanne.lisa@gmail.com esaukocroft@icloud.com sushrad1@yahoo.co.uk Wheelchair access/ refreshments/car park/toilets</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Glynis Thorpe and Constermonster at The Limekiln Cafe</p> <p>Contemporary Abstract Landscapes // Manga Artist Wood Rd, Dobcross, OL3 5NS 1pm-5pm Sat/Sun/Mon glynisthorpe@gmail.com constermonstercos@gmail.com Parking/wheelchair access/toilets/refreshments</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Kryshia Adamiec</p> <p>Contemporary Abstract Art Painter</p> <p>Studio at Woods Farm Barn, Church Fields, Dobcross, OL3 5AB 10-6 Sat/Sun 10-5 Monday Instagram: @kryshiacontemporaryart kryshia@kryshia.co.uk Parking available</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Marlynn McNeill at home</p> <p>Textile Artist using silk painting and stitching.</p> <p>11 Platt Lane, Dobcross, OL3 5AD 10am-4pm Sat/Sun/Mon marlynp1atrd@icloud.com</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Helen Campbell and Kate Horsey at home</p> <p>Painting and experimental print making. 5 Crib Lane, Dobcross, OL3 5AF 10am-4pm Sat/Sun/Mon www.thegalleryinthearden.com criblane@googlemail.com katehorshy@gmail.com Some parking and toilets available.</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Jo Dobbs, Will Dobbs, and Constermonster at Jo's house.</p> <p>Ceramics // Printmaking // Manga Artist 3 Midgrove Lane, Delph, OL3 5EH 10-4 Sat/Sun/Mon Instagram: @jodobbscrafts @dobbs_artist @constermonster On-street parking, wheelchair access, refreshments.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Steve Greenwood at The Garage Cafe</p> <p>AI Generated Contemporary Digital Art Unit 1, Saddleworth Business Centre, Delph, OL3 5FV 9:30am-4:30pm Sat/Sun/Mon steve_greenwood@live.co.uk Toilets/refreshments/parking</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Nancy Crilley and Carol White at Frostery Living</p> <p>Textile Art // Watercolour Painting 11 King St, Delph, OL3 5DL 10am-4pm Sat/Sun nancycrilley@yahoo.co.uk carolwhite@gmail.com Toilet and refreshments.</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Richard Clare at Saddleworth Crafts</p> <p>Colourful paintings of Northern England, Italy and France</p> <p>12 King St, Delph, OL3 5DQ 10-4:30 Sat/Sun/Mon Instagram: @richardclareart richardclareart@gmail.com Toilets/refreshments</p>	<p>17</p> <p>The Pincemakers' Quilting and Textiles Group and Diana Terry</p> <p>St Thomas Church Quilting and Textile Art // Ceramics and Paintings Church Street, Delph, OL3 5DR 11-4 Sat/Sun/Mon kibey4721@an.leam.com diana.terry@gmail.com www.diana-terry.com Parking/wheelchair access/toilets/refreshments</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Mark Armitage at home</p> <p>Abstract Northern Landscapes 72 Clough Lane, Grasscroft, OL4 4ER 10am-2pm Sat/Sun www.markarmitageart.com markarmitageart@hoomail.co.uk On-street parking nearby</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Artist Group at Bright Futures School for kids with autism.</p> <p>Local Landscapes by pupils, staff, and parents of our talented pupils 11-3pm Sat/Sun/Mon Prestland Road, Greenfield, OL3 7EU jo.green@brightfutureschool.org Toilets/wheelchair access/parking/refreshments.</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Celia Gledsdale, Dorothy Clarke, Lydgate Stitchers, Hill Harrison Textile & mixed media artists</p> <p>Bob Hindley, Photographer at Lydgate Parish Hall, 55 Stockport Road, Lydgate, OL4 4JL 12-4pm Sat/Sun/Mon. Refreshments, toilets, disabled toilet, on-street parking.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Springhead Art Group, The Saturday Life Class, The Bands (DIY class for ladies) and Jan's Needle Felting Workshop</p> <p>Springhead Community Centre, Ashes Lane, Springhead, OL4 4PZ Sat 10-1 Sun/Mon 11-4 dave.ralston@tiscali.co.uk Toilets/wheelchair access/on-street parking/refreshments</p>



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minnie.elliott@halle.co.uk

Jodie Buckland for Children's Choir enquiries
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Please note the deadline for applications is **Monday 6 May 2024**.