



DIGGLE STARS

Jasper Cooney - for fantastic maths work!

Lena Pooley - for settling into Class 4 and being confident and enthusiastic

Darcey Coatsworth - for settling into Class 4 and being hardworking and responsible.

Sam Shaw-Woodall - for working responsibly in all subjects particularly in TTRockstars when he persevered to achieve his personal goal.

Evelyn Tamworth - for fantastic effort in everything she does.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



This week has seen the start of Christmas in school with the arrival of our elves on the shelves thanks to FODS. Also all the beautiful displays that have gone up in school. Check out the photos further down in the newsletter and also keep an eye on Facebook to find out what the elves get up to this year.

Can I just remind all parents of children in Year 3 and below that the schools homework policy states that children in these year groups must be collected by someone who is at least 18 years old. This applies from both school, BASC and extra curricular clubs. From Year 4 upwards an older sibling can collect and in Year 5 and 6 children can walk home after school alone if the parents inform the class teacher and give permission in writing.

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 in Class R our word of the week was 'Winter', and we looked at all the characteristics of the winter season. As a class we had already started to learn the story 'Diamond in the Snow' by Jonathan Emmett and the children were able to talk about how they knew the book was set in winter. The children wrote some winter words and made paper snowflakes.

Another part of winter we looked at this week, was winter celebrations. The children listened to the story of Hanukkah and used story maps to retell the story. We looked at how Hanukkah is celebrated by Jewish people and painted some gold Menorahs. The children made sure to use their counting skills to check that there were 9 candles - 1 to represent the first lighting of the lamp and 8 candles to represent the 8 nights it burned.

We also learnt about the pagan festival of Yule and the children noticed some Christmas traditions that they do are similar to traditional yule greetings - such as decorating a Christmas tree and eating yummy Yule log. The children had a lot of fun decorating our classroom with some of these shared traditions. In Maths, we practiced using positional language and our Class Elf came to help us by hiding and giving the children a map to find him. The children also were really engaged when operating the beebots and programming them to move.

In P.E., the children were developing their balancing skills and practicing their control by tipping a ball into each other's cones.

They also played an exciting Paw Patrol game.

Finally, our class Elf appeared on Thursday and was up to some mischief but he wrote the children a lovely note on Friday saying sorry and helped the children find where he was hiding.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have spent time writing our penguin fact files. We made sure we included some facts about what penguins look like, what penguins do and a fun fact. We tried very hard with our handwriting and capital letters and full stops. Some of us even used an exclamation mark. In Maths this week we have been completing some assessments to show what we have remembered about numbers and place value, addition and subtraction and 2D and 3D shapes from the autumn term.

We had forest school each afternoon this week! We split our afternoon so that half the class went to forest school and half stayed with Mrs Mellor and then swapped. In forest school we have been using natural materials to build a reindeer model.

First we were challenged to find suitable materials for each part of the body. Then with help from Mr Ryan and Mr Taylor we cut the pieces of wood to the correct size, drilled holes in our base and the adults used strong glue to fix our models to the base. In class we have been finishing our christmas star decorations and learning the Christmas songs for our performances as well as practising the words and actions for

our group poems

Class 2

This week we have done some independent writing to check how much we have improved this term. We tried hard to write good sentences using correct punctuation and adding noun phrases for interest. We also managed to use some conjunctions too. Our handwriting is improving but we need to check our letter formation carefully. Our 'start the day' spelling games are helping us to spell using the correct graphemes and helping us remember our key words. In Maths we were very resilient when adding two digit numbers using the tens and ones apparatus to help. Miss Spivey tried to trick us with a true or false challenge! We enjoyed working out which sums were true or false by checking if the answer was correct. In theme we have learned which countries are in the Arctic circle and about the polar seasons. We learned that in the Arctic the sun doesn't rise in winter and doesn't set in summer. The temperature can drop to -70 in winter!! This week we began learning our Christmas poems and songs for our KS1 performance and our Christmas artwork is also on display now. We enjoyed a PE session with Chiara where we worked on target games, throwing and aiming accurately.



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have enjoyed creating the pieces for their winter board based on the story of The Snow Queen. In English, they used their notes and planning, as well as their newspaper research last week, to write an article based on the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. We also investigated how we used a/ an i sentences and why. In Maths, we have been adding, crossing over tens and hundreds and regrouping. In science, we investigated whether all materials reflect light and also used our reasoning skills to answer why footballers at night matches sometimes have 4 shadows. We had an amazing time at Experience Christmas participating in 5 activities with the church volunteers learning the Christian story of Christmas.

Class 4

Class 4 have studied Tutankhamun this week. On the 100th anniversary of his discovery, we have researched Howard Carter and Lord Carnarvon and written some amazing diary entries. In maths we have been using known facts to work out questions involving the 6 and 9 times tables. We talked about being media-wise in SMSC and looked at the journey to the underworld in theme. In science we placed white eggs in different liquids and will study the results next week and in PE we continued our dance unit - this time in groups.

Class 5

We focussed our writing this week on our work for our display. We wrote a piece of writing inspired by Winter Landscape with Ice Skaters and Bird Trap by Pieter Breughel the Elder. We wrote about what the people in the painting could be doing or saying. AS part of this process we worked hard to produce a finish attractive piece of work. Everyone did really well and made a great effort! In our maths we have been finishing our work on multiplication and division looking at how you can multiply or divide by 10, 100 or 1000. We also started to learn the lyrics for our Christmas song which will be our homework for this week.

Class 6

This week in English we have been looking at the features of a newspaper report and have started to write our own alerting people in the Emporium about the disappearance of Mr Silver. The children have planned their newspaper to make sure that they have included the features and information needed to inform and explain what has happened. In maths we have looked at subtracting fractions with different denominators. The children have worked really hard to learn the process to find the lowest common multiple in order to change the denominator so that they can then solve the rest of the problem. In science they have learnt about the theory of revolution and the Galapagos finches.

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DLP Football tournament

On Tuesday evening, our fantastic football team took part in the DLP football tournament. There were 8 schools in attendance split into two groups of 4. Read the match reports to find out what happened...

Game 1

Diggle v St Thomas Leesfield (Won 4-0)

Goals from Isaac, Ollie and two from Frankie secured the first win of the groups.

Game 2

Diggle v Denshaw (Won 1-0)

Another cool finish from Frankie made it two wins from two. Saiym made a tremendous impact in his first appearance and Jack played brilliantly in goals.

Game 3

Diggle v St Mary's (Won 1-0)

A goal from Isaac meant that we topped the group and progressed to the semi-finals. Great defensive performances from Charlie and Lily in this one.

Semi-Final

Diggle v Denshaw (Drew 1-1) (Won 3-1 Pens)

This one finished all square, with Frankie scoring his fourth goal of the tournament. Penalties from Ollie, Frankie and Isaac, and a masterful save from Edward meant we would be in the final!

Final

Diggle v Friezland (Won 2-1)

A nervy game but Diggle came out on top. Solid defensive effort from Dylan. Goals from Isaac and Ollie were enough to win the game, and the competition.



The Squad

Ollie Blair

Charlie Delaney

Isaac Edmondson

Frankie Fielding

Lily Hazlehurst

Dylan Jackson

Jack Johnson

Edward Russell

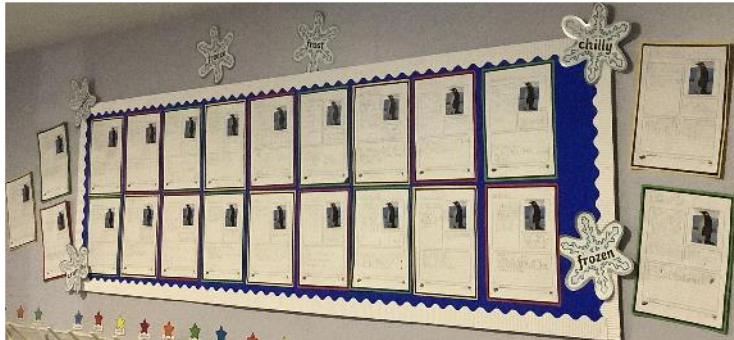
Saiym Shah

**We are the
champions!**

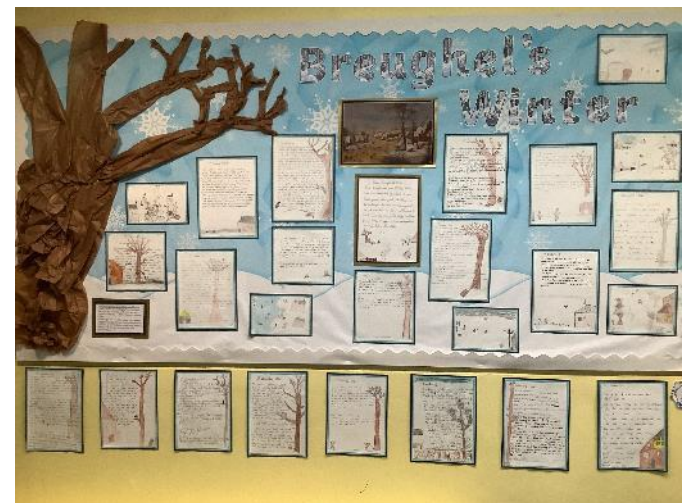
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

On Thursday evening, the Christmas Elves (AKA the wonderful staff of Diggle School) worked their magic and transformed the school to be lovely and festive. Each class has been creating festive work and art over the last few weeks, which the staff used to create some fantastic winter themed displays, and the hoops are up along the corridor with the Christmas theme of stars.

Thank you so much to the staff for giving up their time and going the extra mile to make the school feel extra special this Christmas. It is so lovely to see the children's faces when they come into school on the Friday morning and witness the transformation.



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IT'S
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LIKE
Christmas





FEARLESS
WITCH
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MAGIC



When Little Lights

Santa
& Claus
is coming to
TOWN.



The Lion
the Witch
and the
Wardrobe

The Christmas Tree is up!

It is a long standing tradition here at Diggle School that the oldest and youngest children in school get to switch on the Christmas tree lights. This year, the children went into the hall a class at a time during the morning, so each child could hang a bauble, then we all gathered in a short assembly for the lights to be switched on by Ellis in y6 and Freida in yR.

Thank you to Mr Dickinson for the donation of such a lovely christmas tree.



Christmas Dinner Menu

The school council have worked with Mr Tillet and the children in their classes to decide on a Christmas Dinner menu, and here it is:



Roast Turkey with pigs in blankets



Quorn fillets (Veggie option)



Fresh Vegetables and Stuffing Balls

Roast potatoes



*Gingerbread Goodies
Christmas Muffins*



Children will be asked to order their Christmas dinner on Tuesday 6th December, therefore please discuss this with them. This is to ensure we order the correct amount of food. No late changes can be accommodated.



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

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 should now be paid up - you are welcome to make payments early for Spring and Summer.

Please also check Parent Pay for the Christmas activities your child is involved in, including the whole school visit to the pantomime. Thankyou

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 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.

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.



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.

Dovestone WI present:

**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

the WI
HELPING PEOPLE

Would you like to help
create a Christmas Star display
outside Kingreen Church - Diggle
Please attach your waterproof stars
to the cascade at Church from now
until Christmas Eve.
Thank you