



DIGGLE STARS

Ralph Tann - for good effort and responsible learning

Molly Clarke - for a fantastic effort in her spelling test

Zeydhaan Shah - for a fantastic effort in his spelling test

Finlay Gee - for a great piece of writing on his Shackleton narrative

Milo Kouzelis - for excellent work in computing

Frida Hughes - for being willing to try to do things independently and being helpful at tidy up time

Harriett Comer - for showing resilience in her learning and making great progress so far this year.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



I can't quite believe we are at the end of the Spring Term, the last few weeks have really flown by.

Thank you to everyone who came into school on Tuesday and Wednesday for the music concert and year 3 and 4's performance of *Animal Antics*. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents in school. Also a big thank you to everyone who completed a parent questionnaire.

These questionnaires will also be available to be completed on our next Open Day on Thursday 27th April as well as in BASC on that day. It is always really helpful to us to get your views and opinions so I hope that you all take the time to complete a form.

I want to say a huge thanks to FODS for the wonderful Easter Egg hunt, pictures of which will be in the next newsletter. I hope you all have lovely holiday and enjoy the Scarecrow Trail at some point.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 31st Mar - FODS Easter Egg Hunt Finish for Easter

Easter Holidays - FODS Scarecrow Trail

Mon 17th Apr - Back to School

Thur 27th April - Open Day

Tues 23rd May - Class Photos

W/C 12th June - FODS Father's Day Gift Sale

14-16th June - y6 at Kingswood

Mon 26th June - Open Day

18th July - Y5&6 performance 2pm & 6pm



Class R

In Class R there has been an Easter focus. At the start of the week our egg hatched! However it wasn't a dinosaur after all...it was a bird! The children had lots of fun looking at all the different animals that lay eggs and talking about the similarities and differences. The children also got to submit a name option for the bird. The name 'Sam' was chosen at random from the children's writing.

Mrs Cocker discussed with all the children why we celebrate Easter and told them the Christian Easter Story. Later, the children then had a go at retelling and sequencing the story. We have been very busy in the creative area linked to our Easter focus. We have done some Easter egg prints with potatoes, helping us develop our fine motor skills. The children chose to make bunny ear headbands, and used a variety of media to do observational pictures of daffodils.

The children experimented with pastels, oil paints, felt tips or watercolours to complete their daffodil picture. We have also made our own Easter cards and yummy chocolate nests in celebration of the festival of Easter.

In Maths, we practiced counting and used eggs to help us look at one more and one less. The children showed a really good number sense by using their knowledge of patterns to spot numbers like 7 with having to count first and instead using p counting to check.

Finally, in PE the children were consolidating the ball skills they have been practicing this half term. The children had to pretend the balls were eggs and look after them with little throws. They really enjoyed it when the eggs fell out of the nests and they got to jump over them.



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

Class 1

We had computing week in class 1 this week. We worked on a programming animations unit using an app called Scratch junior. First we spent some time comparing the tools on the app and finding out what the different programming blocks did. Then we learnt how to join blocks together to create a program which would control our character on the screen known as a sprite. We then learnt how to make a change to a program by changing the value of a block to replace unnecessary blocks and make the program shorter. We learnt how to add sprites and how to edit their appearance. We finished the week by designing our own animation featuring a race. We designed our background, our sprites and wrote the programs to make them move on the screen.

In English we have been writing about how Dave felt when he saw Dogger on the stall and writing what Dave might say to the lady and what the lady on the stall might say to him. In Maths we have completed assessments on Place value within 50 and we have completed our unit on addition and subtraction within 50 with some work on grouping tens and ones and one more/one less. We have also worked on comparing and measuring length & height using the vocabulary longer than, shorter than, taller than, shorter than and measured objects using cubes and then using rulers to measure in centimetres.

Class 2

This week we finished off our English work based on Bob, the Man on the Moon. We wrote the story of Bob's day from getting up to going to bed! We planned our writing in three parts, drawing pictures, which we used to help us plan and write each section. We

made sure to include details and features we had learned throughout our work this half term. We challenged ourselves to use 'ful' and 'less' words such as useful, useless, careful, careless and fearful, fearless. We also checked how many common exception words we could spell, and we are pleased that we are improving! In Maths we continued our work on multiplication, this week working with arrays and exploring division through sharing. Our problem solving activity this week focussed on using money. In music we have been using the story of Jack and the Beanstalk to work on singing songs including long notes and short notes and slow and fast tempo. We also did some call and response. We learned how 'call and response' is like a musical conversation, with someone asking a question and the other person answering it. We enjoyed hearing our Class 2 choir members sing their song for us, 'Let's go fly a kite' from Mary Poppins. They were fantastic!



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Experience Easter!



On Monday afternoon, Class 4 visited the Diggle Day Nursery for the annual Experience Easter workshop. We split into smaller groups and visited different areas where we learnt the Easter story. The volunteers and the Groundbreakers team made it a really informative and fun afternoon. We loved it!



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 have continued their Bewilderwood book; focussing on comprehension and verbs for moving before writing instructions for a route through Bewilderwood. We enjoyed performing for our audience when we recited our poetry in our Animal Antics performance and hope everyone enjoyed our singing too! In maths, we have been measuring length, comparing, ordering, converting measures as well as adding and subtracting. In PE we enjoyed our final session with our CITC coach when we did balloon volleyball indoors due to the rain!

Class 4

We have rounded off our maths unit on area this week. We have counted squares and compared different shapes. We finished the week with a post-assessment on multiplication and division. We completed “the big spelling test” in English, with lots of children improving on their previous scores. In SMSC we used the internet to research a charity of our choice, and on Thursday afternoon we had our penultimate swimming lesson. Most importantly, we performed our poems and songs for the parents on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. The children did so well, and I’m sure the adults loved it too.

Class 5

This week we have been finishing the last of our writing on Shackleton. We have been telling the story of the Escape to Elephant Island and trying to get all our grammar into this. In mathematics we have been working on fractions of numbers and using a fraction as calculation. In our Theme work we have been looking at Biomes where the class have shown a very good initial understanding (apparently this is something in Minecraft!). We have also finished our work in Gymnastics this week and our synchronisation and matching has really improved. We are all now ready for a good rest.

Class 6

This week in Class 6 we have been working hard to present some of our work from reading Shackleton's Journey, ready for a new display in the corridor after half term. We have also been working really hard on SATs practice this week- all of the children have worked extremely hard on this and should be really proud of their effort and resilience this week. In PE we have focused on hockey and have put our skills developed with Chiara over the last few weeks into game situations- it was really good to see everyone getting stuck in and enjoying themselves. We have also had a computing focus towards the end of the week where we have been introduced to micro:bit for the first time. We have developed our skills and knowledge of code and have been able to put our own codes into the micro:bit to see how they work. Everyone has really enjoyed this.

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Follow "Diggle Scarecrow Trail" on Facebook for full details

It's the FODS Scarecrow Trail !!!

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**DIGGLE SCARECROW
TRAIL**
Trail runs 1st April - 16th April



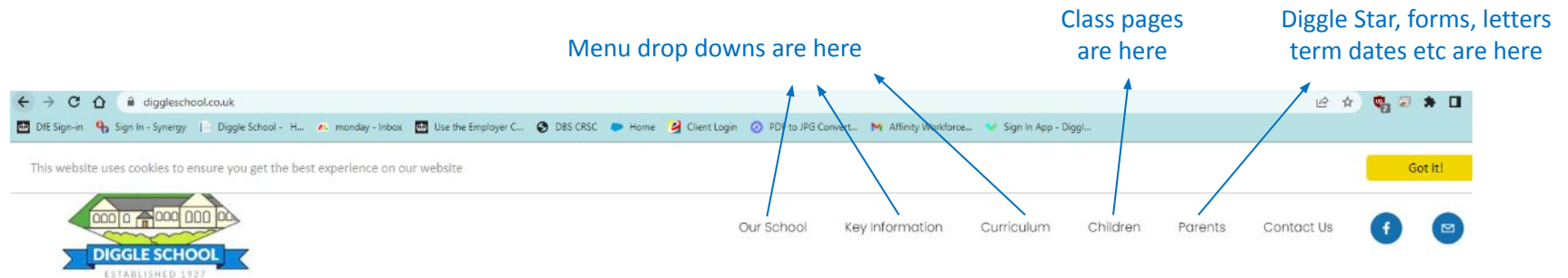
A HUGE
THANK YOU
to Mrs Powell for her
amazing ideas,
energy and
enthusiasm in making
such a fabulous
scarecrow display for
Diggle School! Also to
her able team of
helpers, Mrs Cocker,
Mr Pittman, Mrs
Southern, Mr Hoyle
and Mrs Spencer..



We have a new-look School Website

Our new-look website has gone live today. While this is still a work in progress, with photos and information being updated over the coming weeks, we are ready to share it with you. You will find all the same useful information about the overall curriculum and your child's specific class, forms and letters, school meal menus, term dates, online safety and policies.

This website is also mobile phone friendly, so from after Easter, the *Diggle Star* will be sent out as a link to the website.



Animal Antics - What a Fabulous Show!

Thank you to all the family and friends who came to see our Year 3/4 production this week. The children loved performing the songs, poems and stories, and it is so lovely to see them grow in confidence whilst achieving some National Curriculum expectations along the way!



Oldham Choral Speaking Festival

Class 3 and 4 performed for the first time at the Oldham Choral Speaking Festival this term and both classes received an Honours recognition for their performances. We were so proud of them. Well done Class 3 and 4.



Marvelous Melodious Music

This week saw all the children who receive instrument and voice tuition, as well as the Brass Band and choirs, perform to their families and friends. After the success of the Christmas Concert carousel, we again organised a rolling programme enabling parents to come in and out for the groups they wanted to listen to. We also invited along any parents who are interested in their children having music tuition next year.

Thankyou to all those who came along to make a fabulous audience, to the music staff for encouraging the children to perform so well, and of course a huge WELL DONE to all our performers for being totally fabulous!



Parents and Grandparents are invited to lunch!

As previously mentioned, we are very excited to be inviting parents and grandparents to lunch with their child each Tuesday, starting 25th April.

To book your place please go to Parent Pay and pre-pay for your meal. There are limited slots available each day, and each child is limited to 1 seat at any one sitting. Meals are the same price as children's meals but incur VAT so are £3 in total.

We ask visitors to arrive at 11.25am and to come to the main school entrance. This will give you the opportunity to enjoy your lunch before the children need the hall at 12.

When we come back after Easter we will be on Week 2, so the first week of visitors will be week 3 of the menu cycle, and the latest menu is on the school website. There may be slight tweaks as we progress through the menu as we learn what children do and don't like, so check on the website for the latest information.

All the school food is made fresh to order on the day, so you will be contacted on the Tuesday morning you are coming to indicate your meal choice. This enables the chef to cook the correct amounts of food without incurring unnecessary waste.

If you have any allergies, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you soon, and sharing the wonderful food cooked by Mr Tillet for the children each day.



Notices

Parent Pay

Thankyou to everyone who have ensured their Parent Pay balances are in credit, or have paid Music fees on time. It is appreciated.

Please can everyone ensure their BASC and school dinner balances are in credit, and remain in credit, and all music fees are paid for Autumn and Spring. Summer term music fees are due after Easter.

All childcare vouchers and tax free childcare vouchers received up to today have been processed and added to Parent Pay, so all balances are up to date. Please clear all remaining debts before the start of the summer term.

If you haven't already done so, please consider setting up the Auto top-up feature in Parent Pay which ensures you do not slip into a debt balance.

If your child is in Year 6 and you use BASC, please check your balance and ensure you are adjusting your payments to *aim* to finish the year without debt or credit. This is very important if you pay by Tax Free Childcare or Childcare Vouchers - these payments cannot be given back to you as a refund due to the tax implications.

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for parents or grandparents who are able to offer sometime to school to come in and support staff with listening to children read. If you have even half an hour a week to spare and would like to come in and listen to children read, we would love to hear from you. Please either drop the office or your child's class teacher an email to express an interest. We will provide support to anyone who wants to come in including getting them a DBS check. We do operate a policy of not putting family members into their children's class.

Music Tuition from September 23

The music teachers from Oldham Music Service have been around the classrooms this week showcasing their chosen instrument family to the children.

All interested children have taken a letter. If you are also interested in your child taking up instrument lessons please read the letter carefully and return after the Easter Break. If your child didn't take a letter but would like to learn more about a particular instrument, please email joanne.mcloughlin@diggleschool.co.uk.

If your child already plays an instrument, they should have received a letter asking about continuing in September. Please complete this form and return indicating either way.

Playing a musical instrument and singing are wonderful ways for children to express themselves, can be very joyous, can encourage children to feel a real sense of pride in themselves, and children can learn skills transferable into everyday life, like team work and resilience. However as a carer, you are making a financial commitment for a **whole year**, even if your child gives up mid way through the year. You must pay the full year's fees - that is what you are signing up to.



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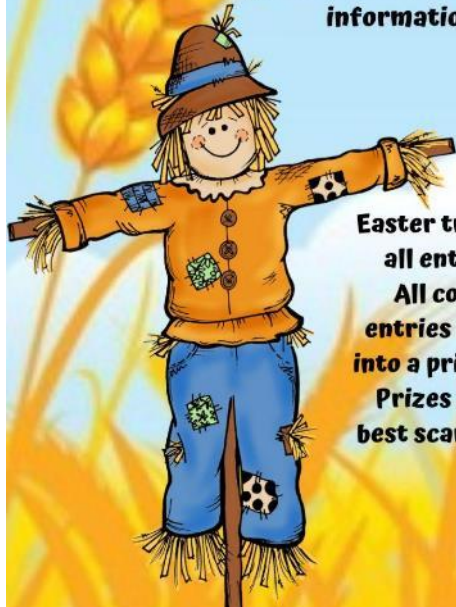
DIGGLE SCARECROW TRAIL

1ST - 16TH APRIL 2023

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

Trail Sheets, priced at £3 will be available from lots of different outlets in Diggle Village from April.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail on Facebook for more up to date information nearer the time



Easter treats for
all entrants!
All correct
entries entered
into a prize draw!
Prizes for the
best scarecrows!

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All profits to directly benefit the
children of Diggle School

Registered charity number 1035075

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Fathers Day Sale

£3 per gift

Money must be bought into school in a sealed envelope
on the day of sale.
Gifts for males of all ages !

Monday 12th June
Wednesday 14th June
Friday 16th June

**WE
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DAD**

**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
TO THE BEST
DAD EVER**

**THE BEST
DAD
OF ALL TIME!**

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