



#### **DIGGLE STARS**

Emily Banks and Alice McKune for listening well and putting in maximum effort in all activities this week.

**Class 4** - for their simply amazing performance!

**Class 3** - for an amazing performance of Rhyme and Nonsense!

Max Cadogan - for his fantastic reasoning skills in Science this week.

**Flora Gyongyosi** - for her enthusiasm and super teamwork in Forest School this week.

Leo Javaheri - for putting extra hard work into his Art work and taking his time.

# المجمع <u>HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS</u>

We made it to the end of what has been a very busy and exciting week. Year 3 and 4 in particular have had a busy few days, first of all spending the day as a Roman on Tuesday and then performing their wonderful afternoon of Rhyme and Nonsense on Wednesday and Thursday. It was lovely be able to welcome parents to come and watch this without spacing or mask restrictions.

School has also been full of new life this week with the chicks being joined by baby ducklings. I am not sure who was more excited the children or the staff!

I wish you all a lovely Easter break and if you are around and about the village please come and take part in the FODS Scarecrow Trail.

When we return on the 25th April can I remind everyone again to please park responsibly as we are starting to get complaints from residents again particularly at the end of the day.

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Fri 8th April - finish for Easter

**Throughout the Easter Holidays** - FODS Scarecrow Trail - see poster for details

Mon 25th April - return to school

Fri 29th April - Class Photo day

Sat 21st May - FODS Circus ticket only event - see Poster for details

Fri 27th May - finish for Half Term

Half term week - Queen's Jubilee Celebrations

Mon 6th June - Back in school

Fri 10th June - Whit Friday



#### <u>Class R</u>

This week Class R have been super busy preparing for Easter! We have made Easter cards, wreaths and decorated eggs with cotton buds. We have even been dancing to Old McDonald Easter Farm and Bunny Hokey Cokey. In RE, we discussed what Christians eat at Easter and had a taste of some hot cross buns. We then made a picture with a Christian cross using our handprints and paint. In Literacy, we explored the story 'Guess How Much I Love you' and progressed our learning from last week, exploring things that grow.

We have been focusing on the phrase 'Draw what you can see'. We have been writing sentences picking our favourite part out of a spring picture and then we had to paint real life daffodils, mixing colours to make sure it's exactly what we could see. In Maths, we have been introduced to the plus sign and learnt this means the number gets bigger! In Phonics, we have recapped our red words and sounds and been introduced to the new red word 'are'. We practiced saying and writing sentences with our new word. Our word of the week was 'Rainbow' so we have been singing the colours of the rainbow. Finally to end the week, the children had to use their rhyming knowledge for an Easter Egg Hunt.



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

#### Class 1

In English this week we have finished off our re-tell of the Dogger story and then looked at the differences between old and modern toys. We looked at pictures of both old and new toys and wrote what each toy was and a sentence about how you play with it. We wrote sentences about whether old toys or modern toys were better and gave our opinions why. In Maths this week we have finished our work on time and practised finding the time duration between o'clock times. We also estimated and then tested how many of a certain activity such as blinking our eyes we could do in 10 seconds. We have also completed some assessments towards the end of the week. Our afternoons this week have been spent in Forest School. We have had a great time even though the weather has not been very kind to us. We have learnt how to use tools safely to shape wood and then used our products in our den building activity. We went on a forest treasure hunt and collected a range of natural materials such as something alive, a flower, a seed and something brown. We were given a challenge to build a giant nest using natural materials and worked in two teams. We met the newly hatched ducklings and asked Mr Ryan lots of questions about them. We finished off the week with a forest Easter Egg hunt!

## Class 2

In Maths this week we have been working hard practising telling the time to the quarter hours. We did really well and were able to read and write different times on our clocks. We have also been recapping money values, making amounts, shopping and giving change. In our Mastering number learning this week we have extended what we have learned about addition within 10 to addition within 20, using representations of the number line and two 10-frames to identify patterns. For our English work we have enjoyed reading the story of The Ugly Duckling and basing our written work on the story. We all felt sorry for him but were happy when he turned into a beautiful swan at the end. We made paper swans, retold the story and drew pictures of before and after his transformation which we labelled with descriptive phrases.

We have also been busy with Easter activities this week. We have made cards, Easter paper chains and baskets and some delicious chocolate nests.



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#### **Class 1 Forest school**

We've had a great week in forest school! We have enjoyed building dens, going on a forest treasure hunt, designing and making a giant nest, meeting the ducklings and hunting for Easter eggs!







Roman Day - Class 3 and 4 enjoyed a Roman Day on Tuesday. We created our own Roman menus and sampled some Roman delicacies. We also had fun creating shield formations in the hall.

#### Class 3

This week Class 3 have been busy rehearsing their amazing poems and songs. It was a fantastic performance! In ICT we used our coding skills again to change the backgrounds. We had great fun on Roman Day; tasting food, creating menus and practising our shield formations. It was nice to be able to work with Class 4 again. Have a wonderful Easter!



Class 4

What a final week to the spring term! On Monday we had some last minute rehearsals for the show, and on Tuesday morning we had the dress rehearsal, in front of class 5 and 6! After that, our confidence was sky high and we were amazing for the show on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. The adults loved it! We also found time for our final SMSC lesson of the unit; we researched a charity that helps people in Malawi. We also completed a maths assessment and made Easter nests and crafts. That's not including our Roman day on Tuesday! Enjoy your holiday class 4. You've earned it.

#### <u>Class 5</u>

This week in Maths we have continued to read and interpret data from a range of graphs and tables as well as using different information to create our own graphs. In English we have continued to read our Class text and have focused on the features, layout and content of newspaper reports and have then written our own newspaper report about





#### Class 6

This week in Class 6 we have continued to read the class text The Girl of Ink and Stars and followed Isabella on her journey through the Forbidden Territories to find her best friend. In Maths we have focused on solving reasoning problems which involve addition and subtraction calculations. In Science we have learnt about how light refracts (bends) when it goes through materials with different densities the speed which the light waves travel changes, causing it to bend. The children have also enjoyed a football tennis session with Shaun from CITC today. We have some more new arrivals at Diggle School today. Both the children and staff have been excited to say hello to the ducklings. The chicks are thriving and are changing every day. They have developed wing

feathers now but still like to huddle together under the heat lamp!





#### New Lunch Menu after Easter

Mr Tillett has put together a new menu starting after Easter on Week 1 - this is attached to the email containing the newsletter and will also be on the school website soon.

It is lovely to see more children choosing to have the school dinners, and Mr Tillett has received some lovely compliments lately from parents thanking him and the catering team for widening the range of food their children are eating.

The menu runs on a 3 week cycle, not counting any full weeks of holidays, and we are flexible with commitment. Children are welcome to have school meals on the days they like the menu choice and bring packed lunches on any days that don't fancy anything - they simply order their lunch choice at morning registration.



# **Clubs and activities start again after Easter**

The out of school activities letter will be sent in a separate email.

The clubs will be available for sign-up on Parent Pay on the first Monday back (25th April) and will start the week commencing Monday 2nd May and will run for 10 weeks, finishing the week ending Friday 8th July 2022, unless otherwise stated on the letter.

There are limited places available on most clubs and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



## **Notices**

#### **Parent Pay**

Please make sure your child's Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date before we break for Easter. School is carrying more debt than usual at the moment, and as financial pressures increase for us all, it is important you do not let your debts with school increase.

Those with unacceptable debts in dinner money and BASC remaining after Easter will be asked to provide packed lunches or find alternative childcare until the debts are cleared.

Please consider using the auto top-up function in Parent Pay for dinner money - this enables you to set an automatic payment of an amount you set to be triggered when the account balance gets to a specific point, meaning you don't get in debt.

Music fees for Autumn and Spring should now be paid, leaving just the Summer term fees - the summer term is due straight after Easter.

For children to continue learning an instrument next year, all current year fees must be paid in full.

# School contact details Office - 01457 601970 Cabin - 01457 601972

Please do not use any email addresses ending @diggle.oldham.sch.uk. These are no longer in use and emails to these addresses will not be accessed.

## **Plants donations welcome**

For all those keen gardeners out there ... as you begin clearing out your garden borders, please consider donating (healthy) unwanted perennial plants or shurbs to school towards the continual efforts to improve the grounds.

Also, if you are growing plants from seed and have too many, please consider sending your spares our way too, rather than chucking them on the compost.

This is also true of vegetable seeds ... if you or someone you know grows their own veg, please consider sending any spare seedlings our way. We are starting gardening club up again after Easter and any donations of seedlings, compost, pots etc would be most welcome.



# THE CIRCUS COMES TO DIGGLE

Saturday 21st May 2022 Diggle Tip,Sam Road,Diggle, OL3 5PU at 2pm. All tickets £12

> Tickets on sale to Diggle School parents in advance of the wider community for 1 week only

COME AND SEE THE SHOW IN A REAL LIFE BIG TOP PERFORMED BY THE RENOWNED HAPPY'S CIRCUS. A FODS FUN FILLED FAMILY DAY OUT FOR ALL TO ENJOY RAISING FUNDS FOR DIGGLE SCHOOL.

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TICKETS; https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Fods-circus-2022 SCAN THE QR CODE FOR TICKETS.







FODS are very pleased to announce that not only do we have a rearranged date of Friday 21st May for our fabulous circus but also it will now be held on Diggle Tip! This will be a fabulous event for Diggle and tickets sold out very quickly last time so don't delay in buying them ! As this is a FODS event we are opening ticket sales tomorrow ONLY to Diggle School pupils and families for 1 WEEK (last week of Spring Term) then they will be opened to the general public. The ticket link is on the poster or you scan the QR code to take you directly to the ticket website. We can't wait to bring the circus to Diggle !

FODS are very excited to be providing a brand new trim trail in the school grounds. We have offered a few options and the children have been choosing their favourite this week. We hope to have it installed in time for summer. We are also buying a new playhouse for the reception area. We are able to provide these sort of things for the children by doing all the events that we do, and having you support these events so that they raise lots of money! We are grateful for all the support we receive and look

forward to providing more exciting things in the future.

FODS also have lots more exciting events coming up in the summer term so keep your eye out!

# Friends of Diggle School Present The DIGCLE SCARECROW TRAIL 9TH - 24TH APRIL 2022

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 the 5th April. Please buy online from https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/Friends-Of-Diggle-School or scan the QR code below

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!





All profits to directly benefit the children of Piggle School

Registered charity number 103507



# FODS scarecrow trail starts on Saturday 9th April to Sunday 24th April.

This is a hugely popular event and also a fun, cheap day out in the Easter Holidays.

There are 39 scarecrows on display around Diggle, all with the theme of 'films' . Having seen some sneak peeks we can promise you that you are in for a treat.

Trail sheets can be bought via the ticket link on the poster or by scanning the QR Code.

Your e ticket will then be sent to you immediately and you simply show it at any participating outlet in Diggle to pick up your trail sheet.

FODS will also be selling trail sheets at the Easter Hunt on Friday 8th April.

