



## DIGGLE STARS



**Amelia Gowans** - for always trying her best and having great resilience even when she finds things difficult.

**Francesca Storah** - For always tidying up and showing other children what to do.

**Libby Mansfield** - For a fantastic Volcano poem and working hard on her 'time management' in lessons.

**Arthur Davies** -for fantastic work in Maths and super listening!

**Alfred Tingay**- for being polite and respectful at all times.

**Eliza Wright** - for always contributing to class discussions, showing respect and using feedback to improve her volcano poem.

**Lena Pooley** - For being really resilient in Maths.

Here are our  
amazing  
Diggle Stars!



## HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



As we move into Autumn the field is once more becoming a little muddy. It is really important that the children have outdoor footwear to change into at playtime and lunchtime. If they do not have any in school they will be restricted to only playing on the playground.

To ensure that your child has the opportunity to make the most of our fantastic grounds please ensure that they have either wellies or walking boots in school to change into at playtime.

**Percy Pigeon goes to Class 5 for their fantastically tidy cloakroom this week. Well done Class 5.**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thurs 19th Oct** - FODS Break the Rules Day

**Fri 20th Oct** - Staff Inset - school closed

**Mon 23-Fri 27th Oct** - Half Term

**14th Nov** - Flu vaccinations

**Thurs 23rd Nov** - Open day

**Wed 29th Nov** - Y3&4 visit Creswell Craggs

**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

Our *Autumn* topic continued this week with a focus on leaves. The children have been brilliant collecting as many leaves as they could, and we have looked at their size, shape and colour.

In the creative area we have used playdough to create a tree full of leaves, we have threaded leaves using pipe cleaner and we have made leaf handprints for our autumn display.

For maths this week we have looked at size, mass and capacity. We have compared different objects to see which is the biggest and which is the heaviest.

In phonics we have learned the sounds i, n, p and g. The children's writing is really coming along. We also carried out a little assessment to see what other sounds the children know.

Our reading area is now covered with camouflage netting and fake leaves to give it that autumn feel. This week we have read *We're going on a leaf hunt*, *Tree* and *Leaf Man*.

We have also watched a few episodes of *Peter Rabbit* while having our snack break (and talked about why squirrels bury their nuts) and fit in some PE with Aimee and some yoga.



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

## Class 1

This week in English we have continued reading our story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch.' We have written a description of Mrs Grinling, a thought bubble for Mr Grinling, we have selected words to describe Mr Grinling and designed our own sandwich to feed the the seagulls and listed the ingredients. In Maths we have continued our work on addition and subtraction. We have learnt about number sentences and fact families for addition as well as the number bonds to 10. In Theme we looked at the differences between the seaside in the past and present. We sorted images according to when we thought they were taken. In Science we have learnt about our sense of smell. We learnt the names of the parts of the nose and found out a little about how our sense of smell works. We then carried out some tests using smelling pots. We smelled each pot and identified which scent it was. In P.E. we worked on our change of direction and agility. We played the bean game and completed some team relays such as collecting cones and egg and spoon.

## Class 2

This week in Maths we have been comparing numbers, using our knowledge of place value and our numberline skills. We have used the words greater than, less than and equals and the Maths signs which go with them. We have continued our 'Beside the Seaside' theme by using atlases to label a map of the United Kingdom with the countries, capitals and seas. We have learnt that a seaside resort is always on the coast. In art we have completed our pictures of a lighthouse in a stormy sea by using pastels and coloured pencils.

In English we have written letters to Mrs Grinling from The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch with some good ideas to put in Mr Grinling's Lunch basket. During our P.E. we have continued to practise throwing and catching a ball or beanbag, using both an under and over-arm throw.



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## Class 3

This week in maths, Class 3 have used their place value knowledge to look at how the columns change when we add 1s, 10s or 100s without crossing into the next column. In English, we have been thinking about the poems we read last week and using our learning about poetry features, to write our own narrative or shape poem about a volcano. We are going to share these with Class 4 in a class book. In science, we looked at how igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks are formed and learned the names of some rocks from these groups. In theme, we looked at how tsunamis are linked to earthquakes; how they are formed, consequences and how to stay safe if one is predicted. We have looked at different jobs in SMSC and qualities needed for them.

## Class 4

This week, we have continued with our Volcanic poetry. We have learnt about personification and written our drafts in order to create a class book of volcanic poetry. In maths, we have focused on rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000. We had a joint computing and science lesson this week, using music software to experiment with pitch and sound duration. Our SMSC question for the week is 'what makes a good relationship?' and we looked at friendships and played a game called anonymous friend. Finally, in PE we continued our work on scanning, dodging and moving into a space. The children also had a go at creating fantasy teams and talking about what skills defenders and offenders need.



## Class 5

This week in English Class 5 have been writing their own chapter of the Beowulf story. We have been focussing on using similes, metaphors, personification and alliteration. We have created our own Gillian for Beowulf to take on. In Maths this week our main focus has been solving multi-step problems involving addition and subtraction. In P.E. we have been looking at attacking and defending, more specifically how to trick a defender.

## Class 6

This week in Class 6 we have continued to learn about Beowulf's fearless determination to fight off the foul fiend-Grendel. We have thought about how he might feel the night before he meets this foe and have written diary entries as Beowulf, trying to include thoughts and feeling as well as recounting events in order. In Maths we have been looking at addition, subtraction and have looked at the rules of divisibility, using our reasoning skills to find the answers to questions more easily. In Science, we have learnt about Carl Linnaeus and how he created a system to classify animals, we also had a go at using this tiered system to find the names of specific animals.

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Are you ready for some spooky adventures? Look what FODS are planning this Halloween! The Break The Rules and Halloween Treat Bags are now on parentpay. Don't be ghoulish and leave it too late!



**FODS**  
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

# HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS

£3.50 each

Available soon on parent pay for Break the Rules day

Order before Wed 11th Oct to avoid disappointment!!!!

@reallygreatsite



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FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER

## BREAK THE RULES AT HALLOWEEN

1. Wear silly clothes, pyjamas or fancy dress
2. Wear a crazy hairstyle
3. Bring sweets or chocolate to school (no nuts)
4. Bring any drink to school
5. Wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos
6. You can bring teddies, toys or games to school
7. Stand up in class and tell a spooky joke
8. Change your name for the day

50p per rule or £3 to break ALL 8 rules!

Please bring your money in a sealed envelope and give to your teacher, or pay on parent pay.

Halloween Treat bags will also be available to buy on parent pay




Friends of Diggle School  
Present The

# DIGGLE SPOOKY TRAIL

Friday 20th - Tuesday 31st October

Our fabulous Spooky Trail is back!  
A great day out for all the family.

Trail sheets, priced at £3 will be available from The Gate Inn, The Diggle Hotel and Grandpa Greene's priced £3 or buy on ticketsource via the QR code below and pick up your sheets on the day.

Follow Diggle Scarecrow Trail for news and up to date information about the spooky trail.  
Halloween Treats for all children!

BOOK NOW



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All profits directly benefit the children of Diggle School  
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## AND THE RESULTS ARE IN...



The Penny Wars results are in... and the winners are...

**CLASS 1** - Well done Class 1

Congratulations, you win a film afternoon and treats.



There is also a prize for Class 4 because they raised the most copper, before they were sabotaged. Class 4 win an extra playtime and a treat!

A huge well done to all the classes...the full results are...

|         | BRONZE | SILVER | TOTAL   |        |
|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| CLASS R | £24.58 | £35.55 | -£10.97 |        |
| CLASS 1 | £11.07 |        | £4.60   |        |
|         | £6.47  |        |         |        |
| CLASS 2 | £6.66  |        | £10.30  | -£3.64 |
| CLASS 3 | £24.94 | £20.10 | £4.84   |        |
| CLASS 4 | £34.64 | £60.50 | -£25.86 |        |
| CLASS 5 | £18.68 | £39.65 | -£20.97 |        |
| CLASS 6 | £28.90 | £71.00 | -£42.10 |        |

Poor Class 6 had a huge amount of coppers but were also sabotaged with a whopping £71 of silver and class 4 didn't fare much better with a huge £60 of silver in theirs!

Thanks everyone for taking part in Penny Wars ...the kids really love it and it creates a huge buzz every morning in school !

**We have raised, in total, £391.17.**

**Well done!**

## 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 was very pleased with the start the children made last week. Thank you to everyone who brought 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023,**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024,**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024,**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024,**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024,**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

### **Flu Vaccine Forms**

Please return your child's flu vaccination form - we need the form back regardless of whether you are consenting or not.



## P.E. Kits

As you know we are happy to invite the children into school on their P.E. days in their P.E. kits. Like any other lesson, 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.

### Acceptable



### Not Acceptable



## 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](mailto:leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk) or [joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk](mailto:joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk) and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.



Oscar in Class 4 is aiming to be a professional golfer, and he was lucky enough to have a wonderful whistle-stop weekend tour of the Ryder Cup in Rome. WOW, we are all so jealous. Oscar got his cap signed by Jon Rahm, and he also got Rory McIlroy's autograph. What an amazing experience for Oscar. Follow your dreams Oscar, we can't wait to see you playing in the Ryder Cup. Don't forget to send us your autograph!







## Diggle Holiday Club

For those of you who don't know, we have a wonderful holiday club here at Diggle School, that operates within the school grounds, in the facilities used by Before and After School Club, and Diggle Dandelions.

The Diggle Holiday Club is run by the familiar faces of Miss Buckley, Sarah Stephens and Mrs McLoughlin. The holiday club provides an exciting and engaging environment for the children, with a full programme of activities.

We're proud to say that the holiday club did exceptionally well in their latest Ofsted, details of which can be found on the Ofsted website.

The holiday club have vacancies for this half term, and they look forward to hearing from any parents who think it may be of interest to them and their children.

**Now taking bookings for October half-term!**  
**Open Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October 2023 inclusive**  
**8.45am - 5pm £27 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](mailto: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.



# 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](mailto:Rofique.Miah@cityfootball.com).



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**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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3Ds**

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**U10s GIRLS PLAYERS**

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



**Contact Ben 07808078598**

- The clubs first Girls team
- FA Qualified Coaches
- Charter Standard Club
- Matches – Saturdays
- EMJFL



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





# Looking for creative workshops?

Clay workshops for children and adults

- Beginners courses
- Seasonal Events
- Pottery wheels
- Keepsakes

@Crafty Clay Saddleworth  

[WWW.CRAFTYCLAY.CO.UK](http://WWW.CRAFTYCLAY.CO.UK)



Woodend Mill, Mill 2, Floor 2, Manchester Road, Mossley, OL5 9RR

**ALL WELCOME  
TO**

# THE NEARLY CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

AT  
KILNGREEN CHURCH  
LEESIDE  
DIGGLE

**WITH  
POP UP SHOPS**

**SATURDAY  
4th NOV.**

**12.00pm  
Until  
3.00pm**

**REFRESHMENTS  
Including Mulled Wine**

**&  
Mince Pies**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**RAFFLE**

BOOKS  
CANDLES  
JEWELLERY  
NOVELTY KNITS  
LUXURY CHOCOLATES  
HAND STITCHED GOODS  
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HANDCRAFTED WOODEN GIFTS  
CHRISTMAS ITEMS & MORE