



DIGGLE STARS

Annie Harrison - for being lively and enthusiastic in your first week.

Eloise Powell - for impressing us with your confidence in rehearsals.

Zaffy Buta - for effort this week in English, especially spelling and handwriting.

Jack Johnson - for trying really hard this week when writing his independent story.

Eryk Van Zandt - for outstanding reading and phonics and for working hard at identifying and counting pairs.

Isla Smith and Paige Harris - for super writing and including many Year 3 writing features.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Last half term you will probably remember that our Open Day had to be cancelled due to an outbreak of Norovirus in school. Therefore we are planning to hold an open day just after Easter and then another towards the end of the summer term.

The new dates are now in the dates for your diary, in red for this week. We hope to see lots of you at these two events. It is an opportunity for you to work with your child in their classroom as well as have time to look through your child's books.

The dates for the *Try It Tuesday* lunchtimes are going to be in next weeks newsletter and the slots to book a place will be available on ParentPay next Friday. This will be a great opportunity to come in and sample the quality of food that the children are served at lunchtime.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 28th Mar - Music tuition children performance am

28th & 29th Mar - Class 3 & 4 performance 2pm

~~Thurs 30th Mar~~ - DLP Concert *Postponed*

Fri 31st Mar - FODS Easter Egg Hunt. Finish for Easter

Easter Holidays - FODS Scarecrow Trail

Mon 17th Apr - Back to School

Thur 27th April Open Day

Tues 23rd May - Class Photos

W/C 12th June - FODS Father's Day Gift Sale

14-16th June - y6 at Kingswood

Mon 26th June Open Day

18th July - y5&6 performance 2pm & 6pm



Class R

This week in Class R we finished Oral Health Week on World Oral Health Day (20th March 2023). Dr Boon, the dentist, kindly offered to come into class to talk to the children about his job and be in our hot seat and answer the children's questions about teeth. Each child was able to think of a question to ask and showed great listening skills.

In Maths, the children have been looking at the composition of the number 8 and consolidating their learning of 6, 7 and 8. We played a game of class Bingo, using Bingo sheets with different representations of 6, 7 and 8. The children really enjoyed this and 'Bingo' has been shouted across the classroom many times. We have also been looking at 'What is a pair?'. The children practiced matching things they thought would make a good pair and then had a go at counting pairs.

This week the children began looking at the season Spring. They went on a walk around the school grounds looking for signs of Spring and many spotted blossom and shoots growing from the trees. We also talked about the Spring festival of Easter.

In PE, the children were practicing all the skills they have developed this half term such as balancing, teamwork, movement transition and spatial awareness. The children also played a game where they had to move into different coned sections. The children said this was their favourite game and were very excited about it even after our PE session.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have learnt how to write a recount. We looked at the features of a recount such as writing in the first person using words like I, my, me and writing in the past tense. We thought about a time when we had lost or broken a toy of our own and wrote the events in the order they happened. We then read further in our class text focusing on the page which showed the school summer fair. We listed the games and stalls that we could see on the picture and ones that we had seen ourselves at a fair. We looked at the image of the fancy dress parade and talked about the types of costumes. We compared them to the costumes children might wear now. We labeled all the costumes shown in the book. In Maths we have continued our work on place value within 50. We have worked hard on understanding how many tens and ones are in each number as well as positioning numbers within 50 on a number line.

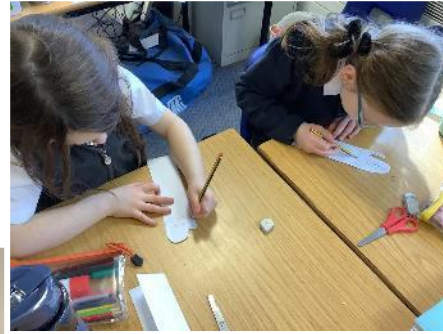
In Theme we have learnt about Early 20th Century toys and Victorian toys. We compared these toys to modern toys. In Science we learnt about the properties of materials and looked at vocabulary to describe these properties. In RE we went outdoors to build bug hotels after learning last week about the story of the prophet and the ants.

Class 2

This week as part of our English work, Class 2 edited their information text based on Bob, the Man on the Moon. We checked spelling, punctuation and vocabulary. Then we wrote a few sentences using our neatest handwriting. We also practised using joining words and wrote independently for stamina. In Maths we continued our work on multiplication using the language of 'multiplied by' and introducing the 'x' sign in sums. We also completed a money assessment to see where we may still need a little practise and had fun solving the 'Bean bucket' number problem. In IT we continued our photographic theme by looking at how we can change photographs by simple editing. We used some simple software, using the 'adjust' tool to change the colour effect of a photograph we had taken. It was quite tricky but we were **resilient**. In PE we have worked on fitness this week. Our activities included lunges, star jumps and cross knee twists. We found the squat jacks tough but worked hard. We had some time with the skipping ropes too. We are now working on jumping using the large rope and even running in to start.



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Class 3

As well as rehearsing hard for next week's Year 3 and 4 Animal Antics production, Class 3 have been working hard on division in maths, looking at different ways to partition a number for division and finding remainders. In English, they have been looking at how the author infers feelings and also putting their writing features into a narrative. They also wrote a diary piece, putting themselves in the position of one of our characters as he encounters different situations on his adventure. In science, we learnt how the muscles work and recreated an arm to demonstrate how they pull to move the forearm.

Class 4

Class 4 have ploughed on with *Bewilderwood* this week in English. We identified a variety of word types, including adverbs, verbs and adjectives. We used our best descriptive writing to describe Twiggie Village, and we used conjunctions to justify why we would take certain items on an adventure. In maths we have been studying the area of shapes by counting squares. In SMSC we looked at the effect of climate change and in theme we used the sketching pencils to complete an image from *Bewilderwood*.

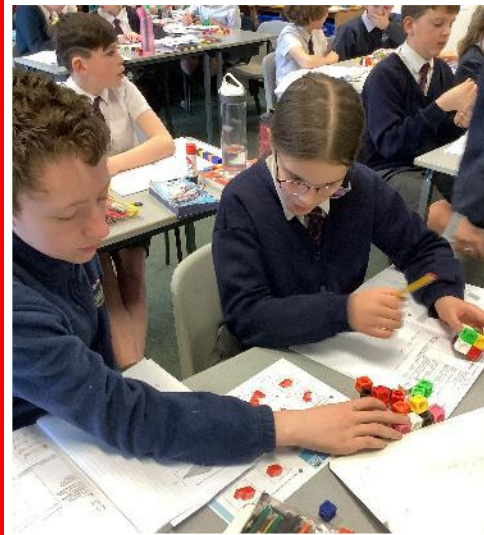
Class 5

This week in Maths we finally got to grips with multiplying fractions by integers. This went very well and our confidence is increasing. We still need to be a bit careful with our mixed numbers when they appear though. In English we have begun work on writing from the point of view of the Endurance as she slowly gets crushed by the ice in the Antarctic. There have been lots of good ideas here. We also finally got our experiment on friction completed which was enjoyable for all. We tested the friction on various surfaces throughout school with a view to finding out which was the best race track. In Theme we consolidated our knowledge of lines of longitude and latitude.

Class 6

This week in Class 6 the children have written a narrative describing the journey that Shackleton, along with a small number of his crew took in order to reach Stromness Whaling Station in South Georgia. The children have really tried to think about the features that they have included to make it engaging and interesting for others to read. In maths this week we have focused on finding the area of triangles and parallelograms and have also looked at finding the volume of 3D shapes. In Theme we have learnt about different places within America and found where they are located and the different climate zones for these places. In Computing we have continued to develop our programming skills and have worked hard to change variables within a game and have started to create our own 'catching' game.

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Indoor Athletics Competition

On Tuesday 22nd March 2023 a number of our year 6 children took part in an indoor athletics competition with 2 other primary schools at St John Henry Newman College. The children took part in a range of events including: long jump, vertical jump, speed bounce, triple jump as well as a number of track races that varied in length. The children came up against some tough opposition from St Herbert's and St Mary's who had some very fast children in their team. When all the scores were added together The girls team came 2nd and the boys team came joint 1st.





Thank You

Just before Christmas the choir performed at Uppermill Civic Hall at the Saddleworth Musical Society's concert. As a thank you the society have donated £100 to school.

Mr Rea who is our Chair of Governors and his wife who sings for the society came into school to present a cheque to the children.

We are very grateful for this donation and the we are really proud of the links we have with Saddleworth Musical Society. Thank you to them for the donation.



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THEATRE

ENCORE

If we're going out, we're doing it our way.

Friday 31 March, 7.30pm

Tickets: £10

Spend one last night with us as we celebrate all things Coliseum with script-in-hand performances of scenes and songs from your favourite productions of the past decade, comedy, PANTOMIME, and appearances from some very special guests.

The Coliseum's team of expert theatre professionals have crafted this one-night-only event in just two short weeks giving you – our audience – a final opportunity to embrace the Coli and everything it means to Oldham, Greater Manchester and beyond.

Full line up to be announced.



To book tickets for this last ever performance -
<https://www.coliseum.org.uk/spektrix/spektrix-events/encore/>

Notices

Parent Pay

As we near the end of the financial year, please can everyone make every effort to clear any outstanding debts from ParentPay.

All Autumn and Spring term music fees should be paid in full. BASC debts should be cleared, and all dinner money accounts should be in credit.

Thankyou to all those of you who have cleared outstanding payments over the last few weeks. It is appreciated.

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for parents or grandparents who are able to offer sometime to school to come in and support staff with listening to children read. If you have even half an hour a week to spare and would like to come in and listen to children read, we would love to hear from you. Please either drop the office or your child's class teacher an email to express an interest. We will provide support to anyone who wants to come in including getting them a DBS check. We do operate a policy of not putting family members into their children's class.

Invite from Sacred Heart Church

Parents of children from Catholic backgrounds who might be interested in the Sacramental program, especially those in yr 2 onwards, who would like to be part of the preparation at Sacred Heart Church in Uppermill, please contact Fr Jim james.clarke@dioceseofsalford.org.uk / 07722433863 OR Mary Farmer on 01457810189

Sacred Heart also have children's Liturgy sessions for children of all ages during mass which starts at 9.30am each Sunday and all families are most welcome to bring their children to these

Tuesday Morning Music Concert

Timetable

On Tuesday 28th March there will be an open morning of music performances. You are welcome to attend the concert at the time that your child is playing or singing.

We do not expect parents to stay all morning.

Equally *if your child is interested in starting an instrument* then you are welcome to pop in at the relevant time and see children performing and speak to the teacher.

9:00 Keyboard Group (Mrs Radcliffe)

9:10 Guitar Group (Mr Hadfield)

9:20 Key Stage 1 Choir

9:30 Woodwind Group (Mrs Thomas)

9:45 Percussion (Mr Smith)

10 Singing Group (Miss Davies)

10:15 Key Stage 2 Choir

10:25 Brass Groups and School Band (Mr Byers)

This concert is free.

Diggle School Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 31st March

Diggle School Playground 3.15 - 4.30

£3 per child (non school siblings welcome)

Children at school club will get the chance to take part at 4.30

Pay via parent pay by 24th March or entry cannot be guaranteed!

This is a parent accompanied activity

Find 6
coloured
eggs to
win
prizes

Find the
special
egg for
egg-stra
prizes!

Tea,
coffee,
drinks
and tuck
shop

Have a
photo
with the
Easter
Bunny!

Now on
Parent
Pay



Now taking bookings for the Easter holidays!!
Monday 3rd April to Friday 14th April 2023 (please note we are closed on
Good Friday and Easter Monday)
8.45am - 5pm £26 per day per child



Diggle Holiday Club

Diggle School, Sam Road, Diggle, OL3 5PU
Telephone; 01457 601972

For more information please email:

landaholidayclub@gmail.com

Children can enjoy our vast outdoor areas and take part in seasonal crafts.
Morning and afternoon snacks/drinks are provided,
lunch to be provided by the parents.



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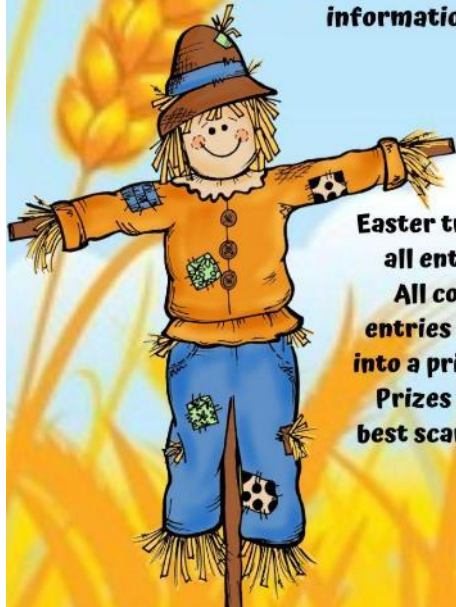
DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL

1ST - 16TH APRIL 2023

Our fabulous Scarecrow Trail is BACK! A great day out for all the family.

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 will be available from lots of different outlets in Diggle Village from April.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for more up to date information nearer the time



Easter treats for
all entrants!
All correct
entries entered
into a prize draw!
Prizes for the
best scarecrows!

This years theme is

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All profits to directly benefit the
children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075

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Fathers Day Sale

£3 per gift

Money must be bought into school in a sealed envelope
on the day of sale.
Gifts for males of all ages !

Monday 12th June
Wednesday 14th June
Friday 16th June

Illustrations include: a 'Happy Father's Day' gift card, a blue cap that says 'THE BEST DAD OF ALL TIME!', a blue tie with stars and 'THE BEST DAD EVER!!!', three wrapped gifts in red, blue, and teal, and a white mug with a red heart and 'WE DAD'.

Oldham Theatre Workshop Summer Production 2023!

AUDITIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Three children, separated by time but connected through conflict find each other in a secret world that hides under the table. In trying to save each other, is it possible that they might just save themselves?

We're looking for dynamic and energetic performers aged 8 - 25 for our forthcoming production of 'Three Times Table'.

The audition will be a friendly, workshop style audition, which will include Movement, Voice work and Acting.

Please prepare **ONE** of the following for the audition (1 MINUTE MAX):-

A MONOLOGUE FROM A PLAY OR FILM

A POEM OR A PIECE OF SPOKEN WORD (PUBLISHED OR ORIGINAL)

A SHORT STORY (PUBLISHED OR ORIGINAL)

**** Please wear comfortable clothing as you will be expected to take part, freely in physical activity. ****

To book your audition please click this link - [THREE TIMES TABLE AUDITION LINK.](#)

Production Information:

Production week will run from **Monday 24th – Saturday 29th July 2023**

Working with the OTW team you will create a piece of theatre which will be performed LIVE at Oldham's Queen Elizabeth Hall.

OTW has an ongoing relationship with industry professionals and we promise to make an effort to invite Agents and Casting Directors to all of the performances.

Please note; if you are not available for the entirety of the production week - you will sadly not be able to take part in the production.

Weekly rehearsals will take place at OTW on **Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00PM - 9:00PM** as of **Monday 17th April 2023**. We will include some weekend rehearsals as we move towards our production week.

Production Fee:

Should you be successful in gaining a place in the company you will be asked to pay one of the following fees:-

If you live inside Oldham: £116 (or if in receipt of benefit) £58

If you live outside Oldham: £136 (or if in receipt of benefit) £68

We always strive to make our productions accessible for everyone, so if for any reason you would like to take part but feel unable to please do get in touch with us to discuss how we can support you.