



DIGGLE STARS

Sam Marland - for showing amazing concentration and skill in producing a wonderful piece of art

Frankie Fielding- for always giving 100% in everything he does

Aurora-Rose Broadhurst - for excellent effort in English, using your own ideas and working independently

Lia Bennett - For trying her best at every task which is set and listening

Henry Comer - For his work on 'Time' in maths.

Tyler Brierley - For working hard, making the right choices and listening to instructions



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Thankfully we have had a quieter week with regards to positive COVID cases, I just wanted to thank everyone who has been so supportive in either ensuring children in Year 5 and 6 are taking daily lateral flow tests or have taken children who have been unwell in anyway for a PCR test. Working together as a school community we are ensuring that we are doing everything possible to keep the numbers low so that hopefully all our Christmas plans both at home and school can happen.

There will be a letter coming out at the beginning of next week regarding the Pantomime and the performances and the items will go on ParentPay.

Just a quick reminder regarding absences for holidays from school. If you had booked a holiday before COVID in the school holidays that has been rearranged during school time I am able to record this as authorised as long as you can send me a copy of your original booking. Any other holiday is recorded as unauthorised absence which can, depending on the length of time, result in a fine. Also please remember to provide school with a copy of any medical appointments if appointments are in school time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Thur 2 Dec - Class 2 hearing screening

Mon 13 Dec - Panto day

Tues 14 Dec - Effort Grades sent home

Wed 15 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 2.15-3.00

Thurs 16 Dec - Y1&2 Christmas Performance 9.15-10.00

Thurs 16 Dec - Y 3&4 Christmas Party

Fri 17 Dec - Class R Nativity am and pm performance times TBC

Mon 20 Dec - R 1 & 2 Christmas Party am

Mon 20 Dec - Y5&6 Christmas Party pm

Tues 21 Dec - Christmassy Non-Uniform and Christmas Dinner Day

Tues 21 Dec - Finish for Christmas.

Thurs 6 Jan 2022 - New Term starts

Class R

This week in Literacy, Class R have been exploring the feelings of the The Three Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf. We then recreated the story ensuring the characters lived Happily Ever After. In Maths, we have been doing winter challenges, collecting natural resources to make shapes and practice our counting. In addition, we have been mastering the number 5 by playing high 5 and using our knowledge that we have 5 fingers on one hand to help with other maths activities. In PE, we got to be Paw Patrol characters, we practiced our control when kicking a ball. In RE, we have been learning a story from the Quran called 'Be My Guest' and discussed the meaning of a new word, 'sacrifice'. We drew around our hand and discussed what we might sacrifice. In Phonics, we have learnt new sounds 'r', 'j', 'v' and 'y'. Finally, we have been focusing on feeling calm. We have been doing activities such as sand drawing, blowing bubbles, holding frozen peas and squeezing playdough.

Class 1

This week in English we have finished reading the story of Lost and Found. We wrote sentences about why the boy thought the penguin would be happy at the South Pole, how the penguin really felt and how the boy looked for the penguin. We have considered how the characters felt when they were reunited and what the book is trying to teach us. In Maths we have been learning about halves and quarters. We have looked at finding a half and then a quarter of objects, shapes and numbers. In Theme we did some art work ready for our winter display board. We used collage and painting to create images of the characters from our class book. We also did some printing using lego pieces to make snowflakes. In Science we continued our work on the sense of taste and sorted images of food into the 5 different taste groups.

Class 2

This week Class 2 had our school dog Chene with us on Monday. She was very well behaved in class and helped us with our learning! We took turns to read to Chene. She was a patient listener and we were able to practise our reading skills, becoming more confident and fluent. In our English work we learned how to write exclamation sentences which can be quite tricky as they all start with 'How' or 'What'.

In science Class 2 have been continuing to investigate the properties of materials to find out which will bend, twist, stretch or squash. We needed to think carefully and use reasoning too. In maths we have been learning about data and how we can collect and represent it on pictograms and tally charts. We collected data about our favourite fruits and answered questions using the pictogram. Our favourite was grapes and least favourite were pears. We also enjoyed making 3D paper snowmen with cupcake hats, snowflakes and christmas trees ready for our winter display.

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





Class 3

This week Class 3 have been learning about Earthquakes; considering things they would need in their evacuation case and even practising the drill 'Drop-Cover-Hold'. In maths, they have been learning to tell the time on an analogue clock and in science they have been looking at different types of rocks, their properties and how they are formed. This has linked nicely with our previous learning about volcanoes. In PE we enjoyed 2 lessons. One on football and an extra with Miss Gaunt on spatial awareness; practising the footwork we have learnt this term.

Class 4

We have had a "winter display week" in class 4. Our focus has been Nick Butterworth's *One Snowy Night*.

After reading it through we have produced some wonderful pieces of art in different styles. The cartoons and sketches particularly stand out. We also carried out some research using the internet to produce some wonderful animal fact files. We also wrote down a delicious gingerbread recipe and got to make biscuits.

They were delicious!

In science we looked at how to keep the teeth healthy while in ICT we continued using images, text boxes and shapes to improve our Google Docs.



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Class 5

This week in Maths we have been learning how to find equivalent fractions; we began by looking at visual examples of these and then moved on to working them out without the visual help. In English we have continued to read 'Holes' and have finally been introduced to the Warden, who many of us had assumed was a man. We have created a character profile about her; thinking carefully about the different behaviours she displays and why her behaviour changes when she realises the boys won't find anything else of interest. In Science we have continued to learn about forces and this week we looked at the mass of an object and the impact that gravity and air resistance has on these objects. We have also started to make items for our winter display, creating snowmen for our class hoop and winter pictures based on the story 'Here Comes Jack Frost.'

Class 6

In maths this week, we have been converting and ordering fractions. We have also been adding fractions with different denominators. In English, we have read more of our class book, Holes. From this, we have completed a role on the wall for the Warden. We also did character profiles for the campers at Camp Green Lake. Towards the end of the week, we wrote our own winter poems which will be written on top of our winter landscapes that we have painted. In science, we looked at how water and nutrients are transported into out body. We have also made pom-pom snowmen for our hoop which will be displayed in the corridor. This week, Class 6 have had to be very resilient in a number of ways so a massive well done to all of them.

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CITC Christmas Campaign

City in the Community are running their annual Christmas Campaign again for 2021 – This City Loves Christmas! The campaign supports children and families living in poverty around Greater Manchester during the festive the period. To make this as special as possible, we are asking for support from all our partners and we would love the help from your school!

We would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to donate **one selection box** towards our fantastic campaign. As I'm sure you are aware, one selection box could make a huge difference to a child over Christmas, so we would like to collect as many as we can.

For every 50 selection boxes collected, the school will be given a ticket towards a CITC prize draw, where schools can win some fantastic prizes! Such as:

- *MCFC & MCWFC signed shirts*
- *A tour of the Etihad Stadium for one of your classes*
- *A day of PE for your school at the City Football Academy*
- *And much more!*

There is no pressure to donate a selection box if this is unviable for any pupil/family.

Thank you.



*Please
bring in
your
donation
next week.*

Notices

Do you get text messages from school twice?

Where a child has more than one adult with a Parent Pay account, in some circumstances both contacts have the same mobile number stored in Parent Pay. It costs school to send text messages therefore please can we ask that everyone checks their contact details are correct in Parent Pay. When you log into Parent Pay, go to Profile where you can verify your contact details.

**IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF**



Young Lungs at Work

No Idling Please

The Highway Code states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

Please can we remind parents not to sit in their cars with the engine running when parked on the roadside at school.

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.

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.

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.





Reverse Advent Calendar

Oldham Foodbank is working in partnership with Action Together to provide support for families in crisis. This reverse advent calendar highlights some of the essential items we need.

Please share this calendar and tag #OldhamReverseCalendar on Facebook and Twitter.

All donations can be dropped off at: Unit J, Prince of Wales, Vulcan Street, OL1 4ER. Monday - Friday, between 9am and 4.30pm.

If you need any donations picking up, our volunteer drivers are out and about Monday -Friday, between 10am and 3pm.

For more information contact: Becky Kershaw-T: 07595 180880 or email Rebecca.Kershaw@actiontogether.org.uk.

This foodbank is run in partnership with local churches, facilitated by P.C.C. St Margaret, Hollinwood & St Chad, Limeside.

Registered charity number 1134150.

DECEMBER 2021

1 TINNED FRUIT	2 UHT MILK	3 TINNED POTATOES	4 JAR OF JAM	5 BAG OF SUGAR
6 BABY MILK 3 & 4	7 NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	8 TINNED FISH	9 TINNED TOMATOES	10 TINNED MEATS
11 TINNED HOTDOGS	12 PASTA SAUCE	13 TINNED BEANS	14 RICE PUDDING	15 TOILETRIES
16 TINNED FRUIT	17 UHT MILK	18 TINNED POTATOES	19 JAR OF JAM	20 BAG OF SUGAR
21 BABY MILK 3 & 4	22 NAPPIES SIZE 5 & 6	23 TINNED FISH	24 CORDIAL	

*Please help
if you can.*

Kevin Sinfield's Extra Mile Challenge

Local Rugby legend Kevin Sinfield took to the tarmac again this week for another physically grueling challenge in aid of MND and his pal Rob Burrows ... after running 7 marathons in 7 days this time last year, this week he ran 101 miles in 24 hours from his current club Leicester Tigers to his former club Leeds Rhinos.

He has already raised over £1.75m, which will be split equally between the Leeds Hospitals Charity appeal to build the Rob Burrow Centre for MND supporting people living with MND and their families, and the MND Association.

It is an amazing achievement - Well Done Kevin!!

If you would like to donate or know more, see;

<https://www.mndassociation.org/get-involved/donations/kevin-sinfield/>



KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday 11th December

12:30pm - 3:30pm (Santa from 2:30pm)

Uppermill Conservative Club

Price includes a packed lunch,
games and a gift from Santa

£7.95 per ticket (discount for siblings)

Tickets available from Uppermill
Conservative Club or contact
Vickie Lambert on 07901 997 079



All proceeds will go towards Saddleworth
Rangers U15's Tour May 2022