



DIGGLE STARS

- Milania Schofield** - for super science work on animal habitats.
- Natalia Thirlwell** - for always being on-task and trying her best.
- Jack Fox and Emily Banks** - for their reasoning and hard work in maths.
- Frankie Fielding** - for being a complete star, working really hard and being extremely helpful all week
- Zara Rangwala** - for having a mature and sensible attitude to everything she does.
- Alfie Beach and Bea Chapman** - for a fantastic effort in their story writing this week, both thinking really carefully about their vocabulary choices.
- Elizabeth Bridgstock** - for getting involved in every activity and making excellent progress in phonics and reading.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



What a wonderful way to end the half term with FODS Halloween Break the Rules day. Look out for the photo's further on in this newsletter, there were some super scary costumes amongst the children.

Once again our wonderful FODS team have managed to find ways to raise funds which involve the children and create a lovely atmosphere in school. The money they raise really does contribute to providing the children with resources and activities that school just could not afford out of our budget.

Our FODS team is small but mighty. Can I make a plea that if you would like to make a real contribution to the education we provide for your child you join our FODS team. They are always on the lookout for new members and as the old saying goes "Many hands, make light work."

Also please support the Spooky Trail this half term as all proceeds come back into school for the benefit of your children.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FODS SPOOKY TRAIL over Half Term throughout Diggle village

31st Oct - back to school
Halloween Lunch Menu

Mon 7th Nov - individual photo day

W/c 7th Nov - Parents Evening meetings

Tues 13th Dec - am Music Groups xmas concert

Pm - KS2 Christingle

Wed 14th Dec - Panto Day - whole school visit to Millgate Theatre

Fri 16th Dec - Xmas Dinner Day & Effort Grade Cards out

Mon 19th Dec - Year 1&2 Xmas performance 9.15am / 2.15pm (tbc)

Tues 20th Dec - Class R xmas performance 9.15am (tbc)
- EYFS and KS1 party day

Wed 21st Dec - xmas non-uniform day, KS2 party day, Finish for xmas

Please see the first newsletter of the year - 9th Sept - for full list of key dates for the remainder of the school year



Class R

This week, Class R's word of the week has been 'Nocturnal' and we have started learning the story 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. The children have been busy independently writing and drawing the characters from the story. We have also listened to the different calls that owls make and made some owl collages with feathers. We will continue with learning more about owls after half term. In PE there was an Autumn and minibeast theme. The children practiced their travelling and stopping skills, alongside developing gross motor skills by playing a buzzy bee nectar game.

In Maths, the children have practiced all the skills we learnt this half term. They had a go at different matching and sorting games, as well as looking at comparing amounts. In honor of Black History Month the children explored different traditional african prints and had a go at designing their own prints - using their knowledge of repeating patterns. Thursday was break the rules and it turns out there are a lot of rule breakers in Class R. The children had lots of fun in their costumes. We did some Halloween dancing and games on the carpet - as well as some Halloween inspired colouring and potion making in the water area.

Phew! Enjoy your half term holiday everyone!



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 story of The Bog Baby. We completed a story map, ordering the pictures from the story before beginning our retelling of the story in our books. We have made a really good start and we will finish off our retell after half term. In Maths we have been learning about number bonds within and to 10. We have looked at part whole models and other physical and visual representations such as counters, cubes and ten frames. In theme we continued our map work using the Beebots. We used the words North, East, South and West to describe the direction they were travelling in as we programmed them to move around the map. In forest school we had great fun learning about being safe near a fire and using the fire to toast s'mores. They were really delicious! We had a fantastic break the rules day with lots of halloween themed activities like making a plastercine monster family, writing witch's potions, designing a pumpkin face and halloween colouring. We also enjoyed taking part in a halloween quiz!

Class 2

In our English and theme activities we have completed our leaflets about our local area. We added an interesting front cover to make sure any readers were tempted to look inside. We have worked outside for science this week, investigating micro habitats. We had trays with white paper to shake fallen leaves over and magnifying glasses. We were looking for insects and identifying them using checklists. We took out the ipad to photograph them. In maths this week we have been adding and subtracting with numbers bonds and using bead strings and tens and ones apparatus. We have also written some 'pick and mix' Autumn poems with amazing adjectives for colour, weather and Autumn activities. We had a great day for break the rules day on Thursday. Class 2 broke all the rules. We had juice, chocolate, tattoos, coloured hair, jokes ...phew...We then enjoyed a great movie afternoon after winning the penny wars competition. Many thanks to FODS for providing all the children with a treat bag full of goodies to eat while we watched. The Class 2 staff did not get left out, we enjoyed some much needed chocolates!



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been busy learning more about magnets and magnetism. We have investigated materials and their properties as well as making predictions. We even made a compass using a magnet to learn about the Earth's magnetic poles, then used it for orienteering around the classroom.

In maths, we have been learning to add and regroup ones to cross over into the tens and looked at different methods to work out answers to word problem using our prior learning.

We have used symmetry in theme to create crazy scarabs, used as amulets by the Ancient Egyptians and enjoyed s'mores from Mr Ryan in our last Forest School this Half Term, and hunting conkers which Mrs Spencer had hidden under the Horse Chestnut trees! We learnt to share to ensure everyone went home with some 'treasure'. Halloween Break the Rules Day was such fun and a great end to a great term. Have a good break!

Class 4

What a great final week of the half-term we have had in Class 4. In English we have used non-fiction texts and the internet to research Egyptian Gods and Goddesses. In maths we have used the column method to solve subtraction questions and in science we researched endangered species. We looked at support networks in SMSC and explained how to make a mummy in theme.

Class 5

This week the children have been working really hard to write their own narratives; focusing on using evacuees as their main characters and setting the story in the 1940s. This children have really tried hard to include setting and character descriptions. In maths we have continued developing our addition and subtraction skills, Looking and the bar model and whole part model to see how these can be represented. In Science they have learnt how day and night occur in relation to the Earth and move, they tried hard to use scientific vocabulary to explain this.

Class 6

This week in English we have done a descriptive paragraph about magical places that come from books and films. To give us some ideas Mr Pitman read out the first couple of chapter in

the Hobbit. In maths we learnt some long division methods such as the normal one and even the coin method. We also the bar method and did some problem solving using division.

In P.E we did another WW II mission where we had to build a shelter using limited materials and items most teams did well. As part of our science topic we have also planned an investigation about microorganisms, to see where we find bacteria.

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FODS BREAK THE RULES DAY

Thankyou to everyone for putting so much effort into the costumes - the children looked amazing today.

If your child participated in the fun but you have yet to pay for the "Rules Broken" please go onto ParentPay.







Grenadier Guards at Saddleworth School

This morning all the children who access small group tuition in Brass, woodwind and Percussion made the soggy walk to Saddleworth School to watch a performance by the Band of the Grenadier Guards.

It was very exciting to see professional musicians playing the instruments the children themselves were learning. Everyone had a wonderful time and particularly enjoyed singing along to *Livin on A Prayer*.

Big thank you to Mr Beckwith at Saddleworth School for organising the event and inviting us to be part of it.

The Guards loved our scary costumes.

The Band of the Grenadier Guards are BACK in Saddleworth!!!!

Organised by Saddleworth School, The Band of the Grenadier Guards will be in Uppermill on Friday 21st October. As this is an inset day, school is closed, and it might be a nice thing for the children to do with parents or grandparents. When they came last time we took some of the music students and they absolutely loved it.

The parade starts at 11:00am at Court Street goes towards Museum car park (turns around) then parades to the Shalimar (turns around) and ends up in King George V playing fields (Uppermill Park), where a short 20/25 minute performance will take place for the general public, finishing at 12/ 12:30pm

This will be a great Saddleworth community event, if the weather stays dry!

ADVANCE WARNING - there will be some short road closures to allow this parade to take place – parking in Uppermill village will be at a premium on this morning.

In the event of poor weather this event will be cancelled.



Is your child interested in playing a musical instrument?

Our musical instrument tuition is provided by Oldham Music Service and is offered to children in current year 2 - year 6.

We currently have have spaces in woodwind, voice, and guitar. While the brass, percussion and keyboard groups are currently full, you are welcome to register your child's interest, as if we have enough children to make a new group we can request this from the music service.

If you want to know more about the music lessons in school in the mean time, 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.

Please contact the school office for further information.

Plea from Diggle Dandelions

Diggle Dandelions equipment is being damaged by children playing on the outdoor items in the y3/4 pick-up area / outside the BASC area, particularly at school pickup.

When collecting children from BASC / y3 / y4, please DO NOT let your children play on any of the equipment. Diggle Dandelions are a not for profit nursery, which relies heavily on donations. They cannot afford to keep replacing and repairing items broken especially by those outside of their control.

Notices

Parent Pay

Please make sure your Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date. Please consider using the auto top-up function in Parent Pay for dinner money - this enables you to set an automatic payment of an amount you set to be triggered when the account balance gets to a specific point, meaning you don't get in debt.

Childcare and tax free vouchers are up to date as of payments received this week.

Where children have signed up for music tuition, the first term's fees should now be paid at a minimum.

As a reminder all pupils in Years 3-6 pay for their lunches in school unless entitled to Free School Meals.

(see

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/free_school_meals for more info)

When you log into ParentPay.com, and click on the "Parent Login" there are 2 options - Parent FAQs and Parent Login. If you click on Parent FAQs there is comprehensive library of guides on how to use Parent Pay, for example using the transaction history, which shows charges and payments against different items. For example, you can look on Parent Pay transaction history to see if payments made via childcare voucher and taxfree childcare have been applied to your child's account.

MONDAY 31st October - 1st day back



HALLOWEEN MENU

Diggle School

Goul-ash stew with slugs
(Goulash stew with dumplings)

Stuffed Brains
(Stuffed Peppers)

Witches Toenails
(French fries)

Spooky eyeball beans
Swampy Peas

Toxic Waste Smoothies

Halloween Cupcakes

If your scared bring a pack lunch if you dare

Friends of Diggle School
Present The

DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL

Friday 21st- Monday 31st October

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 and Grandpa Greene's priced £3
or buy on ticketsource via the QR code below
and pick up your sheets on the day.



Follow Diggle
Scarecrow Trail for
news and up to date
information about the
spooky trail
Halloween Treats for
all children !

All profits directly benefit the children of
Diggle School
Registered Charity Number 1035075



Every Child Deserves The Best Possible Start
The Early Years Statutory Framework

Diggle Dandelions is a community Pre-school and playgroup providing high quality care and education for children age two to five years. We offer a safe, supportive, vibrant and stimulating environment in which your child can play and learn. With a choice of session times throughout the week during term-time. We offer small group sizes with qualified, experienced and dedicated staff. Located in the grounds of Diggle Primary school.



Diggle Dandelions

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Free early
education places
for 2 year olds*



30 hours
free childcare

for working parents of
3 and 4 year olds

Amazon Smile

As we approach Christmas, if you make any purchases on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and setting your chosen charity to Friends of Diggle School.

You can set this on the Amazon App by clicking the 3 horizontal lines to access the menu, then selecting "settings" from the list and then Amazon Smile. You need to renew this action every 6 months or it reverts back to non-smile Amazon.

To shop online via a browser make sure you go to Smile.Amazon.co.uk rather than just normal Amazon, and the charity you are supporting should appear under the search bar - make sure it says Friends of Diggle School.

Every bit of money FODS raises comes back into school, and Amazon Smile is a great way to help just by doing your normal shopping.



Poppy Appeal - merchandise for sale (after Half Term)

We are proud of our continued support of the British Legion here in school, and once again we are selling the Poppy Appeal items via Parent Pay at the suggested prices below, as well as the paper poppies at 20p. There are limited items of each and will be on a first come first served basis – colours will be distributed at random.

These items are will be available on Parent Pay from Monday 31st October.

As with last year, we will also added a line for a general donation to the British Legion. No-one is obliged to donate using this option, however we appreciate many people do not carry cash with them any more to donate to street collectors. There are other ways to donate directly to the British Legion – search online for details. All donations via Parent Pay will be passed onto the Royal British Legion in full.



Zip pull - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Reflector - **Suggested** Donation: 50p

Silicon wristband - **Suggested** Donation: £1.00

Snap band - **Suggested** Donation: £1.50

IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF



Young Lungs at Work

No Idling Please

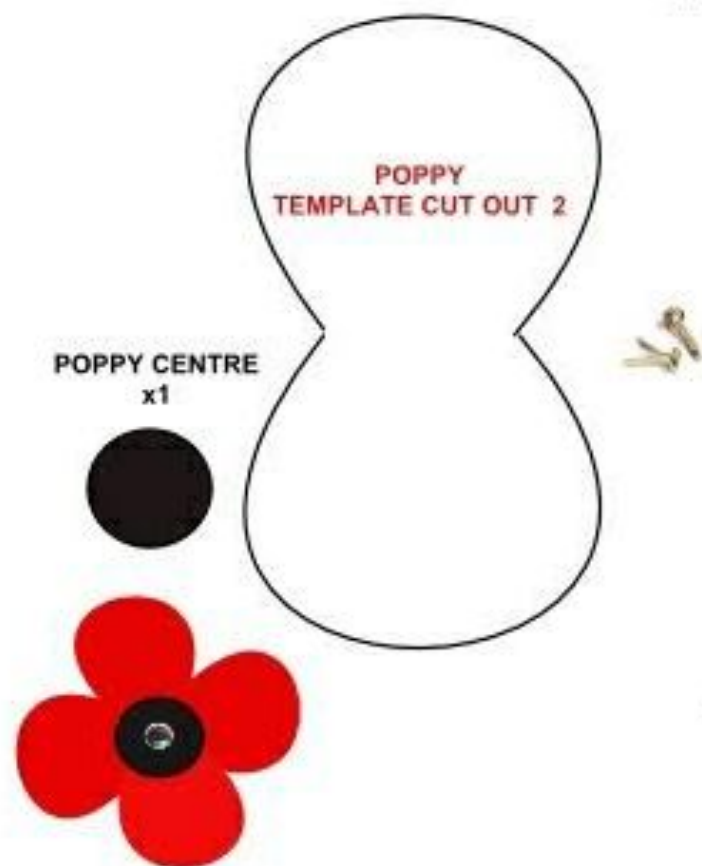
Now the weather is turning cold, please can we remind parents not to sit in their cars with the engine running when parked on the roadside. Idling creates a hot-spot of concentrated emissions which the passing children are then breathing in.

The Highway Code states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

Thinking about Remembrance Day

Would you like to design a waterproof poppy or follow the instructions here ?
Kilngreen Church, Diggle are creating an outdoor display at the Church and would like everyone to join in to help create the display.

Your poppy creations can be left with Mrs Hamilton at Diggle School by the 21st of October or you may wish to take them to Kilngreen for **Saturday 5th Nov.** to attach to the poppy cascade.
You may leave a message on the reverse of the poppy to remember people lost in the wars & conflicts over the years.



Thank you

POPPY INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE A WATERPROOF POPPY

You will need :-

Red Foam sheet

(or any kind of waterproof plastic or cloth)

Black Foam sheet

(or any kind of waterproof plastic or cloth)

A split pin or needle & thread to join the pieces together

1. Cut out two templates in red (any size)
2. Cut out one black circle
3. Put the red shapes crossways & add the poppy centre
4. Place the split pin through the centre and secure at the back or attach using thread.
5. Attach thread to make a loop to hang your poppy

DIGGLE BAND CLUB

FANCY DRESS **FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY**

WITH

DJ - DISCO ANNIE'S DINKY DISCO
(MUSIC, DANCING AND GAMES FOR ALL AGES)

PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS COSTUMES

29th
OCTOBER

7.00pm - Late

£3.00 per Adult and Children go free!

for tickets phone 07876 558699 or 07812 076974

Diggle Band Club, Bankfield House, Huddersfield Road, Diggle. OL3 5PJ

KILNGREEN CRAFT FAIR

**WITH
POP UP SHOPS**

**KILNGREEN CHURCH HALL
LEESIDE
DIGGLE**

**SATURDAY
5th NOVEMBER**

12.00 pm

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3.00 pm

TOYS

FASHION & ACCESSORIES

CANDLES

HAND CRAFTED JEWELLERY

LUXURY CHOCOLATES

PEBBLE ART

CARDS

LUXURY HAMPERS

SWEET TREATS

NOVELTY KNITS

KNITTED HATS

HANDCRAFTED WOODEN GIFTS

HAND STITCHED GOODS

CHRISTMAS THEMED ITEMS
AND MORE

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REFRESHMENTS