



DIGGLE STARS

Phoenix Broadhurst - For always putting his hand up, and for being super helpful in the classroom

Seth Mallalieu - For always having a super attitude towards school and learning

Toby Dickinson - for consistently following our 6Rs.

Flora Gyongyosi - For great Non-Chronological Report writing and fact finding.

Poppy Stevenson - Trying really hard with her maths work and making really good progress

Oscar Asquith - Oscar is always ready to learn and shows respect. He is always responsible for keeping his desk tidy.

Thomas Hampson - for excellent effort in all lessons and fantastic reasoning in maths and a great setting description in English



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

There are a couple of articles further down the newsletter this week that have important information regarding school band rehearsal dates and also email communications with the office. Please ensure you read these.

On Monday we are celebrating 'Abilities in Me' day by asking all the children to come to school in bright colours. Please see the article further down the newsletter for full information.

The children are really engaged in our Penny Wars and it is lovely to see them every morning putting their money into the jars, please keep sending in your coppers. I would like to say a big thank you to FODS for organising this wonderful event that creates a real buzz in school.

This week's Percy Pigeon Award is going to Class R.

Congratulations!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 25th Sept - "Abilities in Me Day" - wear bright colours

Wed 27th Sept - Y5&6 Viking Day visit

Thurs 19th Oct - FODS Break the Rules Day

Fri 20th Oct - Staff Inset - school closed

Mon 23-Fri 27th Oct - Half Term

14th Nov - Flu vaccinations

Thurs 23rd Nov - Open day

Wed 29th Nov - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs

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

We have asked the question 'what makes me special?' this week and had loads of fun looking at the different answers. We have read the book *Super Duper You* and *The Colour Monster*.

We have continued to discuss how to behave in school. We read *Hippo owns up*, *Monkey needs to listen*, *Elephant learns to share*, *Lion's in a flap* and *Giraffe is left out*.

The children started their first ever maths lessons this week.

We looked at matching pictures and objects. We played matching games in our maths area, and on the class iPad. We also matched sets of things.

Unfortunately, the weather this week has kept us indoors for lots of the time. We have used the colours of *The Colour Monster* to sort objects. We have also made handprints in our favourite paint colours and discussed what makes us special.

In between all of this we have watched yoga, mindfulness and exercise videos on the screen. The children are definitely getting used to being in school now, and will be even more independent next week when they rely less on their buddies at break times.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have continued reading the story of the Rainbow Fish. We completed speech bubbles to show what the little blue fish said to the rainbow fish and wrote his reply. We completed a character profile of the rainbow fish, writing words to describe his personality and his appearance. We also sequenced pictures from the story and practised retelling orally. In Maths we have continued our work on place value within 10. We have learnt how to find one less than a number and compare groups by matching. We have practised the use of the terms fewer, more and the same as well as introducing the terms less than, greater than and equal to along with the symbols which represent these. In Theme we learnt about the physical features of the seaside. We looked closely at a seaside photograph and labelled features such as beach, sea, cave, cliffs. We also looked at photos of rock pools and a bay.

In Science we continued our work on animals including humans and learnt about our sense of sight. We looked closely at our eyes and named the different parts such as iris, pupil, eyelashes, eyelids and eyebrows. We then worked in pairs to test whether two eyes work better than one. We covered one eye whilst our partner waved a counter over a cup. We had to tell our partner to drop the counter when we thought it was over the cup.

Class 2

This week in class two we have been learning about place value. We have used different types of equipment to make two digit numbers and partition them in different ways. We have also been adding multiples of ten to a two digit number.

In English we have continued our work on The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch and have used geographical vocabulary to write about coastal areas making sure we use punctuation in the correct places.

In Science we have continued learning about habitats, we have investigated a coastal habitat and looked at the plants and animals which live there. We then looked at examples of herbivores, carnivores and omnivores which live in woodland habitats and created some food chains

We had a fantastic P.E. lesson practising the different types of over arm throwing and using hoops and cones as targets!



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have used their volcano fact finding to put sentences together to produce paragraphs. We used subheadings to help group our sentences. We then edited our work and produced a final Non-Chronological Report on volcanoes, including a table, pictures and captions. Look out for them on Facebook! In Maths, we have been using apparatus to learn about Place Value. We have been looking at Hundreds Tens and Ones and finding 1, 10 100 more/less than a number. In Computing, we continued our E-safety and used Duolingo to help us with our French.

Class 4

This week Class 4 have been working on their Non-Chronological Reports about earthquakes. They used their notes from our theme lesson last week and had to think of three questions that they felt someone would want to know about earthquakes -these became the subheadings on their reports.

In Science, we have been learning about sound and specifically how sound is caused by vibrations. The children did a sound walk around the school grounds to identify different sounds and decide what was vibrating to cause the sound.

In Maths, we have been representing and partitioning numbers to 10,000. The children quickly picked up the idea of converting 100s to 1000s and 10s to 100s to find more or less than a given number.

In P.E. we continued looking at blocking and defending. The children had to stay on their toes, scan the area and move sideways in order to block the opposing team getting past.

Class 5

This week in Maths class 5 have been focusing on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000. In English we have read the second chapter of Beowulf. We have done lots of descriptive writing such as describing what the villain's lair looks like, using metaphors, similes and alliteration to create the correct atmosphere.

In Science we have looked at the distance between planets and were shocked at how close to the sun we actually are!

Class 6

This week in Maths, class 6 have continued to look at place value and specifically looked at ordering and comparing numbers up to 10,000,000, and for the last few days we have been refreshing our rounding skills. In Science we have started to learn about classification of living things and we have thought about how we would group certain animals depending on their different characteristics. In English this week we have been focusing on writing a setting description for Grendel's lair, where we have thought carefully about our vocabulary choices and writing features to create the correct atmosphere.

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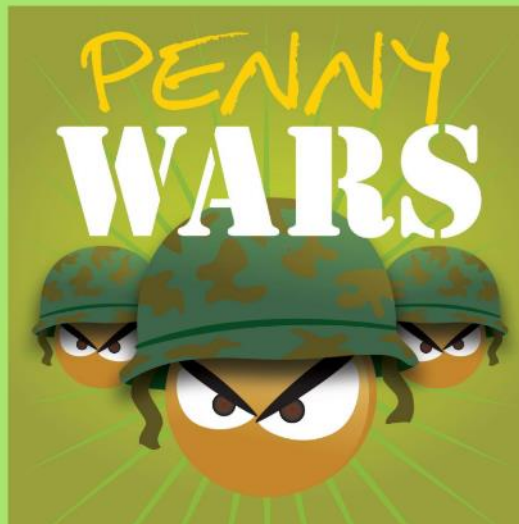


Our Penny Wars battle is continuing thanks to our amazing FODS volunteers. It's not too late to get involved. Get your pennies out - and let battle commence!

Start saving your pennies...

Penny Wars is back!

Monday 18th - Friday 29th September



Work together to win your class a prize! Prize to be chosen by the winning class.

GAIN points by adding 1p and 2p coins to your class jar
LOWER other class totals by adding silver coins to their jar

Copper coins
ADD to the class
total

Silver coins
SUBTRACT from
the class total

FODS will add up all copper coin totals and deduct silver coin totals to determine which class is the winner.

FODS
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL



It's non-stop for FODS, here are some more of the amazing things that they've got planned...

FODS		UPCOMING EVENTS 2023/24	
SEP	MON 18TH - FRI 29TH SEPTEMBER	PENNY WARS	
OCT	THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER	HALLOWEEN BREAK THE RULES DAY HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT BAGS	
OCT	FRI 20TH - TUES 31ST OCTOBER	DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL	
NOV	NOVEMBER	CHRISTMAS CARDS	
DEC	FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER	FODS BIG CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT	
DEC	DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS HAMPERS	
FEB	FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY	BREAK THE RULES DAY	
MAR	THURSDAY 7TH MARCH	WILLY WONKA'S GOLDEN TICKET!	
MAR	VARIOUS DATES IN MARCH	MOTHER'S DAY SALE	
MAR	FRIDAY 28TH MARCH	FODS EASTER EGG HUNT RAINBOW RAFFLE	
MAR	FRI 29TH MARCH - SUN 14TH APRIL	DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL	
MAY	FRIDAY 3RD MAY	WACKY RACES	
JUN	VARIOUS DATES IN JUNE	FATHER'S DAY SALE	
JUN	SUMMER EVENT TBC		
JUL	SUMMER EVENT TBC		



Friends of Diggle School
Present The

DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL

Friday 20th - Tuesday 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, 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.

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

BOOK NOW



FODS FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

All profits directly benefit the children of Diggle School
Registered Charity Number: 1033075

Christmas Cards

I know, I know, nobody wants to be reminded, but it's not too many sleeps until Christmas. Once again FODS are arranging for the children to be able to create their own Christmas cards. Templates will be going out today, and the class teachers will be emailing with more details. The deadline for designs to be returned to school is the 2nd October. We can't wait to see your festive creations.



A BIG THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to FODS and our fantastic parents who have raised an amazing £140!

“Abilities In Me” Day - Monday 25th September

We are excited to tell you that we will be having a fundraising day on Monday to celebrate diversity and raise money for a fantastic charity. The *Abilities in Me Foundation* writes children’s stories based on real children with a range of conditions. Money raised goes into: creating more books to help raise awareness, supporting school SEND projects and running family support events which they are looking to expand across the UK.

The *Abilities in Me Foundation* aims to raise awareness of special educational needs and conditions that children may encounter. These books help everyone understand different conditions better, and help everyone to live rewarding and fulfilling lives together in their local communities. The ever-growing book series written for young people celebrates what these children **can** do, rather than what they *cannot* do.

If you’d like to find out more, please go to:
www.theabilitiesinme.com

What we want you to do:

Wear bright colours on Monday for a 50p donation
(you are welcome to donate more should you wish to)
Children should bring their cash donation with them on the day.



Notices

School Meals

The menu for school dinners is on the school website -
<https://www.diggleschool.co.uk/school-meals>

Next week is Week 3. 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.

Flu Vaccine Forms

Please return your child’s flu vaccination form - we need the form back regardless of whether you are consenting or not.

School Band Rehearsal Dates

The school band rehearsals have now started and Mr Byers was very pleased with the start the children made last week. Thank you to everyone who brought 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. Please note the first date is next Tuesday.

Tuesday 26th September 2023

Tuesday 31st October 2023

Tuesday 28th November 2023

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Tuesday 6th February 2024

Tuesday 27th February 2024

Tuesday 12th March 2024

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Tuesday 7th May 2024

Tuesday 4th June 2024

Tuesday 26th June 2024

Tuesday 16th July 2024

Not Quite Goodbye to Mrs Whitehead

This week sees Mrs Whitehead's last full week in school as she has secured a new part time job working as a gardener at Dr Kershaw's Hospice. She is very excited about this new venture and all the staff and children at school wish her well in her new job.

Luckily we are not losing her altogether from the Diggle Team as she is still going to work for school on the finance side, and this is something we are very pleased about. However, you will no longer see her around school during the day.

Going forward if you want to email the office please can you use the attendance@diggleschool.co.uk address and not individual staff members emails. This attendance email is monitored by all staff and therefore your email will definitely be seen and responded to. If you email an individual member of staff they might not necessarily be checking their emails especially if they are not in work for any reason.

Thank you
Mrs Whitehead
and good luck in
your new role!



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 or joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



Harry in Class 4 was chosen by Saddleworth St Chad Parish Church Heritage Committee as a 'Young Artist' finalist for their art exhibition. Artists could choose a subject to paint that reminded them of Saddleworth. Harry chose to paint a colourful duck who has made Diggle Duck pond its home. Well done Harry.



Teddy in Class 4 has recently signed for Oldham Athletic. Here are some great pictures of him 'signing on' with the the Oldham Athletic Academy Manager Paul Murray. Amazing work Teddy. We can't wait to see you playing for the first team.



Florence who has just left Class 6 is doing wonderful things in the world of netball. As part of Oldham Netball Club, Florence won a tournament all the way down in Nottingham. Congratulations Florence. Come and show us your medal when you're passing.



KILNGREEN CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE



SUNDAY
1st
OCTOBER

10.00 am

PLEASE JOIN US AT :-
DIGGLE ALLOTMENTS
WARD LANE
DIGGLE

EVERYONE WELCOME

SEATING AVAILABLE

WITH
ACCOMPANIMENT
FROM
DIGGLE BAND

DURING THE SERVICE
WE WILL BE
COLLECTING
CASH DONATIONS
FOR CHARITY

DONATIONS FOR THE
LOCAL FOOD-BANK
CAN BE BROUGHT
ALONG ON THE DAY
THANK YOU

BREAKFAST
BUTTIES
&
DRINKS
AVAILABLE ON SALE AT:-
THE GATE INN
DIGGLE

ALL WELCOME
TO

THE NEARLY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

AT
KILNGREEN CHURCH
LEESIDE
DIGGLE

WITH
POP UP SHOPS

SATURDAY
4th NOV.

12.00pm
Until
3.00pm

REFRESHMENTS
Including Mulled Wine

&
Mince Pies

FREE ADMISSION

RAFFLE

BOOKS
CANDLES
JEWELLERY
NOVELTY KNITS
LUXURY CHOCOLATES
HAND STITCHED GOODS
FASHION & ACCESSORIES
HANDCRAFTED WOODEN GIFTS
CHRISTMAS ITEMS & MORE