



## DIGGLE STARS

**Heidi Allewell**- For working very hard during writing lessons.

**Klara Boon** - for excellent effort in all lessons and always following the 6Rs.

**Joshua Broadbent** - For a more responsible attitude to learning and trying hard with reading and writing.

**Stanley Howard** - For demonstrating good reasoning in Maths and during our science investigation into the amplitude of sound.

**Henry Comer**- For always following the 6Rs and being a good role model.

**Harrison Joy** - For some amazing work in maths.

**Minnie Cadogan**-for always being engaged and enthusiastic in lessons.

Here are our  
amazing  
Diggle Stars!



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

The Saddleworth Olympics have come to an end now, we were very pleased to be able to offer our grounds over the summer to the Diggle teams for their training. They have all performed wonderfully over the last few weekends. It has been lovely to hear all the children excitedly chatting about the different events. Please see further down the newsletter for some super action shots.

**Percy Pigeon goes to Class 3 for their fantastically tidy cloakroom this week.**

**Well done Class 3.**

Here is Percy looking down to make sure everything stays tidy.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thurs 19th Oct** - FODS Break the Rules Day

**Fri 20th Oct** - Staff Inset - school closed

**Mon 23-Fri 27th Oct** - Half Term

**14th Nov** - Flu vaccinations

**Thurs 23rd Nov** - Open day

**Wed 29th Nov** - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs

**Mon 18th Dec** - KS1 xmas performance pm

**Tues 19th Dec** - Class R nativity am  
KS1 xmas performance pm

**Wed 20th Dec** - Panto day

**Thurs 21st Dec** - Xmas Dinner Day  
KS1 xmas party

**Fri 22nd Dec** - KS2 xmas party  
Xmas theme non-uniform  
Finish for Christmas

**2024**

**8th Jan** - back to school



## Class R

The children had their first phonics lessons this week. We have looked at the sounds m, s, d, a and t. The children have really impressed me with their hard work practising sounding and forming their letters.

We also started our brand new topic *Autumn*. Some of the children brought in some interesting finds from home, including acorns, conkers, leaves and twigs.

In the creative area, we have used pincers to collect conkers and count them out in jars. This tested their counting skills and their fine motor skills.

In the 'messy area' we have created an investigation area where we have displayed the conkers collected from the school forest. The children have used magnifying glasses to explore what they could see and describe it to their friends.

We have also read the books *Autumn*, *A Surprise for Dumpy* and *The Nutty Nut Chase*, watched an autumn-themed *Cosmic Yoga* and the BBC video *What is Autumn*.

In maths we sorted a variety of objects into groups, identifying their differences. We have also created our own sorting rules.

We also celebrated the *Abilities In Me* day on Monday by dressing in colourful clothes and discussing what makes us different.



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

## Class 1

This week in English we have started to read the story of the Lighthouse Keeper's lunch. We enjoyed how cheeky the seagulls were and we worked on a rotation of four activities based on the book. We wrote Mrs Grinling's shopping list, sounded out words to label a seaside scene, re told the story using story props and completed seaside themed pencil control. In Maths we have completed our work on place value within 10, learning to compare numbers using the greater than and less than symbols, ordering objects and numbers and using the number line. We have also started our unit of work on addition and subtraction within 10 by learning about parts and wholes. In Art we used paper strips to design our own beach huts. We think they look great on our corridor display! In Theme we learnt about the human features of the seaside and sorted some pictures into human or physical. In Science we learnt about our sense of touch. We named the different parts of our hands and carried out a simple test with a feely bag to see if our sense of touch alone could help us to identify the mystery objects.

## Class 2

This week in Maths we have been learning about number lines. We have looked at different number lines with intervals of one or ten. We have found missing numbers on the lines which was a little tricky if the lines didn't start with one or ten.

In Science we have been using our life processes knowledge to work out if things are dead, living or never alive. In our Theme lessons we have been researching the creatures which live in a rockpool micro habitat. We drew a detailed rockpool and learnt how to carefully label it using a sharp pencil and ruler.

During one of our English lessons we had a surprise when Mrs Newton told us that a lady who looked like Mrs Grinling from 'The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch' had hand delivered a letter asking Year Two for tasty lunch box ideas. We thought of lots of delicious lunchbox ideas and practised writing them with commas in a list.



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## Class 3

This week Class 3 have enjoyed reading and listening to a range of poems; looking at the different styles and identifying word types and features. We have focussed on shape poems and enjoyed looking at how they are designed. In Maths, we have continued with place value, ordering and comparing 3 digit numbers and using our reasoning skills to tackle word problems. We have enjoyed our earthquake drills during this week, as we learnt more about how tectonic plates can affect the Earth. We've also compared rocks in Science looking for differences, and using a magnifying glass to see particles. In Computing, we began to look at inputs and outputs and how digital devices work as part of our 'Computing systems' unit.

## Class 4

This week in Class 4 we have been looking at narrative poems and the features of poems; practicing adjectives, adverbs, similes and onomatopoeia. In Maths, we have continued with place value and using number lines to help us order and sequence numbers to 10,000. In theme, we have continued to look at volcanoes and created some wonderful volcano shadow prints of eruptions.

In Science, we have been exploring the amplitude of sound. We planned and experimented with tuning forks on different surfaces to see which surface produces the loudest sound.

Finally in French and SMSC we have been talking about friends and family.

## Class 5

This week in Maths, Class 5 have been looking at addition and subtraction, written and mental methods. We have recapped how to borrow and carry when doing addition and subtraction. In English we have written a recount of the events during our trip this week, focussing on what we learned about while we were there and using fronted adverbials in our writing. During our trip this week we learned about what life was like for the Vikings. We learned about each of the roles of a Viking and how each one was important. In P.E. we have been focussing on invasion games and how to trick defenders.

## Class 6

This week in Class 6 we have been consolidating our learning on the place value topic so far and have started to recap basic addition and subtraction strategies. In English we have written a job application as Beowulf to apply for the role of 'Monster Killer' to help King Hrothgar and the Danes to defeat the evil monster Grendel, who has been wreaking terror on the land for over 12 winters. In Theme we have looked at King Alfred the Great and King Athelstan - both of whom were influential Anglo-Saxon kings during their reigns during the Viking period of invasion. In P.E. we have looked at developing our skills in different gaming situations and thought about how to pass and receive a ball and use these tactics and adapted them to a game of Danish Longball.

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## Abilities in Me Day

Abilities in Me is a charity which aims to support all children, regardless of their barriers, to feel accepted and understood. To work towards this goal, the charity produces books which are inspired by real children and their experiences, and they enable parents and teachers to talk about different needs and conditions with their children in a fun, safe and engaging way.

To support this amazing charity, the children came to school in their brightest clothes and we managed to raise £69.30.



## Year 5 and 6 Viking Day Experience at Murton Park

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic time at Murton Park on Wednesday for their Viking Experience. The children learnt the main roles of Vikings during the time period and also the importance of food- without this, it has been found, that many Vikings actually lost their lives due to hunger and not through fighting.

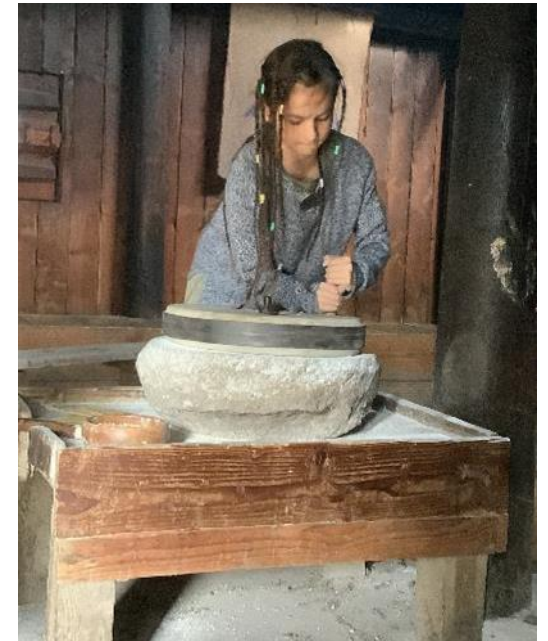
Once they entered the Viking Village the children met the Lady of the village and agreed to work for her for the day. Their tasks included: building their strategy skills to help think of new defensive and attacking tactics, learning the basic commands when in battle, holding a spear and shield to protect the village from an Anglo-Saxon invasion, crafting a clay tallow candle holder so that their homes can be lit up during the dark nights, and finally learning how to make bread by grinding grain on the grindstone to make flour, and then mixing this with water to make bread.

The children then spent some time in the Lady's long house where she explained to them how living conditions of the Vikings are still similar to how some children in other countries live, and we had some reflection time to think about how fortunate we are.

It was a full day of engaging and interactive tasks where the children were able to take part in hands-on activities to make their learning more memorable.









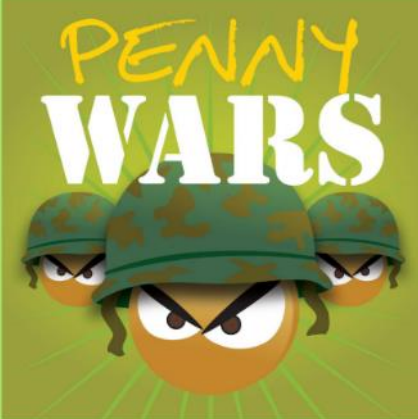


# PEACE HAS BEEN DECLARED IN THE CORRIDORS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL - PENNY WARS IS OVER!

The competition has now finished. Our brave FODS warriors are tallying as we speak. The winner will be announced next week. Watch this space...




**Start saving your pennies...**  
**Penny Wars is back!**  
**Monday 18th - Friday 29th September**



**Work together to win your class a prize! Prize to be chosen by the winning class.**  
**GAIN** points by adding 1p and 2p coins to your class jar  
**LOWER** other class totals by adding silver coins to their jar

<b>Copper coins</b> <b>ADD to the class total</b>	<b>Silver coins</b> <b>SUBTRACT from the class total</b>
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**FODS will add up all copper coin totals and deduct silver coin totals to determine which class is the winner.**



Are you ready for some spooky adventures? Look what FODS are planning this Halloween!  
Look out in next week's Diggle Star for more information.



**FODS**  
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

# HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS

£3.50 each

Available soon on parent pay for Break the Rules day

Order before Wed 11th Oct to avoid disappointment!!!!

@reallygreatsite



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FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

## BREAK THE RULES AT HALLOWEEN

1. Wear silly clothes, pyjamas or fancy dress
2. Wear a crazy hairstyle
3. Bring sweets or chocolate to school (no nuts)
4. Bring any drink to school
5. Wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos
6. You can bring teddies, toys or games to school
7. Stand up in class and tell a spooky joke
8. Change your name for the day

50p per rule or £3 to break ALL 8 rules!

Please bring your money in a sealed envelope and give to your teacher, or pay on parent pay.

Halloween Treat bags will also be available to buy on parent pay



Friends of Diggle School  
Present The

# DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL

Friday 20th - Tuesday 31st October

Our fabulous Spooky Trail is back!  
A great day out for all the family.

Trail sheets, priced at £3 will be available from The Gate Inn, The Diggle Hotel and Grandpa Greene's priced £3 or buy on ticketsource via the QR code below and pick up your sheets on the day.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail for news and up to date information about the spooky trail.  
Halloween Treats for all children!

BOOK NOW



**FODS**  
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

All profits directly benefit the children of Diggle School  
Registered Charity Number: 1035075



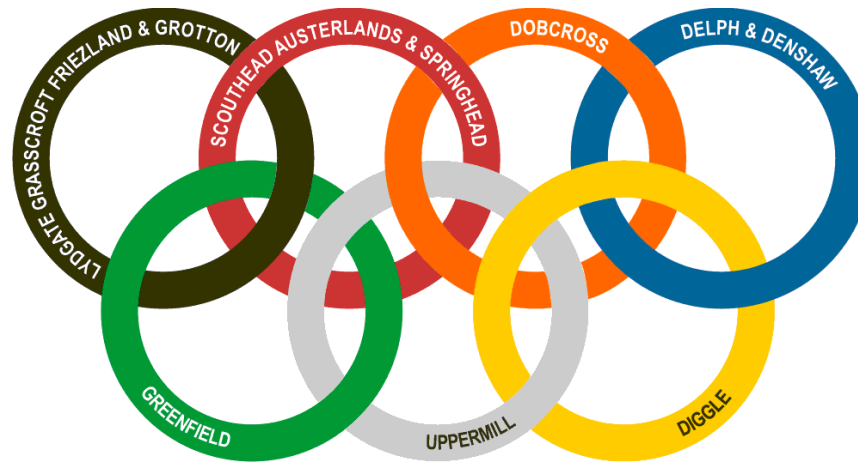
Don't forget the other fantastic activities that FODS have planned...

 <b>UPCOMING EVENTS 2023/24</b>	
 <b>SEP</b> MON 18TH - FRI 29TH SEPTEMBER	 <b>PENNY WARS</b> 
 <b>OCT</b> THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER	 <b>HALLOWEEN BREAK THE RULES DAY</b> <b>HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT BAGS</b>
 <b>OCT</b> FRI 20TH - TUES 31ST OCTOBER	 <b>DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL</b> 
 <b>NOV</b> NOVEMBER	 <b>CHRISTMAS CARDS</b> 
 <b>DEC</b> FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER	 <b>FODS BIG CHRISTMAS FILM NIGHT</b> 
 <b>DEC</b> DECEMBER	 <b>CHRISTMAS HAMPERS</b>
 <b>FEB</b> FRIDAY 16TH FEBRUARY	 <b>BREAK THE RULES DAY</b>
 <b>MAR</b> THURSDAY 7TH MARCH	 <b>WILLY WONKA'S GOLDEN TICKET!</b>
 <b>MAR</b> VARIOUS DATES IN MARCH	 <b>MOTHER'S DAY SALE</b>
 <b>MAR</b> FRIDAY 28TH MARCH	 <b>FODS EASTER EGG HUNT</b> <b>RAINBOW RAFFLE</b>
 <b>MAR</b>  <b>APR</b> FRI 29TH MARCH - SUN 14TH APRIL	 <b>DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL</b>
 <b>MAY</b> FRIDAY 3RD MAY	 <b>WACKY RACES</b>
 <b>JUN</b> VARIOUS DATES IN JUNE	 <b>FATHER'S DAY SALE</b>
 <b>JUN</b> SUMMER EVENT TBC	
 <b>JUL</b> SUMMER EVENT TBC	

**DON'T FORGET... YOUR CHRISTMAS CARD CREATIONS ARE DUE BACK IN SCHOOL ON THE 2ND OCTOBER.**

Please ensure all Christmas card designs are handed back to your child's class teacher by the 2nd October. Unfortunately any designs received after this date may not be accepted.





As a lot of you brave parents will know, the Saddleworth Olympics has now finished. For those of you who don't know, the Saddleworth Olympics is open to all children in Key Stage 2 and 3, who live, or go to school, in the Saddleworth area. Each Saddleworth village fields a team, and there are competitions in everything from athletics to swimming and from rugby to rounders.

We think the Olympics are a brilliant opportunity for our children and we're delighted to say that not only did Diggle field a fantastic team, they also achieved some of their best results ever. Although the final individual medal totals have not been revealed, the team medals are as follows:



**7 SHIELDS**

**5 SILVER**

**7 BRONZE**

**5 SLATE**

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## A Special Shout Out

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](mailto:leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk) or [joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk) and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



Zac in Class 5, and his sister Awaab in Class 3, took part in the library reading challenge over the Summer. They had to borrow, and read 6 books throughout the holidays. As you can see from their medals and certificates, they were both successful in the challenge. Well done Zac and Awaab, we're super proud of you both. Keep reading!



Amelia in class 6 took part in a horse riding competition in Speetley last weekend against other riders from different pony clubs. She had to canter around the course, jumping over the fences in order as well as trying to achieve the fastest time. Amelia's hard work paid off and she came in 2nd place! Well done Amelia!

## Notices

### **School Meals**

The menu for school dinners is on the school website -

<https://www.diggleschool.co.uk/school-meals>

The amazing kitchen staff provide a wide range of tasty meals throughout the week, with 3 options to choose from most days, and all dietary requirements will be catered for.

Meals are charged at £2.60 for years 3-6 unless eligible for Free School Meals. If you pay for your child's dinners the easiest way to make sure you don't fall behind with payments is to set up the "Auto Top-Up", which automatically adds an amount set by you when the balance drops below a certain amount.

If your child doesn't usually have school meals and wants to try, they just need to order on the day. We are very flexible regarding children mixing school dinners and packed lunches if there are certain days they like the menu choice and not others.

### **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.

### **Flu Vaccine Forms**

Please return your child's flu vaccination form - we need the form back regardless of whether you are consenting or not.

## School Band Rehearsal Dates

The school band rehearsals have now started and Mr Byers was very pleased with the start the children made last week. Thank you to everyone who brought their child to school for 8:30 am on Tuesday morning.

The rehearsal time of 8:30 am on a Tuesday morning is the normal rehearsal time, however there are a few dates during the year where Mr Byers is not available at that time due to commitments at the music centre. All the dates for the year are below. On these dates band rehearsal will take place during the school day. Please do not send your child to school early on these dates.

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023, Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024**  
**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

## Vision Screening in Class R

On the 4th October, Class R will be having their vision screening. Parents will be receiving a consent form. You only need to return this form, if **YOU DO NOT** consent to your child having the vision screening test. Please return any forms on Monday.



# KILNGREEN CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE



SUNDAY  
1st  
OCTOBER

10.00 am

PLEASE JOIN US AT :-  
DIGGLE ALLOTMENTS  
WARD LANE  
DIGGLE

EVERYONE WELCOME

SEATING AVAILABLE

WITH  
ACCOMPANIMENT  
FROM  
DIGGLE BAND

DURING THE SERVICE  
WE WILL BE  
COLLECTING  
CASH DONATIONS  
FOR CHARITY

DONATIONS FOR THE  
LOCAL FOOD-BANK  
CAN BE BROUGHT  
ALONG ON THE DAY  
THANK YOU

BREAKFAST  
BUTTIES  
&  
DRINKS  
AVAILABLE ON SALE AT:-  
THE GATE INN  
DIGGLE

ALL WELCOME  
TO

# THE NEARLY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

AT  
KILNGREEN CHURCH  
LEESIDE  
DIGGLE

WITH  
POP UP SHOPS

SATURDAY  
4th NOV.

12.00pm  
Until  
3.00pm

REFRESHMENTS  
Including Mulled Wine

&  
Mince Pies

FREE ADMISSION

RAFFLE

BOOKS  
CANDLES  
JEWELLERY  
NOVELTY KNITS  
LUXURY CHOCOLATES  
HAND STITCHED GOODS  
FASHION & ACCESSORIES  
HANDCRAFTED WOODEN GIFTS  
CHRISTMAS ITEMS & MORE