



## DIGGLE STARS

**Eloise Powell** - For a consistent and hard working week when all activities were completed really well!

**Olly Kershaw** - For the presentation and neatness of his work.

**Joseph Bridgstock** - For excellent effort in English and producing some beautiful handwriting this week.

**Luke Derbyshire** - For making good choices and showing great problem solving skills.

**James Duffy** - For showing good teamwork during the Commando Joe's challenge.

**Dylan Hurren** - For fantastic netball skills in PE

**Bella Calverley** - For fantastic netball skills in PE

**Jessica Thirlwell** - For being our archery and Jacob's Ladder champ at Kingswood.

**Arabella Wopling** - For finally learning her lines for the play (through sheer determination)



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



The Dates for your Diary has had next Wednesday and Thursday down as transition days in school for a while. Unfortunately, due to the rising numbers of infections in Oldham, Saddleworth School has made the decision to move their transition online. After a conversation with Public Health England, we have taken the decision to do transition slightly differently this year. We are aiming that on one day in the coming weeks all the children in school will spend some time outside in the afternoon with their new class teacher getting to know them and finding out what is in store next year. By doing this outside staff do not cross bubbles. This means that Miss Alker will be available both Wednesday and Thursday to support the year 6 children with their online transition content. If as a Year 6 parent, you want your child to do this at home with you just let school know and the absence will be authorised.

New reception starters will also do their transition outside in the reception area, but parents should have received a separate email with all the information about this. I hope that you can appreciate that we are doing our very best to balance the Covid regulations with providing children with a chance to meet their new teacher. These decisions are not taken lightly but thought through carefully after seeking advice from experts.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Week commencing 28th June** - Welcome Evening - see later in this newsletter for times of each class

**Wed 30th June and Thurs 1st July** - transition day for year 6 (online) and new class R (outside)

**Wed 14th July - 2pm & 6pm / Thurs 15th July 9:30am** - Year 5&6 production outside in the yard - see letter sent 18/6 for full details

**Tues 20th July - 9.15am** Year 6 leavers assembly outside

**Tues 20th July** - finish for summer holidays



## Class R

This week in Class R, we have been involved in lots of outdoor activities as we have done another PE session with CITC and completed Forest School activities with Mr Ryan. Class R really enjoyed helping plant some different flowers and finding potatoes in the Garden area. They also developed their teamwork and communication skills by completing a Commando Joe's Challenge, where they had to save animals by crossing a dangerous river. In Maths, we have been practicing our 2D and 3D shapes and problem solving with addition and subtraction. Finally in Phonics, we have been practicing our letter names and our red words.

## Class 1

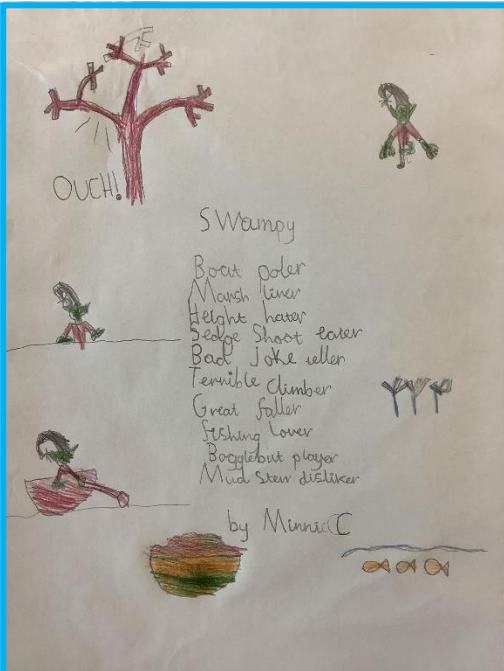
This week in English we have started to retell the story of Lila and the Secret of Rain. We have written a section at a time and used picture prompts to help us remember the order of events. In Maths we have been practising our addition and subtraction. We have used more of our mental strategies for working out in particular holding the number in our head and then using our fingers to count on or back. We have also practised subtraction on a number line. In Theme we have learnt about the physical features of Kenya and enjoyed looking at Mrs McGregor's photos of her trip to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in neighbouring Tanzania.

## Class 2

This week in our English lessons, Year 2 have learned how to use apostrophes correctly. When you use apostrophes for contractions, you can join the words together and the apostrophe takes the place of the removed letters. When you use apostrophes for possession, it is used to show that one thing belongs to or is connected to something. This was quite tricky! We have also researched and written about one of the 'Big Five' African animals. We used our research on the i-pads to make notes. We then wrote a research report including pictures and key information about the animal. Lion and leopard were a popular choice. In Maths we have focused on fractions this week finding out more about a half, a quarter, a third and three quarters of quantities and shapes. We enjoyed another healthy lifestyles lesson from CITC.

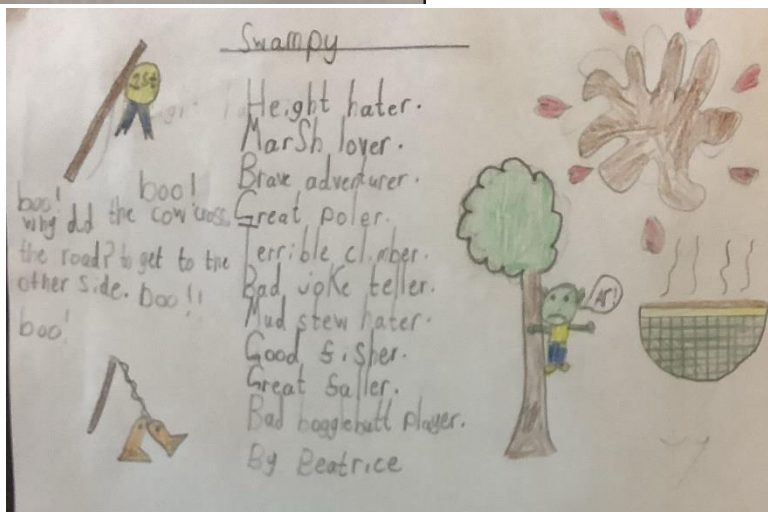


This week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.



### Class 3

This week Class 3 have enjoyed reading the adventure of Swampy and meeting the latest character, a huge Thornyclod! We looked at a picture of the great spider like creature and wrote a description. We also had fun writing kennings about swampy. They also learnt about different ways seeds are dispersed and had enjoyed making a paper helicopter seed and releasing it outside in the wind.



### Class 4

Class 4 have continued to impress with their amazing art skills in theme this week. After reading another chapter of *Bewilderwood*, the class had a go at drawing 'Twiggle Village'. Some of the results were amazing. In maths, we been working on digital clocks this week and we are now more comfortable converting between analogue and digital using 12 and 24 hour time. In Science we studied how to change the pitch of a sound and in theme we looked at life's obstacles and how we can overcome them.

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## Class 5

This week in Class 5 we have researched the animal behaviourist Jane Goodall in Science and learnt all about her work in Gombe, Africa observing and studying chimpanzees. In maths we have been comparing and ordering numbers with up to 3 decimal places. In English we have started to write up a descriptive setting for a final room in The Nowhere Emporium, thinking carefully about building and developing sentences before writing in full paragraphs. In Theme, we have made 'top trump cards' for the different Maya gods that we have learnt about.

## Class 6

This week we really enjoyed our trip to Kingswood and had a great time taking part in the different activities; crate stack, Jacob's ladder and night line. In English we have written a report to explain the different theories about why the Titanic sank. In Maths, we have been dividing fractions by whole numbers and have looked at matching equations up with the correct answers using our reasoning skills. We have also spent some time practising the production, without using our scripts.

Class 5-CITC lifestyles programme  
Class 5 have enjoyed another session with CITC learning about the ingredients used to create chicken wraps this week.



## Welcome Evenings

We were hoping to hold our Welcome Evenings in school this term, but as the Covid restrictions have not changed, this is now not possible. We are therefore going to conduct these meetings online using the Google Meet facility in Google Classroom. New Reception parents will still come to a meeting in person, but this will now be held outside with only one parent per child and chairs spaced out to ensure social distancing. New parents have received full information in a letter.

The times of the online Welcome Evenings are below: they are spread out across the week to accommodate those families with more than one child in school.

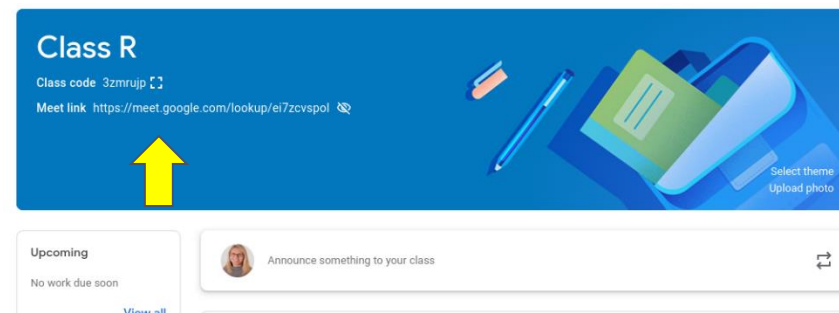
Please remember you need to attend the meeting of **your child's class from September**, not the class they are currently in. *E.g.: If your child is currently in year 2 you will attend the year 3 meeting.*

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception	6 pm	At School
	Year 6	7 pm	Google Meet
Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5	7 pm	Google Meet
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2	5 pm	Google Meet
	Year 1	6 pm	Google Meet
	Year 3	7 pm	Google Meet
Thu 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4	6 pm	Google Meet

## How to access Google Meet

The parent welcome meetings will be held on Google Meet. To access the meeting you will need to do the following;

- Log in to Google Classroom as normal
- Click on the meet link at the top of the stream (indicated by the yellow arrow below)
- You will automatically join the meeting hosted by your child's new teacher.



If you have forgotten your login details for Google Classroom please email your child's current class teacher who will be able to send them to you again.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

**School Photograph Proofs** were sent out in book bags today. Please follow the instructions in the pack and where possible please order online. Deadline for orders to be brought back into school is next Friday - 2nd July. Please order online ASAP.

Exciting news from FODS.

**We are holding a Great Big Birthday Party on Monday 19th July!!**

School dinners that day will be party themed. If your child usually brings a packed lunch on a Monday, they can either bring their own party-style lunch (remember the cake!!) or they can have a school dinner as a one-off.

If you are opting for a school dinner when you usually have packed lunch, please let Mrs McLoughlin know before Wednesday 14th July and please remember to pay your £2.55 on Parent Pay if your child is in KS2.

If you are bringing your own, remember to keep it nut-free!!



## THE GREAT BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY!

The pandemic has seen lots of birthdays and parties missed for our children, as well as lots of FODS events. To make up for it we are holding an EPIC birthday party for all children on Monday 19th July, with party food, cakes, balloons, party games and lots of fun!

Extras will be available to buy soon on Parent Pay.

Option to wear party clothes all day  
£2



Option to buy an EPIC personalised party bag  
£3

Monday 19th July

Everyone is invited!!!

Optional extras are available - you can order your child a personalised party bag and you can opt to pay for non-uniform. Party bags will be available on Wiggle parent pay from today for **1 week only** due to numbers needed for personalisation of party bags. Don't delay in getting your order in!

## Portacabin refurbishment

We are delighted that the renovation work on the portacabin that houses BASC, Diggle Dandelions and Holiday Club is finally underway.

The renovated portacabin building should be ready for use when we return in September.



Week 1



Week 2



Week 3

## Save your plastic pop bottles please



Thankyou to everyone who has brought their plastic bottles in these last 2 weeks. This is a long term project so please keep doing it through the end of term and over the summer so we can repair the greenhouse and get it productive again.

#stchadsstepsforchange



# HELP US SAVE SADDLEWORTH CHURCH



Canon Sharon is walking  
10,000 steps a day  
in June!  
Can you sponsor her?

- Canon Sharon & St Chad's school are raising funds to go towards an accessible ramp for the church.
- We want to enable access for all members of the community.

[www.GoFundMe.com/f/st-chads-steps-for-change](http://www.GoFundMe.com/f/st-chads-steps-for-change)



Follow us on Facebook: **Saddleworth St Chad**

Diggle and Kiln Green Church are part of the parish of St Chads. You may have seen Canon Sharon out walking around the area during this month as she raises money for an access ramp for the church. Please support this community fundraising effort if you can. All donations, no matter how small, are gratefully received. Thankyou

## Year 6 visit Kingswood - day 1

Usually at this time of year, Year 6 would be starting their end of year activities with a residential visit to Kingswood activity centre. While the residential visit wasn't possible, we have been able to take the class on two 1-day visits, the first was last Monday, and the second is next week. The children had a great time completing the crate stack challenge, perfecting archery, climbing Jacob's ladder and stumbling around the nightline. Bring on next Monday!! Check out Facebook for more pictures of their antics!

## Emailing your child's teacher

The teaching staff wrote to you all recently to ask you to use their new email address ...

[firstname.lastname@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@diggleschool.co.uk)

If you email a teacher on the old email address, it could be several days before the email is read as this platform is not easily accessed in school by the teachers.

The email address for the office - [info@diggle.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@diggle.oldham.sch.uk) and for Mrs Newton - [head@diggle.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:head@diggle.oldham.sch.uk) are unchanged for the moment.





## Urgent message from Oldham Council

*EU Settlement Scheme - There is now less than 2 weeks to go until the EU Settlement Scheme deadline of 30 June 2021.*

There are growing concerns locally and nationally that elderly people, some of whom may have resided in the UK for many years, have not applied to the scheme in the numbers expected and also families lacking awareness that they also need to complete applications for their children (including children born in the UK). If you know anyone this may apply to - please check, they have done what they need to with respect to this scheme.

EU, EEA or Swiss citizens, and their family members need to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme to continue living, working, studying and accessing healthcare, pensions, benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021. Failure to apply may mean that residents cannot access healthcare or welfare benefits to which they are entitled.

To apply for the EU Settlement Scheme please visit the Gov website:

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

For advice or support there are resources available in multiple languages:

<https://europa.org.uk/category/support-advice/>

<https://settled.org.uk/en/>

<https://www.hereforgoodlaw.org/advisory>

Residents can also contact Oldham Citizens Advice at [www.casort.org](http://www.casort.org) or by telephone to the Advice Line 0808 278 7803 (which is available Monday-Friday 08:30-17:30)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT  
TO APPLY TO  
THE EU  
SETTLEMENT  
SCHEME  
THE DEADLINE IS  
30 JUNE 2021



HM Government

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