

DIGGLE STAR - 28.03.2024



DIGGLE STARS

Jade Strong - For effort in writing and trying hard with spellings.

Phoenix Broadhurst - For being a great friend to all the children in Class R.

Jacob McGlashan- for fantastic effort in his maths over the past couple of weeks.

Amelia Gowans- for fantastic effort in class, contributing well and always trying hard.

Natalia Thirlwell - for ALWAYS following the 6R's, being kind and helpful and trying hard in all lessons.

Ralph Tann - for showing pride in his work and improvement with writing, handwriting and presentation.

Alfie Brierley- for a fantastic attitude to reading this week.

Sophie Shaw-Woodall - for always being ready to learn and participating fully in lessons and our performance.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

Although this half term has only been 4 weeks and 4 days we have crammed an awful lot into it.

Thank you to all the parents who came into school this week to watch both the music concert and the year 3/4 Roman Variety Show. The children really love having an audience to perform to.

Please see below for pictures from both events.

I hope you all have a lovely Easter holidays and find time to support FODS by taking part in the Scarecrow Trail. A huge thank you to Mrs Powell and her team of helpers who have worked so hard on not one but two scarecrows for the trail. You are all amazing!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 29th Mar - Sun 14th Apr - Scarecrow Trail

Mon 22nd Apr -Open Day. Classes R to 5 (am and pm sessions)

Fri 26th Apr -Open Day. Class 6 (pm session only)

Fri 3rd May - Olympics Wacky Races

Tues 7th May - Class Photographs

Tues 21st May - Reception Stay and Play

Thurs 23rd May -Whole school trip to Chester Zoo.

w/c 3rd June - Sports Week

Wed 12th - Fri 14th June - Year 6 Kingswood

Mon 24th June - Open Day. All year groups (am and pm sessions)

Here are
our
amazing
Diggle
Stars!



Percy has been busy building scarecrows and hasn't been checking the cloakrooms. He'll be back after Easter.



Class R

Our final 4 days of the Spring term have been filled with fun Easter activities. We have finalised our wonderful Easter cards. We have enjoyed completing Easter word-searches and Easter phonics colourings. We have also practiced our handwriting skills using Easter words.

In maths we have consolidated our knowledge of doubling. The children have used their fingers, counters, dice, dominoes and everyday objects to spot doubles up to 12. We have also revisited odds and evens to finish off our maths unit *Building 9 and 10*.

Enjoy your Easter holidays Class R. You have worked so hard this term and your teachers and adults can see how much progress you are making.



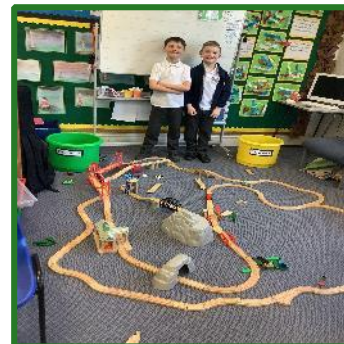
This week in photos. More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page.

Class 1

This week in English we have finished reading our class text 'Meerkat Mail.' We wrote thought and feeling bubbles for Sunny during his visit to Madagascar. We wrote sentences about how Sunny felt and why, when he visited Aunty Bea and Uncle Rob's. Lastly we compared Sunny's first and last postcards and discussed why he had decided to return home in the end.

In Maths we have completed our unit on Mass and Volume. WE have compared volume using the terms more and less, full, half full, nearly full, nearly empty and empty. We have measured capacity using cups and cubes and compared capacity using the greater than and less than symbols.

This week has been computing week. We have completed a unit on digital painting using an app called Sketchbook. We practised using the various tools such as the pencil, paintbrush, eraser and paint fill to find out what they do. We then used specific tools to create our images such as a self portrait. We also looked at the work of famous artists such as Piet Mondrian, Henri Matisse and Wassily Kandinsky and selected the most appropriate tools to create work inspired by each artist. We learnt how to save our work in Google Drive.

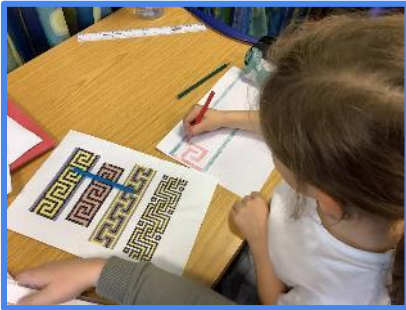


Class 2

In English this week we have been investigating the aliens in the story Man on the Moon. We used this to help us draw our own aliens, thinking carefully about what they would look like and how they might behave. Then we wrote descriptions of them using different sentence types, apostrophes, adjectives and verbs. We polished up our handwriting by working with our handwriting pens this week. We have been learning any common exception words which we are finding tricky and trying to use them in our written work. In Maths we have completed learning checks for multiplication and division. This will help us focus on areas which we still need to work on. We then completed a pre-learning check for our next maths topic focused on shape. We also enjoyed a visit from our Year 2 governor, Mrs Boon, who joined us in class on Tuesday morning. Finally, as it is the end of term, we have been looking forward to the Easter holidays and celebrations. We wrote about activities we will be doing over Easter.

Chocolate seemed to feature heavily!
Happy Easter everyone from Year 2.





Class 3

What a busy week! On Monday, Class 3 performed their dress rehearsal for the whole school, followed by 2 performances for family members. The children worked really hard on their poems, songs, jokes and dances and really enjoyed seeing it come together, along with Class 4.

In maths we have been learning about scales and mass, using grams to measure weights.

In theme, we have been learning about the Roman Baths and looked at mosaics, producing our own.

Roman Day was a huge success and the children looked amazing! We enjoyed tasting food they would have eaten in Roman times, such as quince jelly, olives, dates and feta cheese, as well as learning about some more unusual foods they would have eaten. We didn't add jellyfish, dormice or cows udders to our tasting sessions, but we did write our own menus, using 'masterchef phrases' and adjectives to make the menu sound more appetizing. It was quite a challenge!

Class 4

This week, Class 4 have been busy with our performances and a big congratulations to all the kids for their hard work. We hope all the parents enjoyed it.

We also went to experience Easter which was run by Ground Breakers. The children did different activities all linked to the Easter Story.

In Maths, we have finished off equivalent fractions and we will do some more work on fractions after the holidays.

In computing, we turned our iPads into data loggers and recorded sound and light data ready to process. The children made predictions about what time it would be lightest and loudest!

In theme, we produced a leaflet for our own Roman baths. We learnt about the features of Roman baths and the children had to use their persuasive writing to get people to choose their bath.

Roman day was a big success! The children made Roman honey biscuits and wrote down the instructions. The biscuits came out great and we were able to share them with Class 3.

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Class 5

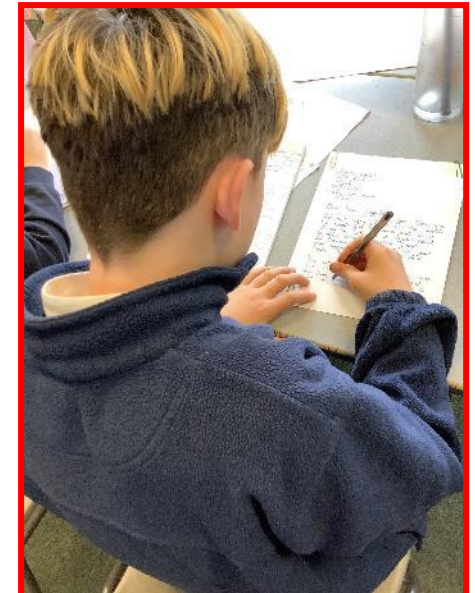
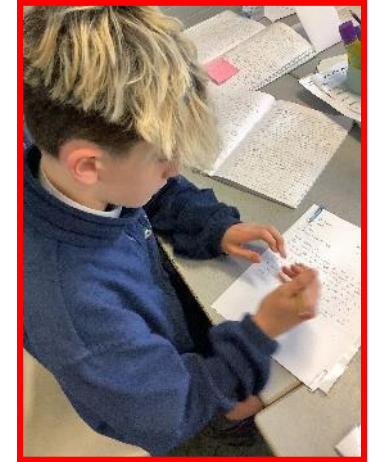
This week in Maths we have been looking at statistics and how to read and interpret graphs and tables. In English we have written a newspaper report. We have reported a mysterious guest intruding on the birthday party of one of our main characters. In science we looked at metamorphosis and how butterflies, frogs, newts and dragonflies change form. We also had our last city thrive session where the children looked at how we can use exercise as a form of stress relief.

Class 6

This week in maths we have been continuing with our statistics topic by reading, interpreting and presenting data in pie charts and carefully learning how to use a protractor to measure degrees accurately.

In English we have been busy writing our own Jon-chronological reports about creatures we have created. The children initially found it quite difficult to think about the features that might be needed, but they have really tried hard to also include a range of writing features that are needed across a range of different texts and genres.

We also enjoyed watching class 3 and 4's performance at the start of the week and thought the children all did really well, learning the different poems and songs.



What a wonderful end to Year 3 and 4's Roman theme. Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who worked so hard - especially Mrs Spencer and Mrs Bradbury.



Romans...



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Castleshaw Hike



Music Morning



Home Reading Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's 50 and 100 **AND** 200 Home Readers...



Governor's Announcement

Proposal

We are proposing that from September 2024 Diggle School will run a governor led school nursery in the porta cabin for children aged 3 and above.

The nursery will be run by existing qualified school staff. We are pleased that Mrs Hawes will be the lead practitioner with Miss Leach supporting the setting.

Rationale

- Having our own nursery will provide an excellent transition for children into reception.
- The school can plan the curriculum that is delivered in the nursery setting ensuring that children are school ready when they enter reception.
- We can start early phonics and number work in nursery
- It will also give us the opportunity to ensure early identification of special needs.
- The nursery and reception class can operate as an EYFS unit sharing planning, visits and experiences.
- We can offer parents wrap around care through our Before and After School Club.
- We can offer children hot school meals

If you have any comments to make please send your responses to enquiries@diggleschool.co.uk before Friday 19th April 2024

Special Shout Outs

We love hearing about the amazing things that our children have done outside of school. If your child has done something worth shouting about please let us know. Email leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk or joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



This week's special shout out goes to Neve in Class 4. Last weekend, Neve braved the weather and helped to plant over 300 trees in a field above Knott Hill in Delph, in order to reforest the area.

What an amazing achievement, and what great resilience, in the windy and snowy weather. What a wonderful thing to do for your community, and for the environment, we are all immensely proud of you! Well done.

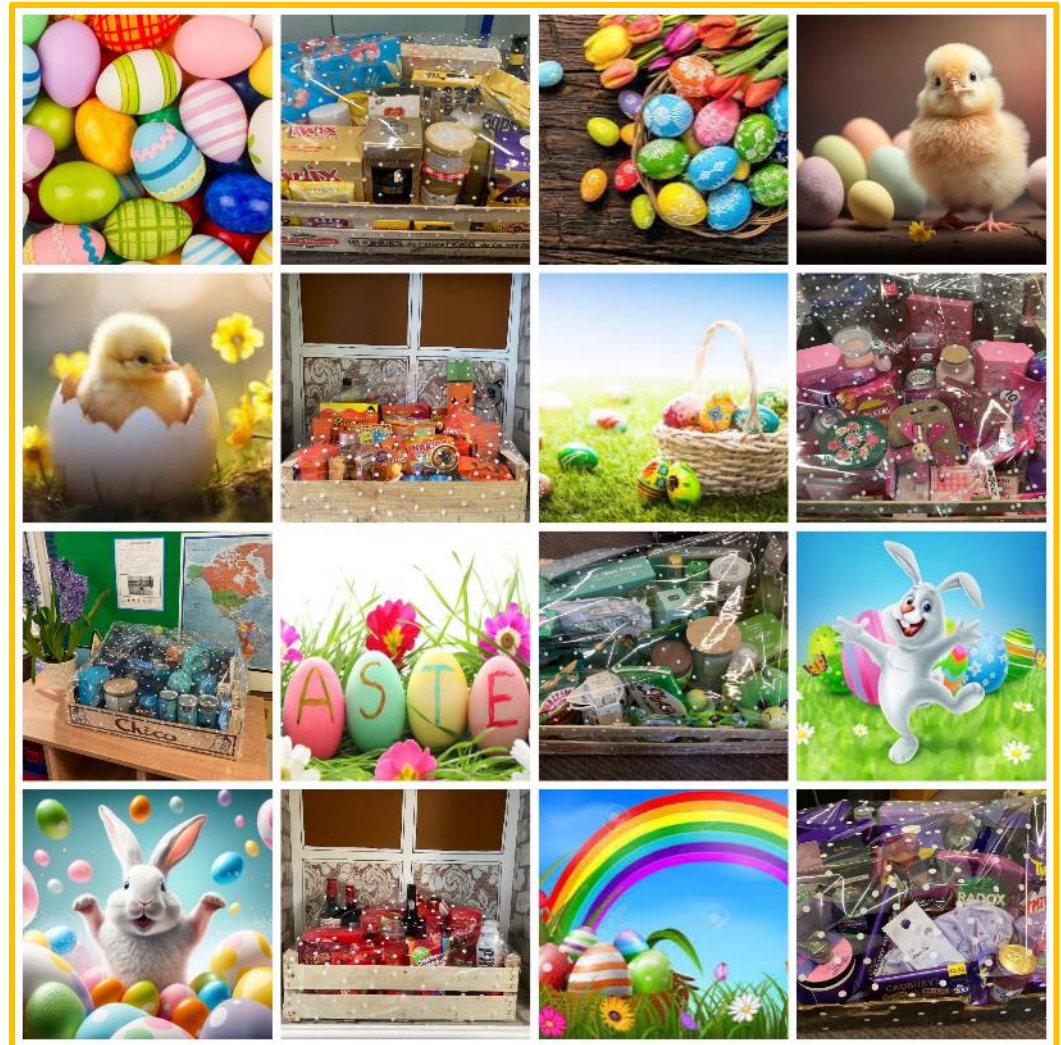


Easter Hamper Winners

Raffle Winners...

Lottie Brooks- Class R Hamper
Natasha Hunt- Class 1 Hamper
Lisa Mansfield- Class 2 Hamper
Fraser - Class 3 Hamper
L Threlfall- Class 4 Hamper
Rebecca Avery - Class 5 Hamper
Rachel Davies- Class 6 Hamper

Congratulations!



Look at these fabulous FODS events...

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SUMMER CARNIVAL

SATURDAY 29TH JUNE
GATES OPEN AT 2 P.M. DIGGLE SCHOOL FIELD
DIGGLE SCHOOL, SAM ROAD, DIGGLE

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
OPEN TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY - BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY!

GAMES	INFLATABLES
STALLS	SPORTS
LIVE MUSIC	GRAND RAFFLE
DANCING	TOMBOLAS
BAR AND BBQ	TODDLER AREA

FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL
CHARITY NO 1035075

Prizes for best scarecrow!

Friends of Diggle School Present The

DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL

29TH MARCH - 14TH APRIL 2024

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

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 are available now from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-Of-Diggle-School> or scan the QR code below.

Purchase your sheet then pick up on the day from one of our outlets- The Gate Inn, Grandpa Greene's, The Diggle Hotel and Diggle Lock.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for up to date car park and weather info and opening days and times of all venues.

Eastert treats with your trail sheet!

This years theme is

ALL THINGS TELEVISION!

All profits to directly benefit the children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075

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Olympics Wacky Races

And outdoor disco
Friday 3rd May
After school until 5pm

Come and join in the fun on our wacky races!
Compete with your mates to win the silliest races, then join our fun disco area

Hot dogs/cakes/drinks
tuck shop
KIDS ONLY!
£5 PER PERSON
Available on parent pay soon!
Cut off date for payments is 26th April

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EASTER DAY

"FREEDOM"

Family Celebration at:-
Kilngreen Church
Diggle

Sunday 31st March
9.30 am

With special guests
Diggle Community Brass
to accompany us

Easter egg for all present

EVERYONE WELCOME



These glasses were left in the school hall this week. If they are yours please call into the school office after Easter.

Music Lessons

Music lessons have commenced, and fees are now on Parent Pay. Please note that Singing lessons will not start again until after half term and the charge on Parent Pay reflects this planned absence.

Lessons will be as follows:

Monday - Singing (from after half term)

Tuesday - Brass

Wednesday - Percussion, Woodwind, Keyboard

Thursday - Guitar

Please ensure your child brings their instrument with them where applicable on the day stated above.

If you would like your child to start music lessons please contact the school office to enquire about availability and financial commitment.

School Band Rehearsal Dates

Quick reminder that Mr Byers is not available for 8.30am band practice on the following dates...

PLEASE NOTE, EVEN THOUGH MORNING BAND PRACTICE IS NOT ON, LESSONS WILL STILL BE HAPPENING, AND BAND PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE DAY, SO YOUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

**Tuesday 16th April 2024, Tuesday 7th May 2024,
Tuesday 4th June 2024, Tuesday 26th June 2024,
Tuesday 16th July 2024**



NEW

When?

Mon 8th - Thurs 11th April

10am-2pm

Where?

St Johns Church Hall
Stamford Road
Lees
Oldham
OL4 3LH

Activities:



Breakdancing



Graffiti Art

To book a place:

- E-mail: ssd.cic@hotmail.com
- Or
- Text Tracy: 07507632115

- Adults name
- Child's name
- Child's DOB
- School
- HAF code
- Any allergies
- Dietary requirements
- Medical needs.



@saddleworth_dance

Saddleworth School of Dance cic





The advertisement features a vibrant blue and yellow striped background. At the top, a large yellow 'FF' logo with a soccer ball in the center is set within a circular frame. Below this, a group of children in yellow and blue football kits are shown inside a yellow inflatable tunnel, cheering with their arms raised. The word 'Easter' is written in large, blue, bubbly letters with a white outline. Below it, 'Football Fun camps' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. Underneath that, the tagline 'A truly unique inflatable Football experience' is written in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'Book Now!' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a white outline. Below this, the website 'www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

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Easter
Football Fun camps
A truly unique inflatable Football experience

Book Now!
www.thefootballfunfactory.co.uk

UPPERMILL BAND

Get your children involved in making music



BRASS 'n' BASH!

Family Concert performed by Uppermill Band
Interactive Musical Play, Fun & Games

Sunday 14th April. Saddleworth Cricket Bowling & Tennis Club

12pm & 2.00pm Tickets: Children £2.50 Adults £5 Family £15

www.uppermillband.co.uk 07949 599 200



HALLÉ
YOUTH ORCHESTRA
YOUTH CHOIR
YOUTH TRAINING CHOIR
CHILDREN'S CHOIR

RECRUITING NOW

We are now inviting applications for the 2023/24 season.

For more details and to access the online application form,
please visit www.halle.co.uk/project/youth-ensembles-recruitment

or contact:

Minnie Elliott for Youth Orchestra, Youth Choir and Youth Training Choir enquiries
minnie.elliott@halle.co.uk

Jodie Buckland for Children's Choir enquiries
jodie.buckland@halle.co.uk

Please note the deadline for applications is **Monday 6 May 2024**.