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DIGGLE STAR - 23/10/20



THE DIGGLE STARS

Remie Heron – for RE work this half term. For her effort, **reasoning** and thoughtfulness.

All of Class 1 – for their fantastic **Resilience** whilst learning from home.

Jayden Brendel – for his excellent questioning and contributions in class.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

Thank you to everyone who made such an effort with their children's attire for the Break the Rules day. The day has been a wonderful way to round off a very strange first half term back in school and I would like to thank the FODS team and the school staff for going all out to ensure that the children had a great day.

Parents evening will be taking place the week beginning the 9th November. These will take place either over Zoom or Google Classroom depending on which platform your child's teacher is most comfortable with using. Each class teacher will be contact their parents and let them know which days and times they will have slots available. They will ask you to indicate if there is a time that definitely won't work for you, but will then allocate you a slot rather than you choosing one as is our normal routine. The slots will be for 10 minutes as usual. This is a very different way of working for the staff, so I ask that you be as patient and flexible as you can. However, we really wanted to facilitate something as face-to-face and personal as possible in these challenging times.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Under the “new normal”, we are unfortunately not able to hold any events in school, therefore there will not be any class assemblies, performances or concerts for the foreseeable future. Neither are we currently planning any class visits this term. Parents evening will be held online and more details will be forthcoming nearer the time.

Fri 23rd Oct – staff inset day – school closed to pupils

26-30 Oct – half term

**FODS HALLOWEEN TRAIL
FODS RUN FOR FUN**

**2nd Nov - first day back of half term
w/c 9th Nov – virtual parents evening**

18th Dec – finish for Christmas

**Mon 4th Jan – staff inset day
Tues 5th Jan – Spring term starts**



See our Facebook page for details of this activity



Class Information

Class R – This week, there has definitely been something spooky happening in Class R. We have been learning the story 'Room on the Broom', by Julia Donaldson. To help us retell the story, we made our own brooms with sticks we collected around school, (we made sure to make a broom with plenty of room). We also made some 'wanted posters' for the dragon, using the descriptive language we have been developing throughout this half term. In Maths, we have made potions, counting out ingredients and talking about capacity. In Phonics, we learnt the new sounds; h, e, f & l. Finally, we really enjoyed 'Break the Rules' day on Thursday, everyone had a costume, some were really scary, and we had a little party with dancing to Halloween music, decorations, and unhealthy snacks!. Have a great half term. Well done for you fab first half term, Class R!

Class 1 – Class 1 have been fantastic over the past two weeks and have produced some excellent work whilst learning from home. It has been lovely to see them back in school for the end of this week and enjoy a super break the rules day! In Maths this week we have been learning about measuring length, height and weight. We have enjoyed completing some practical activities to compare and order length and weight and use non standard measures to record these. In English we have been predicting what might happen next in the story of the Bog baby and we have written ideas about what we would have done in that situation. We have also considered what characters could be thinking or feeling. In Theme we have been thinking about the different jobs that people do in our local area and recorded what these jobs are and what they involve.

Class 2 – We have been working on writing descriptive sentences this week using the colours and sights of Autumn. We are going to add them to our Autumn display of poems, hedgehogs and colourful leaves! In maths we have been learning how to use empty number lines to add and subtract in jumps of 10. We had a fun day to finish off the half term where we broke all the rules! We had some great costumes and hairstyles, lots of chocolate got eaten and even the teachers came in their PJ's.



As some children have had a disrupted half term due to self isolation we have decided for the foreseeable future to issue effort grades once a term rather than half term-ly. That way we can hopefully ensure that all the children have a good number of weeks in school to base the grades on. Teacher's will of course discuss your child's effort at parent's evening, week beginning the 9th November.

Class Information

Class 3 – This week we have been learning about Shape poems in English. We listened to some and looked at how they were formed and then wrote one about a pumpkin which are displayed in the classroom. We also created a class word bank for autumn leaves before writing another shape poem for our books. In art, we have completed our Egyptian papyrus work and they look fantastic. We had a spooky finish to the week with Halloween activities and great costumes, jokes and treats for 'Break the Rules Day'. Have a great Half Term!

Class 4 – We began our new unit of sequences in maths this week. We have counted up and down in 6s, 7s and 9s to find missing numbers. In English we have again practiced our handwriting and some children have been having fun making the most of their new pen licences. In science we finished our unit by creating our own animals and thinking about their habitats. We looked at the journey to the afterlife in theme and then used Microsoft Word in computing to create a comic strip. We finished the half term with a blast by breaking the rules! The costumes were fantastic.

Class 5 - In Maths this week the children have started to look at the formal multiplication method. A lot of the children have found that they can understand how to set the work out but have struggled when faced with times tables that they are not confident with. In Theme, we have looked at the different roles of women and how they changed in the war to help with the war effort! The children also took part in the 'Show Racism the Red Card' talk about really enjoyed asking questions to two ex Manchester City players. We have finished off the week writing a spooky setting description to go with the 'break the rules' day theme.

Class 6 - This week, in English, we have researched the Holocaust. From this, we made notes on key information. We then used this information to create a non-chronological report about it. In theme, we created some amazing Blitz art. To do this, we mixed paint to create a gradient background which looked like a firey sky. We then used black paper to create a silhouette city skyline. We identified landmarks of London so that we could include these. In maths, we have been working on converting fractions to decimals and percentages. The children worked incredibly hard on this.

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Diggle Run for Fun

Take part in the Diggle Run for Fun & help raise funds for Diggle Primary School

There are three distance options, 1km, 5km or 10km. There is no limit on age, ability and you can take part as many times as you like!

The cost to enter is **£3 for Children** & **£5 for Adults**—all profits will be donated to Diggle School. Put all that lockdown exercise to the test!

You can run for fun, anytime between Friday 23rd October and Sunday 1st November in your own time. **Please ensure you comply with the government social distancing requirements.** Winners from each distance will receive prizes and all participants will receive a race medal, there will be special prizes for Diggle School Classes. Winners will be announced on Sunday 7th November.

All races begin at the start of the canal tow path off Sam Road, Diggle, towards Uppermill. The 1km mid point is opposite Grandpa Green's, the 5km mid point is the just before the centre of Uppermill, both are return routes along the canal. The 10km is a loop with mid point on the Delph Donkey near the end of Shutt Lane and involves running alongside the road and some steep sections. There are race markers as you run.

How to Enter:

For families at Diggle School please enter via Parent Pay. Alternatively enter by emailing friendsofdiggleschool@gmail.com including the name of all participants the distance and a contact number, making payment via BACS using your name as the reference. Account Number 30335388 Sort Code 01-08-99. Please register by Friday 29th October.

Race

Complete your race, record your time and email it to us (we trust you) including for all participants, name, Diggle school class, distance and time.

Please feel free to share your run photos with us on our facebook page!
Good luck & have fun!



See email sent via parent pay for full details of the routes.

DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL



TRAIL SHEET £3

Trail sheets available from Grandpa Greens (cash only) or The Diggle Hotel (cash or card)



Friends of Diggle School

FODS DOSH

DOSH Monthly 50:50 Draw

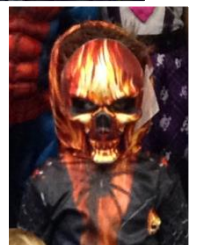
For just £2 per month you can be entered into a monthly cash draw to **win up to £50!**

DOSH is a great way to benefit all the children at the school whilst giving you a great chance at winning cash prizes.

Sign up now and pay via ParentPay
Contact FODS for more details

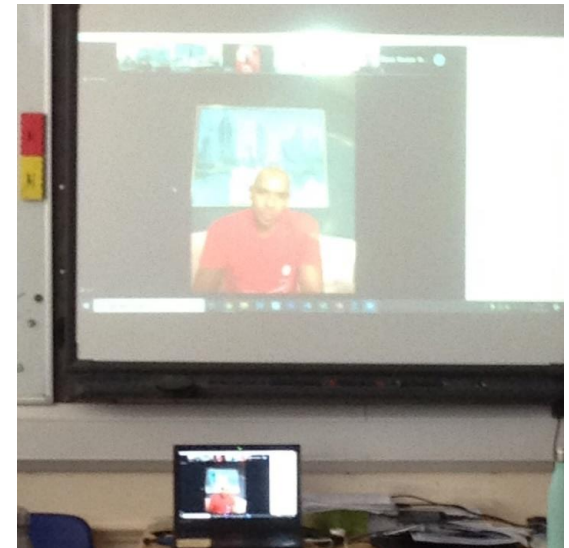


BREAK THE RULES AT HALLOWEEN!



Show Racism the Red Card

On Tuesday Classes 5 and 6 had the opportunity to talk to Alex Williams and Trevor Sinclair, two ex professional footballers who used to play for Manchester City, about how they had personally been affected by racism. Before the zoom call we briefly spoke about what racism was and tried to think of a bank of questions that the children could ask. Once on the zoom call the children watched an educational video to give some more information before the Question and answer session. Both Alex and Trevor commented on how thoughtful some of the questions were and some of these will also be passed on to the Manchester City first team, where the players will answer the questions too.



Some quotes from the children about what how they felt after the talk and what they have learnt:

'If others who experience racism themselves can watch the video and take part in the talks to help them know what to do and who to go to for help' GP

'From watching the video I learnt the extent of how racism can affect people and that children are also the victims of racism' MC

'Treat other how you want to be treated' HW

'Racism is serious and happens more often than I thought' EB

'I have learnt that you shouldn't judge other people and to spread the word' FD

'It is nice to hear that things have started to change for the better, but it still needs to improve' AB

'Some stories were upsetting but we have learnt about it so we can understand how others should be treated and to stand up when we know something is wrong.' JE

'It showed me how mean some people can be, but for no reason at all' PG

'Listening to them talk about their own experiences made it easier to understand' SS



Writing Competition

Northern Roots is creating the UK's largest urban farm and eco-park on 160-acres of green space five minutes from the centre of Oldham. We've just launched our first ever **Northern Roots Creative Writing Competition** and wanted to let our children, families and communities know about it. It closes on Monday 9th November.

The Competition is free to enter, is open to anyone living, working or studying in Oldham, and has three categories: Children (5-12), Young People (13-17) and Adults (18 and over).

The judging panel features Oldham-based writer **Jacqueline Ward, Nawhal Sarwar**, a writer and student at Oldham College, and TV and radio presenter **Lindsey Chapman**.

We've got some fantastic prizes, including a **Kindle Fire HD8 Plus** for the winner of the Children's category. You can find out more about the Competition at <https://northern-roots.uk/get-involved/northern-roots-creative-writing-competition/>. There is also a PDF attached to the newsletter with full details.

You can follow the Northern Roots project on **Twitter** (@NorthernRootsOL), **Facebook** (NorthernRootsCoop) and **Instagram** (@northernrootsoldham) and our website is <https://northern-roots.uk/>



IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF

No Idling Please



Young Lungs at Work

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."

Class R have had lots of halloween themed fun this week.

OLDHAM FOODBANK

HELPING LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

As the months have gone by, the Foodbank, has been inundated with food requests. The harvest donations and ongoing donations have been of huge importance, but this demand is also impacting the volunteer rota. In particular next week (half term) will be 'tight' due to a number of volunteers being away but the 'ideal' would be more volunteers consistently.

Can you or do you know anyone that can help with the following:
picker/packers delivery drivers (using your own car),
van drivers (a driving licence will need to be brought initially),
organising donations (this is an additional flexible role to help to sort and organise the donations received by the Foodbank between 3.30pm and 6pm – you do not need to attend for the full shift, any time that you can offer is a massive help. You will be guided initially).

Morning shifts are approximately 9.30am to 12.30pm and afternoon shifts are 1.30pm to 4.30pm.

If you can spare some time, especially next week, please let Father Tom Davis, Chair of the Trustees of Oldham Foodbank, or Becky Kershaw (Action Together currently based at the Foodbank) know when you are available on 0161 622 1061.

For those of you who purchase through AMAZON, please consider choosing **Friends of Diggle School** as your preferred charity on Amazon Smile. 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.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



To all our lovely customers and villagers, we are asking you to lend a helping hand over half term next week. We are helping children in need by providing them with a hot meal over the school holidays. We are asking for a £2.50 donation towards the cost of these hot meals. Your support in these trying times is very much appreciated. Please call in or message privately via Facebook for bank transfer details.

Thanks from the team at Diggle Chippy.

St Chad's Church Christmas Card Competition

The annual Christmas card competition is open to the children of the parish of St Chads and Kiln Green, and the winning designs are made into cards and sent to every home in the parish. The theme this year is "light in darkness" (eg stars, angels, candles etc), and should be on A4 paper using paint or felt pens – ie strong colours. Simple is often most effective - remember the design is shrunk. Child's name, age and school should be written on the back clearly but not in a way that will show through on the design.

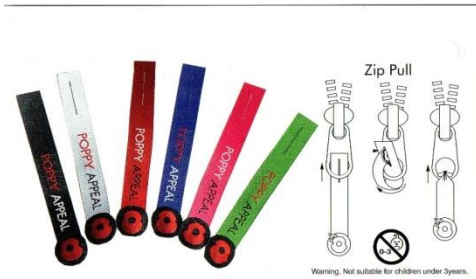
The deadline for entries is Sunday 25th October, and can be taken directly to Church on Sunday 25th before the service - Kiln Green service starts at 9.30am / St Chads Church service starts at 11am.

Poppy Appeal - merchandise for sale

We are proud of our continued support of the British Legion here in school, and to make the process compliant with our Covid Risk Assessment, 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 now on Parent Pay.

We have also added a line for a general donation to the British Legion. No-one is obliged to donate using this option, however we appreciate people may in previous years have chosen to give to this cause when out and about via the street collectors, which is not as easy this year. 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

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Starting Primary School?

Is your child due to start Primary School in September 2021?

If they were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017 – then the answer is yes.

To apply for a place in reception you must apply online by: 5pm 15 January 2021

It's quick and easy.

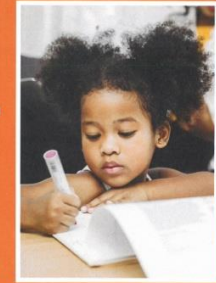
You can apply online from 1 September 2020.

Contact the School Admissions Team on: 0161 770 4213 if you need any help or advice.

Remember that attendance at a school nursery does not guarantee a place in a reception class. Parents must make a separate application for admission to reception classes.

You can access the internet at Oldham library.

For more information visit www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions



If you know anyone who is looking for a school for their pre-school child, please direct them to our **school website where there is a dedicated 'Prospectus Page'**, and of course this Diggle Star newsletter.

NOTICES

Parent Pay

Please ensure you keep your dinner money and BASC accounts in credit.

Thank you for your support in these matters.

Music Lessons

If your child has music lessons or has expressed an interest in music lessons, sign-up letters were sent home this week as well as being emailed. Please return on first day back after half term.