



DIGGLE STARS

Thomas Russell - for being super-focussed in lessons, and responsible at lunchtimes.

Jack Fox - for excellent effort with some tricky maths problems and using good **reasoning** skills.

Jackson Butterworth - for super effort with teamwork in Maths this week.

Minnie Cadogan - for representing the whole school at the DLP Spelling Bee.

Charlie Doran - for taking his time with his work and making his friends and teachers laugh all day!

Tommy Ormerod - for working so hard on his letter formation.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Roll up, roll up. The date has finally arrived and the circus is coming to Diggle tomorrow. I hope everyone who has already purchased a ticket has a wonderful time. If you have still not purchased a ticket there are still some available, check out the FOODS Facebook page for more information.

This week saw the final of the DLP Spelling Bee. I was lucky enough to accompany the children and was really pleased of the support everyone showed not just for our finalist but for all the children taking part. Check out the article below.

Next Friday we will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The children have been learning the National Anthem as well as their dances for our dance through the decades. We are really looking forward to welcoming parents into school on Friday afternoon from 2pm.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 21st May - FODS' Circus - ticket only event - see Poster for details

Fri 27th May - Jubilee Day in school
Parents welcome from 2pm.

Half term week - Queen's Jubilee Celebrations (change to BH days)

Mon 6th June - Back in school

Fri 10th June - Whit Friday - school closed

Wed 15th-Fri 17th - Y6 Kingswood Residential

Wed 22nd June - Y3 Come and Play

Tues 29th / Wed 30th June -
Transition days

Wed 20th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly
9am

Finish for Summer Holidays

Thurs 21st July - Staff inset



Class R

This week Class R have continued with their Space topic, focusing on Astronauts. We have shown huge interest in this topic and loved learning about the first man to step onto the moon, Neil Armstrong! We learnt some interesting facts and used these to write some sentences. We then decided we wanted a turn so used our feet to create a footprint on our own moons. We have also been listening to Space music and created a dance which focuses on the speed of a rocket and how we might dance slower when we are in Space floating.

We loved doing a disco space dough which taught us new skills to help us mould our astronauts out of plasticine. In Maths, we have been using our number bonds knowledge to practice our number line skills, we even learnt a new rhyme to help us add two numbers together, circle, jump, circle! In Phonics, we have recapped and learnt new sounds, ea, oi, ae, ie and oe. We have focused on creating a 'perfect sentence' and checked our own work for the special ingredients before showing an adult. We have also been learning new red words 'he' and 'she'.

In RE, we have been discussing celebrations and explored how Eid is celebrated. This week we have also started our art work for the Queen's Jubilee. In PE, we have been volcanoes, practicing our throwing which represented the lava and jumping on rocks to avoid our friends lava. Our word of the week is 'hilarious', we have enjoyed discussing what we find really funny and telling jokes to each other!



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

Class 1

This week in English we have finished reading the Naughty Bus. We wrote our opinions about whether the naughty bus was keeping his promise. We found out that sometimes he is a night bus and we thought about what adventures he might have in the house at night. We wrote our predictions and listed the ways in which the bus was naughty. We also wrote questions we would like to ask the bus and made sure we used a question mark. In Maths we have been learning about capacity. We have worked in a rotation throughout the week and completed a range of practical activities.

We estimated and checked how many cups it would take to fill each of three containers. We measured how many ml each of three containers could hold. We estimated and checked whether each container would hold more or less than a litre and we put sets of containers in order from least to most. In Science we have been comparing the growth of our bean plants and measuring them. In Theme this week we learnt more about George and Robert Stephenson and their entry in the Rainhill Trials competition. We found out that the Rocket was the only locomotive to complete the task and was the winner. We then completed an activity on Purple Mash using the ipads to design the appearance of our own steam locomotive.

Class 2

This week we have been learning about living things and their habitats. We have explored and compared the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive. We found out that a habitat is the natural home of an animal, plant, or community, it's where something lives. There are lots of different kinds of habitat. They might be very warm or very cold; in the land or in the sea. We looked at urban and woodland habitats and the different kinds of animals and plants that can be found there.

For our reading comprehension work this week we found out all about a band that makes its instruments out of vegetables! They use any leftovers for soup. We had fun reading about them and then answering some questions by being text detectives.

Our maths learning has focused on reasoning, solving problems and using different methods to try to work out the answers.

We have also been investigating crowns this week. We have looked at the special crowns that the Queen wears at different times, designed a new crown for her and begun our own celebration jubilee crowns using paper plates, gold paint and sequins. They are going to look great. We also completed our portraits of the Queen which we have displayed in the classroom and made some jubilee decorations. What a busy week!



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Well done Minnie!

- see the article in a few pages time for full details of the Spelling Bee.

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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been writing character descriptions for animals mentioned in *The BFG*. When we found out he collects and gives out dreams, we planned and wrote our own story about 'The best dream ever'. We tried to put in lots of writing features we have covered this year. In maths, we have been looking at multiplying and dividing measures. We have to recap division quite a bit as it is tricky. In ICT we have been learning to touch type, focussing on the 'home keys' this week. We have had fun learning our dance for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee when the school will be 'dancing through the decades'.

Class 4

Converting between different units of measure has tested class 4 this week. We began by looking at mm, cm and metres and then converting between these. Later in the week we did the same for seconds and minutes. We also managed a few mini assessments while finding time to continue preparing for the multiplication test next term. In English we have continued *The Witches* and gathered adjectives from the text. In science we had great fun learning about conductors and insulators. We made our own circuits from objects found in the class and associated good conductors with being metal. In SMSC we looked at spending habits and in art we experimented by mixing sketches with watercolours.

Class 5

This week in Maths we have been counting up and down in thousandths. In English we have looked at the roles of children in the Victorian Era and thought about how we would feel if we were a child during that time period. We thought about interview questions we would ask a child from the Victorian period. In RE we have learnt about the 5 pillars of Islam, this week we looked more closely about Hajj and the pilgrimage people go on.

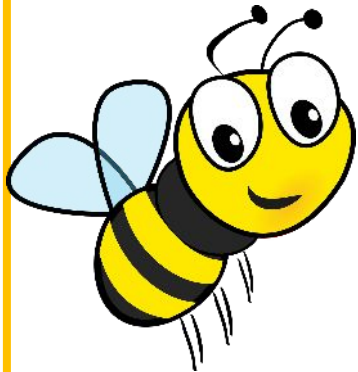
Class 6

This week in Class 6 in Maths we have been reading and interpreting data presented on line graphs and solving problems using the information we have been given. We have linked out Theme and English together this week and learnt about the different jobs that children in Victorian times. We have then recapped the features of and written our own diary entries as a child in one of these roles, thinking about what the working conditions might have been like and the impact this would have had on us. We have also spent the afternoons this week starting to transform the garden at the front of school which we are going to transform into Locky's Memorial Garden.

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The DLP Spelling Bee



This week saw the final of the DLP Spelling Bee. All the children in KS2 took part in class heats where they had to take turns spelling a word aloud from their year group spelling list. There were lots of tricky spellings on the list, both from the common exception list and following rules that the children have been learning in class throughout the year.

The class was knocked down to 3 from each class who went forward to a KS heat mixing with other classes. These contestants were whittled down to 1 from each class and then a further heat saw a knockout until we were left with one finalist from KS2.

Our finalist was Minnie Cadogan from Year 5, who went to Delph on Thursday afternoon for the final when all the schools from the DLP got together. Minnie was supported by her fellow semi-finalists from Diggle School: Izzy Siddall, from Year 3, Frankie Fielding from Year 5 and Hannah Whitehead from Year 6.

All the children were enthusiastic and supported each other at this event and the overall winner of this year's DLP Spelling Bee was someone from Delph School. Well done to all who took part and those who represented Diggle School in the final, both as a finalist and supporters. You did Diggle proud!



Locky's Memorial Garden



The children in year 6 have used their forest school time this week to make a start on the ground work, and have made excellent progress.

They will be using the same skills as with the business challenge, have taken on the various roles required to complete the project. They have already designed the garden, and have started to research items needed to create this new space that are within their budget.

The children will also be asking local businesses for their help and support with any other items they may need - please see the next page for their letter to you.

You may have noticed the garden at the front of school is having a make-over.

Instead of taking part in the usual Business Challenge this year, Class 6 have decided to transform the garden at the front of school into *Locky's Memorial Garden*.

For families who have joined us in the last few years, Locky sadly passed away December 2018 while in class 6 here at Diggle School.

The children will be using the donations made at the time by the friends and families of the school to buy the items needed.



We still have a number of items that we need which we may not be able to cover in our budget. If you know any local business that we can contact to help who might be willing to sponsor some items for us or donate them please pass on their details and the children can then make contact with them.

Locky's Memorial Garden

Dear Parents of Diggle School,

We are writing to say that we are creating a memorial garden for a class 6 student who sadly passed away few years ago; we would really appreciate your help. It will save us a lot of time/money and allow us to buy more plants and decorative items that are sentimental to Locky's family and friends.

If you know of any companies that might be able to help us please pass on their contact details to us and we will get in touch with them.

- A Skip- to dispose of our rubbish
- Soil
- 18 Pallets- so we can build our seating
- 12 apple trees
- Tree cookies (slices of tree trunks)
- Pea gravel
- Sleepers so we can make planters
- Tyres
- Large pebbles (that we can paint)
- Sponsors

Thank you in advance for your help and support. We will be very grateful for any donations we receive and it will make a huge difference to the finished effect of the garden, we hope it will be a place where people can come to relax for years to come.

Written by Amelia beach.



DIGGLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES THE QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE!

FRIDAY 27TH MAY



Wear red, white and blue
to school!



Jubilee Lunch
Jubilee activities



Dancing through
the decades!



Class party packs of flags and
crowns



Party Bags available to buy on
parent pay with jubilee
mementoes



Jubilee Day

During half term will see the whole country celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We are holding our own Jubilee Day on the last day of this half term - Friday 27th May.

The children are asked to come to school wearing red, white and blue.

FODS are going to provide each class with a jubilee box containing flags and crowns for all the children.

FODS are also selling Jubilee goodie bags - available on parent Pay. Please make your purchase before Tuesday.

The kitchen will be making a picnic style lunch we will hopefully, weather allowing, be able to eat street party style outside.

(If you child never usually has school dinners on a Friday but would like one on that day please let the office know ASAP.)

In the afternoon the children are going to *dance through the decades* outside and we are looking forward to welcoming parents to come in and watch. We will also on that afternoon have time for parent to come into the classroom and share their children's books with them.

Parents should arrive in school at 2pm.

Notices

Parent Pay

Please make sure your Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date.

If you pay your BASC fees by childcare vouchers or Tax Free childcare, this will be updated on Parent Pay next week - we apologize for the delay.

Please consider using the auto top-up in Parent Pay for dinner money - you to set payment amount to be triggered when the account balance gets to a specific point, eliminating debt.

Music fees should now be paid in full for the year.

You will not be able to sign your child up for tuition next year if the current year is not paid in full.

For year 6, **Kingswood** should now be paid in full.

Contacting School

School Telephone Number - 01457 601970

Email communication

school office - attendance@diggleschool.co.uk

When emailing the teacher direct, please remember when in class the teachers are not usually able to look at their email so it could be after school or the following day before your message is seen.

If it is urgent, please use the office email.

Class Photos

The class photo proofs were sent home this week. Please check your child's bag if you haven't yet seen the proof. If you want a copy of the photo, please place your order online before the end of next week in order to get free delivery back to school.

Music Lessons from September

Children in Year 1- Year 5 have the opportunity to sign up for music lessons in the to start in September. The music teachers have been demonstrating the instruments available, and a letter has gone out by email with an expression of interest form re new music lessons.

Following enquiries from several parents, we have asked the music service about piano/keyboard lessons. Keyboard lessons are available as in school small group tuition, and as this was not on the original form, if your child would be interested in keyboard lessons in school, please email attendance@diggleschool.co.uk. As with all lessons, we need a minimum of 4 children to sign up to make the lessons viable, but if enough children are interested, we will ask the music service to send a teacher to give a short trial lesson.

Existing players should have received a separate letter this week to sign up for another year of music lessons from September.

Please check your child's bag if you haven't seen it. Please return this letter by 6th June.

If you want to know more about the music lessons in school in the meantime, have a look on the school website under "For Parents", then "Clubs and Activities".

Learning music is a very valuable and rewarding activity which can continue throughout education and into adulthood, however it requires commitment, resilience and perseverance from both the child and the parent.



Missing shoes in Year 2

A child in Year 2 is missing a pair of Geox shoes - size 2.



We also have a spare pair of shoes left in school that are not the missing pair. They are size 3, and the Trux brand.



A child has therefore gone home in the wrong shoes, and unfortunately they have not come back into school with them since.

Can you solve the puzzle?

Please can all the parents in Classes 1 and 2 please check their child's shoes are their own! Are you missing some Trux school shoes? Do you now have some Geox shoes that are not yours?

Your help in resolving this matter would be greatly appreciated.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE KILNGREEN CHURCH INVITES YOU TO A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING



SATURDAY 4th JUNE 3.30pm

Saddleworth Rangers- Rugby Tournament

Last weekend a number of children from school represented Saddleworth Rangers and a Rugby Tournament- The Leeds Rhino Challenge. We had representatives from Classes 4, 5 and 6 all competing within their age range; taking part in seven gruelling matches over two days against different opposition, all of varying abilities.

The event is the largest in the UK and around 6000 people were involved in the event, involving teams from all over the country coming together to compete in the tournament over the weekend.

All year groups did extremely well and the under 9's and under 10's teams came away as undefeated champions from their respective games. It is great to see some of our children competing at this level, showing commitment for the team and hearing from their coaches how they showed great sportsmanship and respect towards the other team they played against.



