



DIGGLE STARS

Isla Smith - for always being ready to learn and always working and behaving **responsibly**.

Lily Hazlehurst - for a fantastic effort in her independent writing.

Florence Howard - for a fantastic effort in her independent writing.

Kassidy Rothwell - for being reflective and making a big improvement on her handwriting.

Mason Shuttleworth - for good improvement with his reading this half term.

Charlie Hardisty-Lomax - for his fantastic science work on endangered animals.

Finlay Johnson - for being super respectful and helping others.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Thank you to all parents for making such an effort with your child's Break The Rules Halloween costumes. Everyone looked amazing and had a lovely day. There are some fantastic photo's below . Big thanks go to FODS for organising the day overall.

As we head into half term we are thankfully once more Covid free in school at the moment. Should your child test positive either Friday or Saturday please can you email me

head@diggle.oldham.sch.uk as I will need to complete test and trace paperwork for these days.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 1st November. In order for us to continue to keep up the battle against Covid it would be really helpful if all children could do a lateral flow test on the Sunday before returning to school on the Monday.

That way should anyone have come into contact with a case over half term we can hopefully stop it from coming into school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 30 Oct - Hogwarts at Halloween

Mon 1 Nov - School reopens

Wed 3 Nov - School photograph day
(individual)

w/c Mon 8 Nov - Parents Evening Week

Thurs 11 Nov - Nasal Flu Vaccines

Mon 13 Dec - Panto day

Tues 14 Dec - Effort Grades sent home

Wed 15 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance
2.15-3.00

Thurs 16 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance
9.15-10.00 and 11.00-11.45

Thurs 16 Dec - Y 3&4 Christmas Party

Fri 17 Dec - Class R Nativity am and pm
performance times TBC

Mon 20 Dec - R 1 & 2 Christmas Party am

Mon 20 Dec - Y 5&6 Christmas Party PM

Tues 21 Dec - Christmassy Non-Uniform and
Christmas Dinner Day

Tues 21 Dec - Finish for Christmas.

Thurs 6 Jan 2022 - New Term starts



Class R

This week in Class R we have been super busy! In Maths, we have been practicing forming numbers with our magic fingers as well as organising pumpkins into size order. In Phonics we have been recapping set 1 sounds and our blending. In RE, we have been discussing our special places at home and why they are special. We then started to discuss our special places in school. After this, we started to look at different religions and their special places. We have celebrated Halloween in multiple ways this week in Class R, we started with making pumpkin lanterns and pulling funny faces what we might use. After this, we have decorated cookies, made pumpkins, sweets and bats with playdough and danced to spooky music.

Class 1

This week has been computing week in Class 1. We have used the ipads to learn about e-safety such as keeping our passwords secure and using an avatar instead of photo of ourselves. We have also learnt how to log in and log out of Purple Mash which is the platform for our computing scheme of work. We have explored how to use Purple Mash including saving and opening our work and how to see the teachers comments. We have learnt how to add pictures and text to a document and how to add data to a pictogram. In Science we learnt about the sense of touch. We used a feely box to put our hands in with and without a sock covering our hand to see how it affected our sense of touch. We then used feely bags in our groups to see if we could use touch alone to identify and describe the feel of the objects. In Theme we learnt about the story of Grace Darling and her heroic rescue at sea over 200 years ago. We ordered events from her life on a timeline. We had a great break the rules day and really enjoyed seeing each others costumes. We had fun reading the story a Magical Muddle and enjoyed writing potions of our own. We also made spooky paper chain decorations and used playdough to make a range of halloween themed items.

Class 2

Class 2 have been busy with Science this week. We have been learning all about everyday materials, their properties and uses. We found out that everything is made up of different materials. When we want to make something we need to choose the best material for the job. The property of a material is something about it that we can measure, see or feel and helps us decide whether or not it is the best material. We enjoyed finding out about wood, metal, glass and paper. These materials have more than one property. We learned lots of good vocabulary including strong, weak, heavy, light, rough, smooth, shiny, dull, hard, soft, flexible, transparent, opaque, elastic. In our maths work this week we have continued to focus on shape. We have worked with 3D shapes, counting the sides, vertices and edges.

Our phonics this week has focussed on ea and ee, ie and igh, oy and oi and ir and ur. We are getting better at using the phonics we know to read and spell. We had a fantastic day breaking all the rules on Thursday...have a look at our facebook post for some pictures!



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



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 enjoyed some Forest School activities; creating Woolly Mammoths and Woolly Rhinos on the ground, tracking each other and creating pictures with mud and crushed leaves. We learnt about The Iron Age and enjoyed sharing our homework projects. In maths we have been learning how to do column addition and subtraction. Break the Rules day was great fun with jokes and fantastic costumes..thank you FODS 😊

Class 4

This week in English we have written Halloween Acrostic Poems. We made sure to include lots of descriptive language. We had a challenging maths lesson where we had to solve the mystery of the missing Halloween pumpkins by answering maths questions which would reveal the identity of the person who had taken the pumpkins. In theme we learnt about The Iron Age and designed our own warriors. We discussed Environmental Dangers in our science lesson and used the iPads to research endangered species and completed a fact file about our chosen animal. The children enjoyed forest school where they produced a cave painting. We have all really enjoyed Break the Rules Day. Thank you FODS.

Class 5

This week in class 5 we have continued with calculating the area of different shapes, moving on to irregular shapes where the children had to use their estimating skills when counting part of squares that the shapes take up. In English we have looked at using dashes and commas to show parenthesis in our writing, understanding that they can be used like brackets to provide us with extra information. In Theme we have looked at Viking runes and wrote messages for others to decode using these and also looked at everyday life for a Viking; learning about the gods they believed in, food they ate and clothing that they wore.

Class 6

This week in class 6 we have been calculating missing angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and on a straight line in maths. We did a SPAG assessment in English. In science, we have finished our experiment with the mouldy bread to find out what conditions mould grows fastest - we had to make conclusions from our findings. Also, we went to the duck pond (our local area) behind Diggle Day Nursery to look for organisms which live in Diggle, to classify. On the last day of this term (today/Thursday) we had another break the rules day. We watched the movie Labyrinth and got party bags.

By Kassidy and Jenny

!!!!BEST FIRST TERM EVER!!!

Y5 & 6 Careers Week

We have also enjoyed taking part in careers week this week where we have been given the opportunity to listen to people who work in different industries to learn more about the different jobs which are available. We have spoken with representatives from: Oldham Community Leisure who have explained and spoken about all of the different jobs roles which are involved in sports ranging from commentators, physiotherapists, coaches and photographers; Network Rail who have explained about the roles of civil engineers, environmentalist and project managers and how they work collaboratively to work on large projects; Leigh Management who explained job roles within the digital marketing sector such as influencers in social media and also managing product pages for companies.





Thankyou FODS



IT'S HALLOWEEN BREAK THE RULES DAY





Cross Country Success

This week a selection of children from years 1-6 represented school in a cross country competition with other schools from the DLP. The different age groups ran distances that ranged from 600m-1.6km.

All children showed respect towards others and great resilience to keep going, even those who fell over, or those who found the distance quite tough. We are extremely proud of how the children behaved throughout the event and also the sportsmanship they showed towards others. The children did extremely well and 7 of our runners placed in the top 3 of their respective races. At the end of the event the points for the children in all races were added together and we also received the overall winners trophy!

Thank you to all of the runners on the day, parents and staff who helped make this event possible. We hope it is the start of many of sporting events which we can take part in this year.



Notices

Catering

There is a new menu starting after half term - this is on the school website under Virtual Office.

You can have a look at the amazing food being served up via photos on our facebook page.

If your child usually has packed lunches but would like to try school dinners they just need tell the teacher at morning registration when dinner choice is made. Dinners are £2.40 per meal for years 3-6 and should be paid for in advance.

Parent Pay

Please make sure you start the new half term with all fees paid (music and BASC) and dinner money in credit.

Please also take a moment to check your personal details are up to date to ensure you receive the communications in a timely manner.

School Photographs

The individual school photographs will be taken on the Wednesday of the first week back - we will be taking photographs of children on their own and with siblings where siblings are in school. We will not be opening this up to siblings not at Diggle School.

School uniform

Over half term - please make sure all cardigans, jumpers, hoodies, coats, hats, gloves and wellies are **clearly named**. We have increasing numbers of un-named items in school that cannot easily be returned to their owners.

BEAVERS

cubs

Would your child enjoy Beavers or Cubs?



Then why not make it happen? Beavers and Cubs are temporarily closed in Diggle after the leaders stepped down, so some enthusiastic volunteers are needed to get things going again. Most new leaders have no previous experience, so a full programme of training is provided.

Scouting is for boys and girls: Beavers are aged 6-8 years, Cubs 8-10 years and Scouts 10-14 years. Scouting is about giving young people skills for life: the confidence to try

something new, to take on a challenge, to think on their feet and work with others. It's about adventures and fun.

As a former leader, I am happy to chat to anyone who would like to find out more about running Beavers, Cubs or Scouts in Diggle. I can explain what is involved and signpost to training, support, activity planning ideas and information on COVID-19 safety considerations.

You don't have to be Bear Grylls. As a parent you are already an organiser, a communicator, a planner, a teacher, an encourager and a role model. If you are interested in taking on the running of Beavers or Cubs in Diggle, get in touch: Sue Steele scoutingindiggle@yahoo.com

Hogwarts at Halloween

FODS have sent out the tickets to Hogwarts at Halloween today - please contact [friendsofdiggleschool @ gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdiggleschool@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

They are also asking for volunteers to help set the room up (any help between 9am and 2pm) and pack it down again (from 7pm) please get in contact with FODS if you can help.

Diggle Village Olympics

A huge well done to all involved in this year's Diggle Village Olympics team - the organisers and volunteer coaches, the participants and the parents. Diggle School are very proud to be able to support the team over the summer break with a safe and secure place to practice, and share equipment too.

We would like to say a big thank you to the Diggle Team Committee for the donation given to school - we are very grateful for your generous support.

We would also like to thank the committee for presenting the school with a new hockey stick ... the original one was broken through sheer determination in matchplay!



The Diggle Team are very proud to have been awarded the Frank Sykes Fair Play Award. This is given each year to the village who shows an excellent attitude, demonstrating **Respect and Resilience**. It was awarded to the Diggle Team due to the amazing

attitude shown not only by the participants, in both victory and defeat, but also the respect shown by the Diggle Team supporters too - the parents, carers, family members and siblings.

So well DONE to all involved - this award in particular is something to be very proud of.

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 will be available on Parent Pay from Monday 1st November.

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.

