



DIGGLE STARS

Mason Shuttleworth - for swimming 25 metres independently!

Saxon Cocker - for showing resilience in maths and persevering.

Paige Harris - for having resilience in gymnastics to achieve a forward roll.

Ezra Van Zandt - for a much improved effort in all his learning!

Ollie Blair - for contributing well in class and having a mature attitude to his learning.

Holly Wilson - for some thoughtful ideas in her English descriptive writing.

Jasper Gyongyosi - for following the 6 r's all week.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



We are looking forward to welcoming parents into school for the second Open Day of the academic year. For the timings of the two sessions please see the dates for the diary section.

You will once again have the option to look through your children's books. In the morning this will be at 10am after the classroom session and in the afternoon it will be at 1:30 before the classroom session starts at 2pm.

This term you will be able to engage with your children's learning in relation to their theme work.

This means that they could be doing, history, geography, art or design and technology activities.

I also just wanted to say how proud I was of our football team who both played and behaved brilliantly at yesterday's tournament. It was a real pleasure to accompany you. Check out the article for more information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 6th Feb - Open Day 9-10.30 or 1.30-3

DLP AGM 5pm@Saddleworth School

Fri 10th Feb - Finish for Half term

Mon 20th Feb - return to school

w/c 27th Feb - Parents Evening meetings

2nd Mar - Class 1 to Jack & the Beanstalk

Tues 7th Mar - Y3 & 4 Schools Choral Speaking Festival

28th & 29th Mar - Class 3 & 4 performance 2pm

14-16th June - y6 to Kingswood

18th July - y5&6 performance 2pm & 6pm



Class R

In Class R this week we have been learning about and celebrating National StoryTelling Week. This compliments our topic this term, Fairy Tales, with this week's story being Cinderella. We read the story and then retold it using actions, the children were really enthusiastic and got into character well.. Part of our discussions included identifying what makes a villain and how to spot a good character in the story. The children created their own spells and curses in the water tray, explaining what they were using and what the spells/curses did.

In numeracy we explored time using egg timers and stopwatches. We timed how many claps, star jumps and faces drawn they could do in a minute. To understand time the children worked out when Cinderella woke up, cleaned, went to the ball and lost her slipper at midnight. The children were very creative when decorating their own slippers with glitter, they look stunning! We also made our own bookmarks and practised writing with quills.

In the construction area we designed our own fairy tale castles, including draw bridges, turrets and security cameras!! We ended the week reading our favourite stories with our Class 6 buddies. What a busy week!



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

Class 1

This week in English we have been focusing on the thoughts and feelings of characters in the Beegu story. We read up to the part where Beegu joined the children in the playground and wrote about what the children might think and say, what the teacher might think and what Beegu might be thinking. We then read up to the part where Beegu's parents find her and wrote sentences to explain where they had been and how they found her. In Maths we have been continuing our learning about the numbers to 20. We have looked at using a number line to compare numbers and use the language of greater than, less than and equal to. We have completed missing numbers and estimated where numbers sit on the number line.

In Theme this week we have learnt about two more famous people. We learnt about Rosa Parks who refused to give up her seat on a bus to take a stand for equal rights. We also learnt about the incredible achievement of Neil Armstrong and how important it was to the world when he walked on the moon. We are looking forward to sharing our knowledge with you when you visit us on Monday for Open day.

Class 2

This week in English we have been working on command sentences using bossy verbs. We have used our class story of 'The three little wolves and the Big Bad Pig' to help us. It was fun giving commands and acting them out first before we chose pictures from the book to use when writing commands for the pig from the wolves. In Maths we worked on sorting 3D shapes and shape patterns. We made our own patterns, used reasoning to work patterns out and solved some problems too. We also continued to investigate IT. First we explored its benefits. We made a 'human computer'. We had a 'scanner' to scan the barcode on some shopping. This linked to an 'item finder' which recognised that we had a tin of beans and a banana, then it sent the information to a 'price finder' which found the price of our items and 'added' them up. Wow! We then looked at using IT safely. We learned to never share passwords or our name and address, not to send unkind messages and always ask permission before taking a picture of someone. In our RE lessons we learned about the ways we can help and support others such as being involved in charities, volunteering or just being a kind friend.



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Class 3

This week Class 3 have learnt a lot about rocks! We have investigated properties, including permeability, and organised them in a table according to our findings. We compared 2 different rock, looking for differences and similarities, grouped them according to our findings and also looked at materials deriving from rocks such as glass, metals from ores and plastic from oil found under rocks. In our Europe theme, we visited the Netherlands, trying different cheeses and learning about, and experimenting with impasto paint used by the Dutch artist Vincent van Gogh. We all managed to improve our sequences in gymnastics and focussed on a forward roll...even Mrs Spencer!

Class 4

We looked at coughs, splutters and sneezes in SMSC this week. After discussing how to avoid the spread of bacteria and disease, we made up songs with new words to tell everyone about it. In computing we discussed what can be trusted on the internet and in theme we focussed on the Netherlands. We tried Dutch cheese, made art inspired by Van Gogh, and located human and physical features on a map.

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Class 5

This week in English Year 5 have written a descriptive piece on Antarctica. We did this independently seeing how our writing skills would stand up on their own! We focussed on the use senses and how the region affects you to build this up. In mathematics we have continued to work on fractions and mixed numbers honing our calculation skills. Our theme work has also been skill focused looking at compass directions . We also drew a birds eye version of Shackleton's Oceanc Camp. In contrast part of pur PE work was on co-operative activities based on Tim Peake's experiences as an astronaut!

Class 6

In English this week we have been focusing on writing a descriptive setting for Antarctica, the children have worked really hard to develop and enhance their vocabulary choices to further improve their ideas. In maths we have continued to look at ratio and the multiplicative relationship that we can see between numbers. In Science this week we have looked closely at the heart and the children were given the opportunity to look at a lamb's heart; where they tried to find the blood vessels and chambers that we have learnt previously. In computing we have continued to design our own webpages and have learnt about how to navigate through different pages by adding hyperlinks.

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Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament- Thursday 2nd February 2023

On Thursday 2nd February one of our football teams took part in a tournament against other school within the Manchester Borough and we put in a group with 4 other primary schools. Our first game was against St John's Chorlton, the team took a while to get going but pressed well as the game progressed and Tom had a great strike on goal that unfortunately for us hit the post.

James made some good saves for us in goal, which mean the game finished a 0-0 draw.

Our second games was against Crosslee, this was another well matched games, but we were increasing in confidence and passing the ball around better. Reece and Edward defended well and Reece pulled off a fantastic sliding save to keep us in the game. This gave the team a boost and Saiym produced some great passes and this led to a goal by Charlie, which helped us to want the game 1-0.

Our third game saw us come up against local rivals St Mary's Greenfield, the team showed great enjoyment in this game and passed the ball around well. Tom got a shot off early in the game that hit the side netting and a quick throw in by us gave us another chance on goal and a great shot by Jack, that just hit the post! Saiym and Tom passed the ball well in midfield and Charlie managed to get another goal to put us 1-0 up. We defended really well during the game up until the final few minutes, when a back pass went awry and the St Mary's striker managed to get on the end of it. The game ended 1-1.



Our final game was against St Catherine's, a team who had beaten all previous teams by a good margin of goals, so we knew we were in for a tough match. We went with a defensive tactic and hoped we could catch them on a counter attack. The team all put in a fantastic team effort, Olly made some great defensive tackles to keep us out of danger and Edward was commanding from the back, always encouraging the team to keep going. We managed to end the game a 0-0 draw, which was an absolutely fantastic achievement against such a strong team.

Each member of the team worked extremely hard and constantly encouraged and supported each other. The representative school impeccably and I am extremely proud of all of their hard work.





Dovestone Learning Partnership AGM

Dear Parent

As you will be aware Diggle School is a member of the Dovestone Learning Partnership (DLP). The DLP is a Co-operative Trust and provides a framework for the 9 schools involved to work collaboratively.

As a parent you are invited to the DLP's Annual General Meeting (AGM) which is taking place on Monday 6 February 2023, 5.00pm at Saddleworth School.

On the agenda (to the side) for the meeting will be an update about the DLP and its activities. Trustees will also be available for you to ask questions about the DLP. If you would like to attend please can you let us know so we can arrange refreshments.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

Mrs Newton
Headteacher on behalf of the DLP

Dovestone Learning Partnership (DLP)

Annual General Meeting

Monday 6 February 2023 at 5.00pm at Saddleworth School



AGENDA

1.	Welcome and Introductions	
2.	Apologies for absence and declarations of interest	
3.	Notification of items to be brought up under any other business.	
4.	Presentation of Annual Report	SB
5.	Presentation of Accounts	JB
6.	Looking Forward	RS
7.	Any Other Business	
8.	Trustee Board Dates 2022 6 February 2023, 5.30 pm 15 May 2023, 5.00 pm	

Notices

Parent Pay

Music fees for the Autumn and Spring terms should now be paid in full. Please log into Parent Pay and ensure your child's dinner money account is in credit. If you use BASC, Child Care vouchers and Tax Free Childcare payments received up to the end of Jan have been applied to Parent Pay. Please ensure any remaining debts are cleared ASAP.

Uniform

Please can we request that uniform has child names written in, especially coats, hats, jumpers and cardigans.

Car Parking and Waiting

Please can we remind you to park safely and in line with the High Way Code. Please do not double park, or park on the double yellow lines (unless you hold a disabled parking permit). Please do not use Heather Way to park or turn around. There is plenty of space to park on Sam Road, Huddersfield Road and the Canal Car Park.

Please turn your car engines off if you arrive early and sit waiting to prevent exhaust emissions build-up.

FODS Used Uniform Sale

FODS are planning to do a used uniform sale at the end of next week. Please put any donations of clean, unwanted uniform in the red grit bin at the main entrance to school and keep an eye on the class whatsapp groups for further details from FODS.

Open Day

On Monday 6th February we are holding another of our open days for current parents to come in and spend some time in the classroom with their child(ren), as well as have the opportunity to look at the children's books. Sessions are 9-10.30am or 2-3.30pm. If you have more than one child in school you are welcome to split your time between multiple classrooms, and you are welcome to attend both sessions / have someone to both sessions.
Parents, carers and grandparents are all welcome.

Now taking bookings for February Half Term!
Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023 inclusive
8.45am - 5pm £26 per day per child



Diggle Holiday Club

Diggle School, Sam Road, Diggle, OL3 5PU
Telephone; 01457 601972

For more information please email:
landaholidayclub@gmail.com

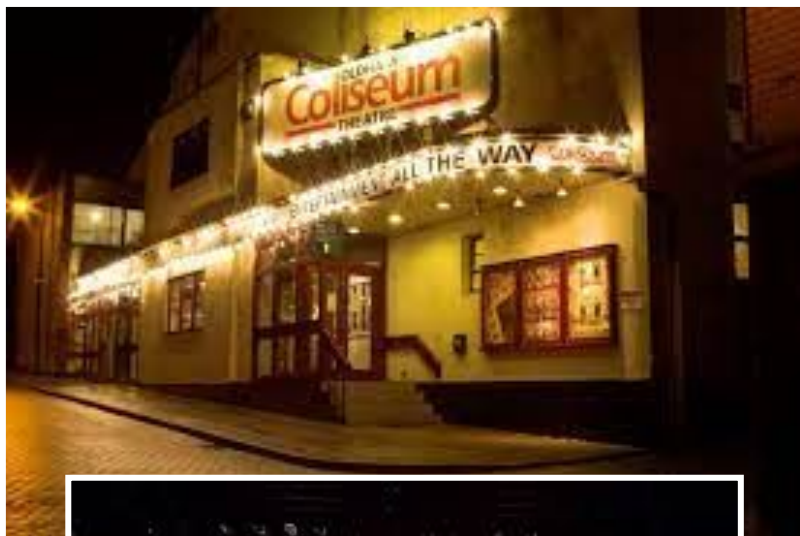
Children can enjoy our vast outdoor areas and take part in seasonal crafts.
Morning and afternoon snacks/drinks are provided,
lunch to be provided by the parents.



Oldham Coliseum Closure

Oldham Coliseum Theatre have announced that with great regret it is cancelling all forthcoming events from Sunday 26 March 2023 following 100% removal of Arts Council funding.

There is a petition to save the venue. If you would like to sign it please click [here](#).



Fantastic Fundraiser

Last Sunday, Flick and Evelyn held a cake and coffee morning for around 50 people and raised over £300 for the RSPCA.

It was a great event and we are very proud of their efforts.

Well done both!



Children's Mental Health Week 2023 will take place from 6th to 12th February 2023.

This year's theme is **Let's Connect**.

Let's Connect is about making meaningful connections for all, during Children's Mental Health Week - and beyond. For Children's Mental Health Week 2023, Place2Be are encouraging people to connect with others in healthy, rewarding, and meaningful ways.

Taskmaster Education and Place2Be have created a Treasure Hunt for Children's Mental Health Week 2023. We will be posting the task videos and the treasure hunt clues the evening before each task day at 6pm at <http://taskmastereducation.com>,

But we wanted to give you the tasks this week so you can plan how much time you want to allocate to each day, and decide whether you'd like to prepare any resources.

This could be a fun thing to try over half term week!

Day	Task	Curriculum Area	Key Skills
Mon	Make the best rainbow	Art, Science, PSHCE, DT	Creativity
Tues	Design a new outdoor game. Use a maximum of one piece of equipment and 3 instructions for play.	PE	Teamwork, Communication, Problem Solving
Wed	Make the best self-portrait using things you find outside.	Art, Science, DT, Geography	Creativity, Resilience
Thurs	Choreograph the best dance.	PE, Music	Teamwork, Problem Solving, Confidence, Communication
Fri	Make a hat out of recycling to go with your Dress to Express outfit	Art, DT	Problem Solving, Creativity, Resilience,
Bonus Task	Perform a random act of kindness	PSHE	Self-esteem, Self-worth, Confidence

Be sure to tag @Place2Be and @TaskmasterEdu if you are posting any of your antics on social media and use the hashtags - #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek and #CMHWTasking.