



DIGGLE STARS

Charlotte Tann - for being an excellent role model for the children in the class

Jacob Shearing - for a great contribution to class writing sessions.

Stanley Darke - for always being ready to learn!

Oliver Wearing - for trying hard this week to follow instructions and tidy up.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

As the weather finally seems to have taken a turn colder now is the time to consider whether your child will benefit from having a hot meal at lunchtime.

As you know we are very lucky to have a talented and enthusiastic kitchen team who strive to provide hot, tasty and nutritious meals for our children. Mr Tillet's many years of experience in schools and as a chef in the armed forces is a great asset to the school kitchen.

Despite the cost of living crisis we are still at the moment holding our meal cost at £2.40 per meal, some schools are now charging as much as £2.75 but we want to try and keep them affordable for all.

The school council are currently working with Mr Tillet deciding on the menu for christmas dinner. The menu should be out at the end of next week, this might be a great starting point to introduce your child to school dinners. Look out for the menu next week.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 13th Dec - am Music Groups xmas concert - see letter for times

Wed 14th Dec - Panto Day - whole school visit to Millgate Theatre

Thurs 15th Dec - Y3 / 4 visit to Leeds Museum

Fri 16th Dec - Xmas Dinner Day & Effort Grade Cards out

Mon 19th Dec - Year 1&2 Xmas performance 9.15am / 2.15pm

Tues 20th Dec - Class R xmas performance 9.15am
- EYFS and KS1 party day

Wed 21st Dec - xmas non-uniform day, KS2 party day, Finish for xmas

2023

Mon 9th Jan - Return to school

Please see the first newsletter of the year - 9th Sept - for full list of key dates for the remainder of the school year.



Class R

This week for our topic 'Celebrations', Class R have been learning about celebrations in different countries. We learnt about American Thanksgiving which is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November and St Andrews Day, which is celebrated on the 30th November in Scotland. We looked at where each country was on the globe, how these celebrations are celebrated and why. The children loved making pilgrim hats and watching the Macy's parade Live from New York. They also enjoyed learning one of the Ceilidh dances, which is a traditional Scottish dance performed at celebrations and trying some traditional Scottish shortbread - which was baked by Miss Leach, who is Scottish.

In Maths, we practiced counting on from a given number and learnt the features of circles and triangles. The children looked at the artist Kandinsky and made some circle paintings and collages. We also made triangles with lollipop sticks - which we later turned into stars, ready for our Christmas display.

In R.E. We have been asking the question - "which people are special and why?". Last week we talked about families and this week we talked about friends. The children chose a friend to write about and say why they are good friends and we read a winter story about friendship.

Finally, we got to learn all about the road safety van which keeps us safe at school. The children found it fascinating seeing how the camera worked and they even got a chance to operate it.



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

Class 1

In English this week we have read more of our class text Lost and Found and read that the boy looked up where the penguin had come from. We decided to research penguins and prepare to write a fact file all about them. We watched a video about penguins and then wrote down all the facts we could remember in a spider diagram. We then looked at the features of a fact file and noticed that many facts were linked together using joining words like 'and' and 'but'. We practised choosing two related facts and writing them in sentences joined by and/but. In Maths this week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. We have practised recognising and naming them in different orientations and sorting them according to their properties.

We've had an art week which has kept us busy in the afternoons. We have worked in groups to complete pieces of art work for our Winter displays and made and decorated stars using salt dough. We also had a visit from the road safety officer who told us about his job in keeping children safe near the roads. He told us why it is important for cars not to stop on the yellow zig zags outside school. We went outside to look at his van and took turns using the remote control which operates the camera.

Class 2

In our English work this week we have continued learning how to use the conjunctions **and, but, or** by extending sentence starters to write winter sentences. We have been thinking of the change of seasons and what signs that winter may be on its way. In Maths we have been focusing more on subtracting crossing the tens and also subtracting from larger two digit numbers.

In our mastering number activities we have been investigating number bonds for 6. We looked for patterns and used our rekenreks to make the bonds to 6.

We enjoyed a visit from the road safety officer who explained to us why it is dangerous to stop your car on the yellow zig zags outside school. We all had a turn at controlling the camera on his van. We could see all our friends in the playground as we moved the camera around!

This week we have done lots of art and craft activities as we get ready for our winter displays. We have been making cotton bud snowflakes, 3D winter trees and wool winding to make festive wooden stars.

We have also enjoyed working with some of the educational toys which **FODS** kindly bought for Class 2. The world jigsaw proved tricky and we loved building with the cogs and gears.



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have been learning about Howard Carter finding the tomb of Tutankhamun. We have studied newspaper features ready to write our own article about the discovery. In maths, we have been using columns to solve additions and subtractions and maths problems without regrouping or exchanges. We have enjoyed listening to the story of The Snow Queen and making parts of our winter display board which will be going up in the corridor next week. We are really coming along well with our brass lessons and are looking forward to bringing home our instruments soon. We had a visit from the council cctv van this week and the children found the tour of the van fascinating.

Class 4

Class 4 have been working hard on their winter display this week. We have studied the book *The Bear who had never seen Christmas* along with the accompanying John Lewis advert from 2013. We have created storyboards, factfiles, cartoons and sketches that will soon be proudly on display. In maths we have been multiplying and dividing by 1 and 0 and in science we created a poster about how to keep our teeth healthy. We also looked at being assertive (rather than aggressive or passive) in SMSC.



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Class 5

This week in English we have focussed on editing and improving our work and entries have begun to magically appear in our Book of Wonders. We have also begun to write pieces based on a painting which will form part of our Winter Display. Expect some Flemish and Dutch names in our writing! In our maths we have been looking at a range of number types including prime, squared and cubed numbers. In other subjects we caught up our Forest School work with work in the memorial garden and enjoyed the visit of our road traffic officer. Lastly our school councillor have been leading a discussion on Christmas dinner!

Class 6

This week in English we have focused on diary writing. After looking for and identifying the different features of a diary entry, we then wrote our own diary entry as Daniel Holmes; thinking carefully how he would have felt after the events in the story so far. In maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions. To do this we have had to convert the denominators so they are the same before finishing the questions. Many of us started the week celebrating England's victory against Iran But we have also started our art work for our winter displays this week-which we will finished next week and we have also spent 2 afternoons helping to build the seating area for the memorial garden in our forest school sessions. Homework this week is focused on modal verbs and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

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Road Safety

On Thursday Mr Coxy from Oldham Council came to talk to us in assembly about his role in keeping children safe near the roads. He told us why it is dangerous for cars to park on the zig zag lines outside a school and what the consequences are for drivers who do this.

After the assembly each class went outside in turn to look at his camera van. He showed us how the camera worked and let us have a go at using the remote control for the camera.





Reading for Pleasure

This week in KS2's assembly, Mrs Hazlehurst really struggled to choose just one favourite book to talk about but managed to narrow it down to 3! She spoke about her favourite childhood book 'Goodnight Mister Tom' then her favourite new book from class reading 'The Nowhere Emporium' and then one from her most favourite set of Harry Potter books 'The Half blood Prince ' by J K Rowling. The children enjoyed hearing about her reasons for the different choices and her love of reading really came across.

Locky's Memorial Garden



Classes 5 and 6 have been working hard on the memorial garden this week and have fitted the roof, trellis and have started on the seating area. We are really happy with how it is looking and are hope in to have it finished soon.

Please could we ask that children respect this space and no not climb on the seating area or on the outside structure until this is finished.

Thank you to CKR Utilities for your generous donations of materials which has meant we could continue with this project this week.





SADDLEWORTH MUSICAL SOCIETY

with
DIGGLE SCHOOL CHOIR
invite you to their

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Sunday 11th December at Uppermill Civic Hall at 7pm
Tickets: Adults £7, Children £3
BOOK BY PHONE 07799776446 OR ONLINE at
www.saddleworthmusicalsociety.co.uk
Registered Charity Number 503676

FODS

FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL



Fods would like to create our fabulous Festive hampers again this Christmas. Raffle tickets to enter the draw to win a hamper will be sent home in book bags. Please return ticket stubs with money in a sealed envelope to school.



All donations
delivered to
classrooms before

**Extended to Wednesday
30th November**

Please can you support your class hamper by bringing an item into school before Friday the 26th November so the FODS Christmas elves can work their magic.

Last years hampers were filled with chocolates, toiletries, alcohol, Christmas treats and lots more!
Thankyou for your continue support,
Team FODS

DIGGLE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE KILNGREEN CHURCH

LEE SIDE, DIGGLE OL3 5JY



SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

CAROLS WITH DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

From 3.15pm ~ Christingle Service 4pm

CHILDREN CAN MAKE THEIR OWN CHRISTINGLE
IN THE CHURCH HALL

MULLED WINE & SOUP KITCHEN
AVAILABLE AFTERWARDS IN CHURCH

FOLLOWED
BY

DIGGLE VILLAGE LIGHTS SWITCH ON 2022

At 5.15pm

THE DIGGLE HOTEL

CONTINUING WITH FESTIVE
SING-A-LONG TUNES
FROM DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

ALL WELCOME

See below for an exclusive offer for CITC partner school pupils and families to attend the upcoming women's derby at the Etihad



DERBY DAY AT THE ETIHAD

SUN 11 DEC | KO 12:30PM

ADULTS FROM £12 | U18s FROM £4



Group bookings available.

Contact group.bookings@mancity.com and quote
"City in the Community" for exclusive group rates.



BUY TICKETS

Notices

Parent Pay

Please make sure your Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date. Please consider using the auto top-up function in Parent Pay for dinner money - this enables you to set an automatic payment of an amount you set to be triggered when the account balance gets to a specific point, meaning you don't get in debt. Music fees for Autumn and Spring should now be paid up, leaving just the Summer term owing at most - you are welcome to make payments early.

Using Oldham Foodbank

Oldham Foodbank works using a voucher referral system. Anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons. In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of a given situation they work with local agencies to issue foodbank vouchers. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for a crisis.

Oldham Foodbank works with a number of different agencies, such as Citizens Advice, children's centres and health visitors. To find out more about the agencies that hold their vouchers and how you can get help go to Oldham Foodbank's website.

If you are able to help Oldham Foodbank with donations of time, money or food, please see their website <https://oldham.foodbank.org.uk/>

GIVE HELP

We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of financial support, time, business partnership and food can make a real difference.

DONATE MONEY

Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives.



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the life blood of foodbanks. Your skills could be just what we need.



PARTNER WITH US

Your business could help us make a real difference in the local community.



DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on the goodwill and support of the people of Oldham helping their fellow...



Struggling with the Cost of Living?

Help is available, whatever you are going through.

WE CAN HELP!

Helpline: 0161 770 7007

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Breakthrough UK has set up a text service, **07860 022876**, for people who cannot or prefer not to speak to the Helpline team over the phone.

Help in a crisis

Help to maximise your income

Help with your household bills

Help for families

Help for older people

Help with Housing

Help with money problems

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp>

Amazon Smile

As we approach Christmas, if you make any purchases on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and setting your chosen charity to Friends of Diggle School.

You can set this on the Amazon App by clicking the 3 horizontal lines to access the menu, then selecting "settings" from the list and then Amazon Smile. You need to renew this action every 6 months or it reverts back to non-smile Amazon.

To shop online via a browser make sure you go to [Smile.Amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than just normal Amazon, and the charity you are supporting should appear under the search bar - make sure it says Friends of Diggle School.

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.



**IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF**



Young Lungs at Work

No Idling Please

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."

Please make use of these warm spaces and share this info with anyone you think may benefit from local warm spaces this winter.

Keep Yourself Warm

The cost of living crisis is challenging to us all.

Local churches & Saddleworth Parish Council are opening up rooms as Warm Spaces to help people to keep down their heating costs.

Please come along to any and you will be made welcome.

UPPERMILL

Ebenezer Congregational Church.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, 10.00 until 12.00

Sacred Heart Centre. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9.30 until 12.30

St Chad's Parish Centre, Station Road, Saturday mornings 9.30 until 12.00

Uppermill Methodist Centre, Thursdays from November 17th, 11.00 until 2.00, please use side door

Civic Hall, Fridays November 18th, 25th, December 2nd and 9th, 9.00 until 12.30, please use side door

GREENFIELD

St Mary's Parish Church, Wednesdays, 1.00 until 3.00

Greenfield Methodist Church, 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, 2.30 until 4.00

Christ Church, Friezland, Thursdays, 1.00 until 4.30

DELPH

St Thomas Parish Church, Mondays, 10.00 until 12.00

Delph Methodist Church, Wednesdays, 1.30 until 4.30

Being cold can seriously damage your health. So, please come to these warm spaces where you will receive a warm welcome and a free hot drink.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MARKET

Saddleworth Rangers Rugby Club

Sunday 4th December

Door Opens at 10.00am



Raising funds for

Oldham Mountain Rescue

FOOD

STALLS

DRINK

GROTTO



VISIT SANTA AND HIS ELVES



Is your child interested in playing a musical instrument?

Our musical instrument tuition is provided by Oldham Music Service and is offered to children in current year 2 - year 6.

We currently have spaces in woodwind, voice, and guitar. While the brass, percussion and keyboard groups are currently full, you are welcome to register your child's interest, as if we have enough children to make a new group we can request this from the music service.

If you want to know more about the music lessons in school in the mean time, have a look on the school website under "For Parents", then "Clubs and Activities".

Learning music is a very valuable and rewarding activity which can continue throughout education and into adulthood, however it requires commitment, resilience and perseverance from both the child and the parent.

Please contact the school office for further information.

Plea from Diggle Dandelions

Diggle Dandelions equipment is being damaged by children playing on the outdoor items in the y3/4 pick-up area / outside the BASC area, particularly at school pickup.

When collecting children from BASC / y3 / y4, please DO NOT let your children play on any of the equipment. Diggle Dandelions are a not for profit nursery, which relies heavily on donations. They cannot afford to keep replacing and repairing items broken especially by those outside of their control.