



DIGGLE STARS

- ★ **Zeydhaan Shah** – for great enthusiasm and resilience working in Forest School this week.
- ★ **Evelyn Tamworth** – for being polite, responsible and always offering to help
- ★ **Evie Winskill** – for showing bravery and brilliance when practising her solo
- ★ **Jenny Steele** – for fantastic Maths understanding this week and helping out others to learn the method
- ★ **Isla Smith** – for always being ready to learn
- ★ **Ollie Johnson** – for trying really hard with his learning and always showing good listening on the carpet.
- ★ **Ella Moore** – for trying to be more resilient and making excellent progress with her writing.
- ★ **Timm Babetzki** – for his enthusiasm in our Christmas video.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



The last day of term will be a non uniform day with a Christmas theme, your children can wear Christmas hats, head bands, socks and of course the ever-seasonal Christmas jumper, or even Christmas dress. We are asking for a minimum of a £1 donation via Parent Pay for taking part in this fun and frivolity as a fundraiser for school. At this time of year many of you would be buying tickets to Christmas Concerts, however as we are not able to do any this year, we would like to offer you the opportunity to contribute more than £1. Therefore you will be able to set the amount on Parent Pay to a donation of your choice. We appreciate in these difficult times that for some people money is tight, so please don't feel obliged or pressured to increase your donation to more than £1.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 17th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 18th December - own clothes day with a Christmas Theme for £1 (contribution paid via Parent Pay).

Friday 18th December - Finish for Christmas



Tues 5th Jan 2021 - Back to School

Class Parties

Class R , 1 and 2 - Tues 15th

Class 3 – Wed 16th

Class 4 – Tues 15th

Class 5 and 6 – Thurs 17th



Class R

This week Class R have definitely had a Christmas hat on. We have been writing Christmas cards for our Year 6 buddies and carrying on with our letter writing. In Maths, we have learnt about the difference between 2D and 3D shapes. We have also learnt some of the names of 3D Shapes. Why not ask you child if they can show you a cube? We gained a new classmate - Snowy the FODS elf, who has been trying to get Edward the elf out of trouble (he is very clumsy).

In Phonics, we have learnt the red words; are and your.

Class 1

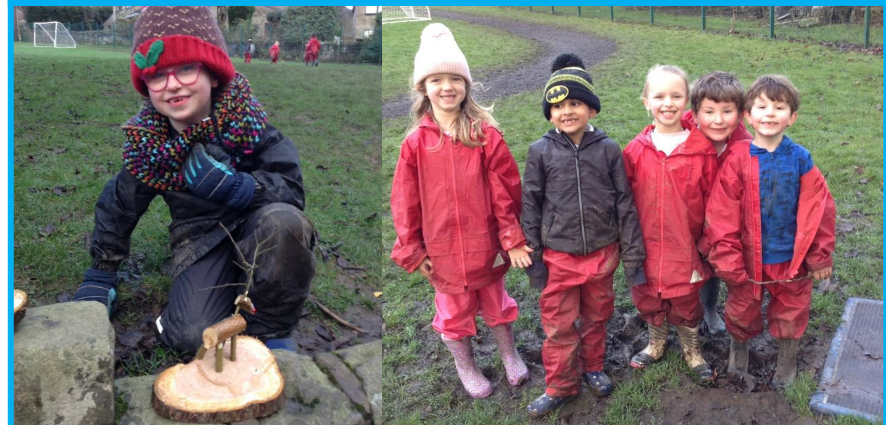
This week we have been completing some work for our Christmas display board and we have written some postcards from the South Pole. We tried very hard to keep our handwriting neat and within the lines. In phonics we have learnt ai and oa and practised other sounds we know so far. In Maths we have been practising reading and writing numbers to 100 in numerals and reading and writing numbers 1-20 in words. In Theme we have been learning about Antarctica and thinking about why it is too difficult for people to live there. We were thrilled to meet our class Elf this week and we have named him Ben.

Class 2

This week we have been finishing our Christmas display board with some lovely writing and artwork. We have also done some theme work about cold places looking at Arctic countries. We have been working hard with phonics checks and learning how to add and subtract using an empty number line. Some of us have had our first Forest School sessions starting to make wooden reindeer decorations, it's been fantastic! The rest of us will be completing the activities next week. What a surprise we had this week when Ed the elf turned up in Class 2. He enjoyed the pears at snack time and also wrote us a letter!



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



Class 3 have made a “class choir of angels” for the St Chad's Church angel choir. Mrs Spencer will go and deliver them to the Church when the snow stops, where they will join other angels made by members of the community. If you'd like to join in too, you are most welcome to make an angel out of anything waterproof, flat or 3D, and take it to the church to join the other angels on the railings. Messages can also be tied on the angels too should you wish. Well done Class 3.



Class 3

This week in maths we have been learning methods to help mental addition and subtraction. We have been looking at root words in English and using the prefixes super and sun. We have had a busy science week learning about types of rocks (igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary) grouping and comparing them as well as naming them and looking at natural and human made rocks. Our new member of the class, Timmy the Elf has made us smile with his antics...we wonder what he'll get up to over the weekend?

Class 4

In maths this week we have looked at two new concepts. We worked on square numbers. We learnt that a to square a number, you multiply it by itself (for example, 6×6). We also worked on factor pairs, which are two numbers that, when multiplied together, total a given sum (for example, the number 20 has 3 factor pairs; 1×20 , 2×10 and 4×5). Towards the end of the week, we briefly touched on prime numbers. In English we have been solely focussed on punctuating direct speech. We learnt about speech marks (or inverted commas) and when to include full stops, capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks and commas. This is an important grammar milestone for Year 4 children, and we will be revisiting it throughout the year. In Science we looked at how to protect the teeth and created a poster. In theme we tried to copy some Egyptian pattern work in pencil and crayon and in computing we continued to programme our robots.

More information, videos and pictures found on our Facebook page. You don't need an account on Facebook to view the content, just google 'Diggle School Facebook' and click 'not now' when asked to open an account.



Class 5 Christmas Song

Class 5 have recorded their video for their song 'Jingle Bell Rock' this morning. Here is a sneak preview of what is to come. The children had a great time practising and performing their song ready for the big reveal in a few weeks time!



Class 5

This week in Class 5 we have been showing lots of resilience in our Maths; where we have been learning about the long multiplication method. Some of the children have found this method particularly difficult but have not given up- it is something we will re-cap again in a few weeks. In English the children have continued to look at the text of 'The Arrival' where they have put together a sequence of pictures and discussed to correct order of events. The children have then thought carefully about how the young girl might have felt at different points in the sequence. In Theme, we have research Oskar Schindler and learnt about his impact on helping to save Jews from the Concentration camps during World War Two.

Class 6

In maths this week, we have been working on angles. We have had to find missing angles in triangles and use our reasoning skills to find missing angles when there is more than one. We have also been working out missing angles on a straight line and in a full turn and learning that opposite angles are equal. In English, we have written a narrative to accompany a series of images. Before we wrote our narratives, we discussed the emotions that were felt in each image and then incorporated this into our writing. We have written our winter poems up for our winter display board. We have also spent time this week filming our Christmas video and have made Christmas cards which will be given to our buddies next week.

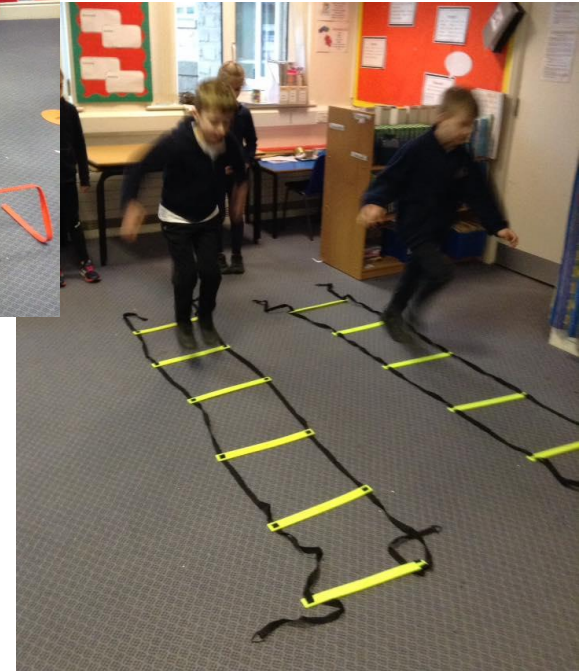
Forest School

Class 2 have had their first Forest School sessions this week. We've had a great time making these fantastic reindeer. The rest of Class 2 will be doing the activity next week. Even our class elf, Ed came out to enjoy the fun.



City in the Community meets Commando Joes

The snow scuppered Y3's attempts to get outside with City in the Community this afternoon, so while the snow thickened outside, Class 3 and Matthew from City in the Community used the Commando Joes equipment to practice skills in the classroom. The children had lots of fun practicing their jumping, and Matthew showed the children how the footballers and coaches at City use the ladders and the hurdles to improve agility.



Kevin Sinfield fundraiser

Saddleworth resident and legendary Leeds Rhinos captain Kevin Sinfield is well underway in a massive fundraiser running seven marathons in seven days. He started on 1st December, and at 7am every day, for 7 consecutive days, he is running to raise awareness and funds for his former club and international team mate Rob Burrow, who has Motor Neurone Disease.



If you are able to support Kevin and Rob, please go to

<https://justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sinfield-7-in-7>

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.

We announced a few weeks ago that FODS have been accepted into the Amazon Smile programme. This gives us a donation direct to FODS of 0.5% on any eligible purchases, with all the Black Friday deals this is a great way to support FODS and School. To register FODS as your chosen charity you will need to follow the following steps.

1. Visit smile.amazon.co.uk via a web browser
2. After logging in using your usual Amazon password choose Friends of Diggle School as your chosen charity.
3. Open your app and visit "settings" and "Amazon Smile" and then follow the steps to activate.

If you usually shop on Amazon through the web, then start using [smile.amazon](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) instead of Amazon.

FODS hope that this will be a great way for us to raise money, at no extra cost to you. We'll provide quarterly updates on how much we are raising..happy shopping!! You will need to activate every 6 months so we'll send you regular reminders!!!

Christmas Tree Lights Switch On

As the oldest child in the school, Emilia got to switch on our Christmas tree lights. Although it wasn't the usual whole school Christmas tree service, Class 6 were really excited about it.



Christmas Dinner Day

All children who have school dinners will have an extended festive themed lunch on 17th December.

All children who usually have packed lunches were sent a letter last week inviting them to have a one-off school dinner that day. If you want your child to take up this offer of a festive school dinner, the latest day to return the slip is Monday 7th December.

New Arrivals at Diggle School

We welcome Edward the Elf, Ben Elf, Ed The Elf, Timmy, Waffle, Eddie McJingles, and Stanley (Chicken) Strips to the Diggle family.



We do hope they enjoy their time with us. Some of the elves have settled in well – Ben Elf was very helpful and put up and decorated the class 1 Christmas tree, and Ed the Elf helped out at Forest School, but unfortunately Waffle raided the FODS Christmas hamper box and showed Mr Hoyle that he has a liking for the strong stuff, and Eddie McJingles spilled pens all over the floor! Oh dear.

You can see what the elves have been up to on the school Facebook page – look up @diggleschool.

You don't need an account on Facebook to view the content, just google 'Diggle School Facebook' and click 'not now' when asked to open an account.

Thanks to FODS for helping the elves find their way to Diggle School, and for providing them with their smart new uniforms - they look fabulous!



FODS

FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

As a big thankyou for all your support in the events we put on, FODS are bringing the pantomime to school this year ! We know how much all the children like going to see the panto at Christmas and as they can't do that this year, we have organised for the virtual interactive pantomime 'Cinderella' to be brought to all the children in their class bubbles. This will be a really fun afternoon for them to enjoy in the run up to Christmas!



FODS will also be providing popcorn and a sweet treat free of charge for your children to enjoy during the performance!

Thankyou for all your continued support during these challenging times!

FODS hampers

A huge thank you to everyone who has brought in items for the FODS class hampers. These have been collected now to be made into hampers, but anyone who has not donated and who wants to can still bring something in on Monday. The raffle tickets have unfortunately not arrived in the post yet, but as soon as they come, they will be sent out in book bags.



WhatsApp

If you would like to help out with FODS please join our volunteers WhatsApp group.

Text Tracy on 07595729159

If you have any ideas for fundraising FODS would love to hear from you – please get in touch: friendsofdiggleschool@gmail.com

Find us on: **facebook.**

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Northern Roots Bike Hub & Trails Consultation

'The Northern Roots Bike Hub is a fantastic opportunity to develop a safe environment for cycling and other outdoor activities. It will attract local families and children to enjoy top class facilities and give everyone a safe place to be more active. Let's all get involved in this survey, make our voices heard and push for this amazing opportunity for our local town'

Matt Walls, GB Cycling Team & Oldham resident



Northern Roots is proposing to create a FUN, audacious, **state of the art Bike Hub & Trails facility** on the Northern Roots site. Building on creative ideas that came out of the mountain biking consultation we ran earlier this year, we need your help to shape and develop it! What would YOU like to use, learn, operate or create at the Bike Hub?

The proposed Bike Hub & Trails facilities will include:

A Pump Track, with start hill and slope and a circuit of rollers, banked turns, jumps and differing features along the track line, allowing for a diversity of riders with different skill levels.

A Duel Track, consisting of 2 riding lines running side by side with mirroring features and lengths. Testing the speed and bike handling skills of two cyclists at the same time will speed up progression as riders push themselves to get better and beat their friends.

A Skills Area, including short trail sections with boulders, wooden skinnies, ladders, dirt and wooden jumps, reflecting natural obstacles a rider can expect to encounter whilst mountain biking, and allowing riders to practise balance, body positioning, and manoeuvres.

The Bike Hub facilities would include a **refreshments Kiosk with viewing platform, bike shop, repairs and hire, bike wash and shower facilities.**

These facilities would be complemented by an **extensive events and engagement programme** in partnership with a range of organisations and include activities like learn to ride and improvers' sessions, competitive cycling events, and Club and holiday club activities.

Existing mountain bike trails on the Northern Roots site will be restored, and new graded mountain bike trails will fan out across the site, through its woodland areas.

What would **YOU** like to use, learn, operate or create? What fresh ideas can you bring? Please click on this link and share your ideas and suggestions with us!

<https://online.snapsurveys.com/s/12rm1j>

Take our short survey and you could win free entry to **Dirt Factory MCR**, Manchester's coolest indoor bike park! Winners announced on 18th December, just in time for Xmas!

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