



## DIGGLE STARS

**Isabella Edmondson** - For always being helpful in class

**Florence Chapman** - For working really hard in maths.

**Scarlett Fielding** - for ALWAYS being kind and helpful, and thinking of others.

**Harry Bennett**- for listening and contributing well in all lessons

**Aurora Broadhurst** - For trying to include all the writing features in her story and doing a great job! Well done!

**Saxon Cocker** - For always following instructions, which was evident in his English narrative story.

Here are our  
amazing  
Diggle Stars!



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

This week has seen us say a sad goodbye to Mr Tillett our fantastic cook. We wish him the very best for his retirement and thank him for all his sterling work over the last few years. We will miss you. Please see the article further down for information on our wonderful new cook. I hope you all have a restful half term holiday whether you are venturing further away or staying at home. Please can I remind you to keep a very close eye on what your children are accessing on the internet. Make sure you monitor the sites and pop up adverts that your child is being exposed to.

**It was very close but this week's Percy Pigeon goes to Class R.**

**Well done Class R, keep up the good work.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Fri 20th Oct** - Staff Inset - school closed  
**25th Oct** - Deadline for online ordering of Christmas cards (more below)

**Mon 23-Fri 27th Oct** - Half Term

**Fri 3rd Nov (lunchtime)** - KS1 choir begins  
**14th Nov** - Flu vaccinations

**Thurs 23rd Nov** - Open day

**Wed 29th Nov** - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs  
**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



## Class R

Class R finished off their autumn theme with a focus on owls this week. We watched videos all about owls, we re-read the book *Owl Babies* and we practised some handwriting by drawing around an owl picture. We also worked on our cutting skills by using scissors to make our own owl image.

The pop-up theatre was brought out this week and the children had great fun re-telling the *Owl Babies* story. The children added to this, and even made up their own stories using different animal characters.

On Wednesday we were visited by Danny from *Curious Critters* who brought in a variety of animals. The children loved hearing all about his collection, and some were even brave enough to hold and stroke his animals. We were especially impressed with his owl!

To finish off our wonderful Wednesday, we had great fun designing cupcakes using chocolate frosting, smarties and different coloured chocolate buttons. Our owl cakes looked delicious and we found it difficult not to eat them straight away.

We also had time to design and make some feeders for the birds who may struggle to eat when the cold weather comes. We used lard, digestive biscuits and seed-mix to make our 'fat balls'.

Finally, the children had great fun celebrating their first ever Diggle School 'Break the Rules' day. The outfits were amazing, and the giddiness was (as you can imagine) crazy.



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

## Class 1

This week in English we have been writing instructions. We worked in pairs to make a jam sandwich and enjoyed eating it too! We then wrote a set of instructions about how to make the jam sandwich and used time connectives such as first, then, after that and finally.

In Maths we have been completing some assessments on place value within 10. We all did a great job! We also completed some consolidation work on number bonds to 10 and one more/one less with a Halloween theme.

In Theme we learnt about St Ives and looked at both the human and physical features before designing a poster to persuade visitors to come to St Ives. We also learnt about the small islands that surround and are part of the UK. We named all of these on a map.

In Science we had a fantastic visit from Curious Critters! Danny brought some amazing animals and told us lots about their body parts and how they are suited to their habitat. We really enjoyed holding or touching some of the animals. We held both the Giant African millipede and the Leopard Gecko. We ended the week with a really fun break the rules day!

## Class 2

In Maths this week we have started a new topic about addition and subtraction. In our first lesson we recapped the pairs of numbers which together make 10 and solved some problems using these facts. This week we have also had fun learning some new Maths games which will help us to practise place value.

In Theme we finished the Beside the Seaside topic. We enjoyed plotting a route on a map of St Ives from a campsite to a tourist attraction. On our maps we used symbols in a key and labelled a compass rose.

In writing we continued to practise our punctuation skills and looked carefully at the size of our letters in relation to each other to try and make our handwriting as neat as can be. On Wednesday Curious Critters visited school. The visit linked to our Science topic about animals and their habitats. We could observe and feel a variety of different creatures and found out about what they ate. In Art we took inspiration from the White Faced African owl and painted owl eyes which will be displayed in the classroom.



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## Class 3

This week in English, Class 3 have been looking back at their learning from last week to plan and write a first hand narrative based on an earthquake in Japan. In Maths, we have been crossing over the 10s and 100s when adding and subtracting, using number lines and apparatus to help us understand how and why the place value columns change. In science we have tested the hardness of rocks after making our predictions and we enjoyed our Halloween Break the Rules Day- thank you FODS!

## Class 4

This week, Class 4 had an exhibition to show off our wonderful theme work, including setting off some active volcano projects. They were all wonderful. In maths, we have continued our learning of addition and subtraction, carrying and borrowing. The children have also applied their knowledge to a spooky Halloween maths mystery! In English, we finished our narrative Tsunami stories and in science, we finished our work on sound by looking at how sound travels through the ear. We really enjoyed our FODS break the rules day and starting our Halloween mechanical poster decorations for DT. We also performed the song we have been learning in music, with Mrs Hawes, in assembly this week!! It sounded ace even though lots of us were nervous.

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## Class 5

This week class 5 have been working really hard in maths, we have been looking at prime numbers and square numbers. In Theme we looked at the kings that ruled over Anglo-Saxon Britain and how they eventually lost power to the Normans. In science we investigated moon phases and the moon's orbit around Earth. In art we looked at shading and shadows and how we can use them to make our artwork look more realistic. We have also started a DT project where we are designing spooky phone cases.

## Class 6

This week in English we have read through and analysed the nonsense poem the 'Jabberwocky.' The children worked really hard to show an understanding of the poem and what story it was trying to tell. The children then worked in groups to imitate the poem and come up with their own portmanteau (nonsense) words to replace the words in the poem; thinking carefully about the number of syllables used in the words they have chosen. In maths we have started to recap using the bus stop method for short division and also dividing using other factors.

We have finished off our theme for this half term and have brought our learning together by looking at crime and punishment during the Anglo-Saxon and Viking period and also the impact on the last Anglo-Saxon Kings.

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## Curious Critters

This week Class R, Class 1 and Class 2 enjoyed a wonderful visit from Danny who brought lots of his curious critters. We met a Giant African millipede, a Leopard gecko, a Royal python, a Skinny Pig, a Madagascan lesser tenrec, a beautiful White faced Owl named Maddie and a Chilean rose tarantula.

We found out many amazing facts such as the tenrec goes through torpor which is a type of hibernation where the tenrec sleeps for several weeks at a time but then wakes to drink and toilet before going back to sleep again. We also found out that they are a distant cousin to the elephant!

They can swim and they are good tree climbers!





Just one sleep to go until the Diggle Spooky Trail begins. There are a whopping 25 frightening features all around the village. Trail sheets are only £3, and can be bought from Grandpa Greene's, The Gate Inn or the Diggle Hotel, or can be found online at:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-Of-Diggle-School>

We hope you have a fantastic adventure and manage to crack the spooky code.



A large, colorful poster for the Diggle Spooky Trail. The background is orange and purple. At the top, it says "Friends of Diggle School Present The DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL". Below that, it says "Friday 20th - Tuesday 31st October". The text continues: "Our fabulous Spooky Trail is back! A great day out for all the family. Trail sheets, priced at £3 will be available from The Gate Inn, The Diggle Hotel and Grandpa Greene's priced £3 or buy on ticketsource via the QR code below and pick up your sheets on the day." There is a "BOOK NOW" button with a shopping cart icon and a QR code. Below the QR code, it says "Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail for news and up to date information about the spooky trail. Halloween Treats for all children!". At the bottom, it says "All profits directly benefit the children of Diggle School Registered Charity Number 1035075" and features the "FODS FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL" logo. The poster is decorated with illustrations of a scarecrow, pumpkins, and bats.





## A Special Shout Out

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](mailto:leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk) or [joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk) and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



This week's 'Special Shout Out' is a Saddleworth Olympics spectacular. Last weekend saw the awards ceremony, and although the Olympics are not directly linked to Diggle School, we're pleased to say that an awful lot of children from the school participated. We're super proud, well done.

We also want to say a **HUGE** thank you to the Saddleworth Village Olympics committee and the Diggle Olympic Committee who have been kind enough to make a donation to the school for new sports equipment or sports classes. We know our children will be very grateful for the opportunities this money will bring.





## A Special Shout Out Continued...



**Mrs Spencer does it again!**

Mrs Spencer has triumphed once again, this time by completing the Manchester half marathon. Huge congratulations Mrs Spencer, you are an inspiration. It's no wonder your running club is so popular!



## Something's Cooking at Diggle School

We're super proud to introduce our new school chef - Nicola. Nicola is very experienced, having started working at Bluecoat School then moving just down the road to Saddleworth School. Nicola enjoys being creative, including cooking (not surprisingly), painting and singing. She has three daughters and loves spending time with them, especially days at the beach. We hope Nicola will be very happy as part of our Diggle School family.



Nicola has produced a spooky Halloween menu for the children to eat on the 31st October. All children are welcome to have a school dinner on this day, even if they don't normally. Try it if you dare...



### 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>

**I'm sure Nicola will want to put her own stamp on the menu...so watch this space...**



## 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

The school band rehearsals have now started and Mr Byers is very pleased with the progress the children are making. Thank you to everyone who brings their child to school for 8:30 am on Tuesday morning. The rehearsal time of 8:30 am on a Tuesday morning is the normal rehearsal time, however there are a few dates during the year where Mr Byers is not available at that time due to commitments at the music centre. All the dates for the year are below. On these dates band rehearsal will take place during the school day. Please do not send your child to school early on these dates.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023,**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023,**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024,**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024,**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024,**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024,**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024,**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024,**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024,**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024,**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## 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 Vaccination Forms

As you know, on the 14th November the flu vaccinations will take place in school. There are quite a few forms that have not been returned. Please could we ask that they are brought back to school as soon as possible - **even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.**

Please could we also ask that you check your child's bag to make sure that the form is not lurking in there. Thank you.

## Christmas Cards

**The deadline for ordering Christmas cards based on your children's design is 25th October. All orders should be made online. All details are on the Christmas card leaflet that your child has been given in class.**



## Key Stage 1 Choir

Reminder....KS1 choir rehearsals will begin on the first Friday lunchtime after half term (3rd November) with Mrs Hawes. If anyone would like to join the choir please login to parentpay.



## P.E. Kits

**Just a polite reminder that P.E. is part of the curriculum and children are expected to follow the school uniform guidelines.** For those who may not be aware, the Diggle School P.E. kit is black or navy blue leggings /joggers or shorts, a plain white round neck T-shirt, and dark coloured trainers. Branded clothing or anything that features a logo is not acceptable. Bright clothing is also not acceptable. Unfortunately this week there have been several children who have not attended school in the correct P.E. kit. If you are struggling to find the correct uniform for your child please let school know and we will do our best to help you.

### Acceptable



### Not Acceptable





## Diggle Holiday Club

**IT'S YOUR LAST CHANCE...to secure your place at the wonderful Diggle Holiday Club. If you think you may need help with childcare over the October half term, get in touch today.**

The Diggle Holiday Club is run by the familiar faces of Miss Buckley, Sarah Stephens and Mrs McLoughlin. The holiday club provides an exciting and engaging environment for the children, with a full programme of activities.

We're proud to say that the holiday club did exceptionally well in their latest Ofsted, details of which can be found on the Ofsted website.

**Now taking bookings for October half-term!**  
**Open Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023 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](mailto: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.





# ★ OLDHAM HALLOWEEN FUN RUN

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER,  
FROM 9.45AM  
AGES 12 AND UNDER,  
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# 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](mailto: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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For All



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**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!**





# Looking for creative workshops?

Clay workshops for children and adults

- Beginners courses
- Seasonal Events
- Pottery wheels
- Keepsakes

@Crafty Clay Saddleworth  

[WWW.CRAFTYCLAY.CO.UK](http://WWW.CRAFTYCLAY.CO.UK)



Woodend Mill, Mill 2, Floor 2, Manchester Road, Mossley, OL5 9RR

**ALL WELCOME  
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# THE NEARLY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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**SATURDAY  
4th NOV.**

**12.00pm  
Until  
3.00pm**

**REFRESHMENTS  
Including Mulled Wine**

**&  
Mince Pies**

**FREE ADMISSION**

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CHRISTMAS ITEMS & MORE