



DIGGLE STARS

Leo Javaheri- for a huge improvement in his handwriting.

Leo Loughlin - For being a really good friend and sharing the equipment.

Arlo Gill - For working responsibly, trying hard in all subjects and contributing in class.

Alfie Matley - For being extra respectful this week, holding doors open without being asked and showing he is ready to learn.

Finlay Gee- for an increased effort in his work and trying hard with his presentation.

Millie Shaw- for showing kindness to others and following the 6Rs.

Here are our
amazing
Diggle Stars!



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. We are heading into one of the busiest half terms of the year and we are looking forward to welcoming lots of parents into school for Open Day and also the Key Stage 1 Christmas activities this half term.

You will also have the opportunity to book your parent's evening appointments from today so look out for a message from your child's class teacher.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CLASS 4! THEY
WON THE PERCY PIGEON AWARD FOR
TIDIEST CLOAKROOM.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

14th Nov - Flu vaccinations

Thurs 23rd Nov - Open day

Wed 29th Nov - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs

Sun 10th Dec - School Choir performance at
Uppermill Methodist Church

Wed 13th Dec - School Choir performance -
details t.b.c.

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

We have started our new unit on 'celebrations' this week by focusing on Halloween and Bonfire Night. We have read the books *Funnybones*, *Pumpkin Soup*, *The Giant Pumpkin* and *Room on the Broom* and watched a few videos about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot. We also talked about how to stay safe with fireworks.

Our reading and writing rotation started properly this week and the children have settled into their groups. The children read one day, write the next, go over phonics another and practice their fine motor skills on the last day. In phonics the children learned how to say and write the sounds f, e, l and h.

In maths the children have learned to find, subitise and represent the numbers 1, 2 and 3.

We also made some delicious pumpkin soup this week. The children followed the recipe to chop, sprinkle, blend and stir the tasty soup. We then got to eat it the day after.

We also created some firework artwork, made some bonfire chocolate breadsticks and stashed our bird food kebabs in the forest for the wildlife to eat.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have started a new book called Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers. We have read the first few pages and wrote in sentences to answer questions about where the penguin might have come from and why he knocked on the boy's door. We also considered what the boy was thinking when he saw a penguin on his doorstep. We wrote sentences with our ideas.

In Maths we have been continuing our work on addition and subtraction. We have learnt how to use subtraction to find a missing part, how to use a part whole model to write out a fact family and how to rearrange number sentences accurately.

In Science we went on a walk around the school grounds to look for signs of Autumn. We spotted lots of clues such as the different coloured leaves, pine cones, mushrooms, fallen leaves, conkers and conker husks.

In Theme we started our new theme Winter in the Arctic. We looked at a video explaining the hot and cold parts of the earth and then looked at a globe to locate these. We then shaded a word map to show the hot, warm and cold zones. We labelled the North and South Pole and the Equator.

Class 2

This week in Maths we have been using equipment to find the relationships between pairs of numbers which together make 10 and pairs of numbers which together make 100.

In writing we started a new book called The Storm Whale by Benji Davies. We read the 'blurb' on the back cover and thought it would be a good book. We then found adjectives to help us write a short description about a whale.

In design technology we are very proud of our photograph frames which we designed and made with a stand so that they stand up.

In Information Technology we have started a new topic about digital photography. We learnt which devices are able to take photographs and then used ipads to take photographs. We found out that we need to hold the ipad still so that the photograph isn't blurred and that some pictures are better taken in portrait and others in landscape.



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Class 3

This week, Class 3 investigated magnets as the first lesson on their Magnets and Forces unit in Science. We have started our new theme 'Stone Age to Iron Age', looking at characters, then writing a description of Om from the book 'Stone Age Boy'. In Maths, we have been subtracting 1s and 10s crossing over the columns and using number lines or Base 10. We enjoyed our first basketball session applying learning from our football and adapting it for basketball. We then linked it to our compass work in geography and dribbled the ball to different compass points. In art, we have used chalks and pastels to draw animals from the Stone Age.

Class 4

At the beginning of the week we finished our previous topic by discussing the question "why do people live in places with natural disasters?" Later on in the week, we moved onto our new topic 'The Stone Age' and created a timeline. We also moved onto our Stone Age inspired book in English - Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. We discussed what we liked and didn't like about the story and wrote a directed speech script in our books for the main characters first meeting.

In Maths, we have been learning about subtracting 4 digit numbers and looking at how to exchange numbers in order to reason the answers. The children did this with counters before trying different written ways to subtract with exchanges. We had a Halloween inspired day in French, when we created our own monsters. The children then wrote sentence describing their monsters e.g. Il a une tête violet. The children also really enjoyed having a go at orienteering in PE. We looked at compasses and the children enjoyed trying to find all the animals Mr West had hidden around the school.

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Class 5

In Class 5 we have started to learn about the Titanic. We have created a non-chronological report to inform other people about the Titanic and what happened to it. In Maths we have been looking at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000 we have worked really hard to make sure that we are reading the questions accurately. We have also started to look at our new topic in Theme which is the Victorians, we discussed what the children already knew about the Victorians and also what we would like to find out more about. Our new topic in Science is forces. We talked about gravity and looked at the forces that are involved in the flight of an aeroplane.

Class 6

This week in English Class 6 have started to learn about the Titanic and have created non-chronological reports for others who do not know about the Titanic to give them a basic understanding of why the ship is so famous and what happened to it. In Maths we have been working hard on learning the long division method. The children have been practising the method and what to do and have really made some great progress with this. We have also focused on Science this week and completed out living things and their habitats topic by learning about the different groups of animals and how they can be described based on their characteristics and also learnt about microorganisms and investigating which surface in school we believe to be the best place to start growing mould and have used bread to investigate this (experiment is still ongoing).

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DT PROJECTS

Before half term, and this week, each class in school has completed a DT project specific to their key stage objectives. Have a look at the following pages to see what the different classes have been up to and to see some of the completed projects.



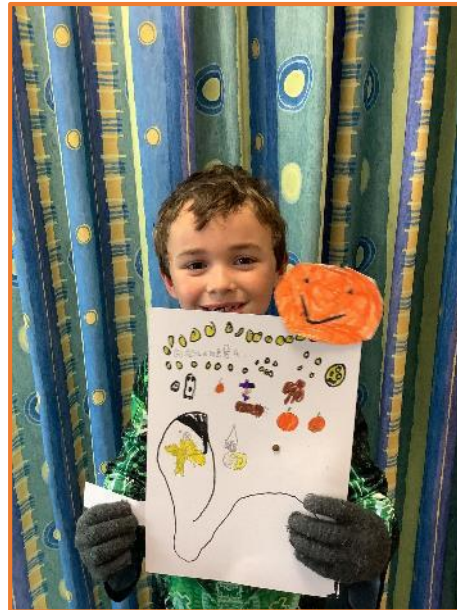
Class R used lard, seeds and crushed digestive biscuits to make some 'bird food kebabs' as part of our Autumn focus. We then visited the school forest to leave the feeders. I'm sure the birds will love them!



Class 1 designed and made a healthy sandwich. We drew our sandwich and labelled the ingredients we were going to use. We then learnt about food hygiene and selected our ingredients to prepare our sandwiches and wraps.



Class 3 designed and made waving posters based on a Halloween theme. It was great fun!
They then evaluated their designs to say what they were pleased with or things they might improve in future.





Year 5 and 6 created Halloween themed felt phone cases. First they discussed ideas in groups and then created their designs on paper. After this they were given the felt sides but then the children did everything else. They learnt how to sew the sides together using a blanket stitch and then cut out other materials to decorate them - some children even chose to stitch their materials on rather than sticking them with glue. Once we returned this week we made any final changes and also evaluated our products; thinking carefully about what worked well and how they could improve things if they were given the opportunity to do them again.





Celebrating 50 Home Reads!

Today, we were pleased to celebrate our first children who have achieved their 50 Home Reading certificate and amazed at how many there were. Congratulations!

We are looking forward to more in the coming weeks...will it be you?



Diggle vs St Thomas Leesfield Football Match

On Tuesday 31st October a group of year 6 children represented Diggle School in a football match against St Thomas Leesfield. Diggle started off well and kept possession of the ball, working well as a team to pass the ball into space and use the width of the pitch. This allowed the team to attack the ball well up the pitch and we soon found ourselves in the lead. As the first half came to an end Diggle had dominated possession and took the lead going into the half time break 5-0. As the second half started St Thomas Leesfield gained some confidence and pushed forward at our defence and managed to get the ball in the attacking third on more occasions and managed to get 2 goals back. Diggle pushed on and supported and encouraged each other throughout the game and played some really good football. The final score was 8-2 to Diggle. Well done to everyone who played and thank you to the parents for your support. They all played magnificently well and displayed the right attitudes and behaviours on the pitch. Well done Diggle!



Books, Books and More Books!

Some classes in school have received their deliveries of new books thanks to FODS who have donated an amount to each class. The children have been so excited by these deliveries and can't wait to start reading them. We try as a school to promote a love of reading in many ways, but we are certain that these will help to continue to promote reading in a positive way at Diggle School. Thank you FODS.



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 or joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



A huge well done to Martha in Class 3 who achieved her half marathon badge over the half term for completing her 11th park run.

Last Saturday some members of Diggle School represented Uppermill FC at O AFC, where they were flag bearers when the teams came out. What a fantastic opportunity for them and we hope they had a wonderful time.



Something's (Still) Cooking at Diggle School

As you know we have a new wonderful school chef - Nicola. Nicola is very experienced, having started working at Bluecoat School then moving just down the road to Saddleworth School. Nicola seems to be settling in very well and has had some wonderful compliments on her cooking skills, including her spooky Halloween menu.



Take a look at some of the spooky Halloween food.



Here's what our children had to say.

"This is the best bolognese EVER!"

"I absolutely love these cakes."

"This is the best!"

"This tastes lovely."

"The pasta looks like brains, it's brilliant."

As you can see, Nicola's new cooking is going down very well with the children, if your child doesn't already have a school dinner, why not give it a try?

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.

School Band Rehearsal Dates

The school band rehearsals have now started and Mr Byers is very pleased with the progress the children are making. Thank you to everyone who brings 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 28th November 2023,

Tuesday 16th January 2024,

Tuesday 6th February 2024,

Tuesday 27th February 2024,

Tuesday 12th March 2024,

Tuesday 16th April 2024,

Tuesday 7th May 2024,

Tuesday 4th June 2024,

Tuesday 26th June 2024,

Tuesday 16th July 2024

ONLINE SAFETY - IMPORTANT NOTICE

Did you know that all social media sites have minimum age restrictions? These are given because it is NOT SAFE for children under this age to use these channels. Did you also know that by letting your child access these channels using your login credentials, you are potentially exposing them to more danger?

It has been brought to our attention that pop-up adverts are appearing on social media sites which are showing extremely graphic material. We believe this is because the pop-up adverts are aimed at the registered user of the account. So if you are a 35 year old adult, who is letting your child access their social media account, your child could be seeing adverts suitable for a 35 year old adult. This may well include graphic content.

We cannot stress enough that you should not be letting your child access ANY social media channels. For your reference the minimum age restrictions are given below.

FACEBOOK - 13 years of age. **TIK TOK** - 13 years of age.

YOUTUBE - 13 years of age. **INSTAGRAM** - 13 years of age.

SNAPCHAT - 13 years of age. **THREADS** - 12 years of age.

DISCORD - 13 years of age. **X (TWITTER)** - 13 years of age.



PARENTS & GUARDIANS

A MESSAGE FROM GREATER MANCHESTER POLICE

In the run up to Christmas we know that some of you maybe turning to online shopping to purchase your children's presents.

WARNING – We are aware that fraudsters are targeting this area and want to ensure our community is protected. We are working hard to bring to justice those responsible. Please see our tips for staying safe online.

Have you been offered a highly discounted or considerably cheaper product compared to the original items worth?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

The website you are purchasing from was only launched days/ weeks ago?

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You're asked to pay by bank transfer instead of using the online platform's secure payment options.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

A sense of urgency is placed on ordering the product or service so that you don't miss the price/deal.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD

You receive a fake email receipt/invoice that appears to be from the website you've purchased from or the payment service used to make your purchase. The email address domain doesn't match that of the genuine senders.

STOP - THIS COULD BE FRAUD



ActionFraud
Report Fraud & Internet Crime
[actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

SHINE BELLS

Notices Continued...

Staff Cars

Once again, please could we kindly ask that children do not play around the teacher's cars before and after school. We understand that the waiting area for the Year 5 and 6 door is in the car park, but some of the games the children are playing are quite boisterous and unfortunately one of the teacher's cars has been damaged.

School Pantomime Trip

It's panto day on the 20th December - OH YES IT IS!. The children will be visiting The Millgate Theatre in Delph to see Rumpelstiltskin. The theatre trip is now on Parentpay, please login to give consent and make payment. Thank you.



Flu Vaccination Forms

As you know, on the 14th November the flu vaccinations will take place in school. There are quite a few forms that have not been returned. Please could we ask that they are brought back to school as soon as possible - **even if you do not want your child to have the vaccination.**

Please could we also ask that you check your child's bag to make sure that the form is not lurking in there. Thank you.

Did you know...



According to research by School Health UK, and reported on the mumsnet website, a healthy packed lunch costs over £4 per day to make, versus a healthy school meal at just £2.60 per day. We were amazed when we read about this. If you want to read more, visit:

<https://www.netmums.com/child/packed-lunches-or-school-meals-whats-cheaper>

P.E. Kits

Just a polite reminder that P.E. is part of the curriculum and children are expected to follow the school uniform guidelines. For those who may not be aware, the Diggle School P.E. kit is black or navy blue leggings /joggers or shorts, a plain white round neck T-shirt, and dark coloured trainers. Branded clothing or anything that features a logo is not acceptable. Bright clothing is also not acceptable. Unfortunately this week there have been several children who have not attended school in the correct P.E. kit. If you are struggling to find the correct uniform for your child please let school know and we will do our best to help you.

Acceptable



Not Acceptable



CITY KICKS

City Kicks is a **FREE** programme for children and young adults aged between 8 and 18 years. The sessions aim to encourage our participants to socialise and take part in football activities in order to positively impact their physical and mental health. All abilities are welcome.

Schedule of Kicks Sessions

Tuesday

Where Benchill Community Centre, M22 8EJ

When 4pm - 6pm

Thursday

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When 4pm - 6pm

Thursday

Where Cedar Mount, M18 7DT

When 5pm - 7pm

Friday - City Girls

Where Levensulme High School, M19 1FS

When 4pm - 6pm

FREE
For All



For more information about our Healthy Communities programmes, or if you would like to attend, please contact Rofique Miah on [07753467127](tel:07753467127) or at Rofique.Miah@cityfootball.com.



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Schedule of Kicks Sessions

Monday

Where Falinge Park High School, OL12 6LD

When 5pm - 7pm

Wednesday

Where Park View School, M40 7EJ

When 5pm - 7pm

Thursday

Where City Football Academy, M11 4TQ

When 4pm - 6pm

Friday

Where Scotland Hall Road, M40 2TJ

When 5pm - 7pm

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**Saddleworth 3Ds FC
Year 5 from September 2023**



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- Matches – Saturdays
- EMJFL



We are All set and ready to go- we just need you!



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TO**

THE NEARLY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

AT
KILNGREEN CHURCH
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**WITH
POP UP SHOPS**

**SATURDAY
4th NOV.**

**12.00pm
Until
3.00pm**

**REFRESHMENTS
Including Mulled Wine**

**&
Mince Pies**

FREE ADMISSION

RAFFLE

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CHRISTMAS ITEMS & MORE