



DIGGLE STARS

Fraser Seymour - For working hard in phonics and making sensible choices

Francesca Storah - For always doing her best, with a smile on her face!

Lily Lees - For putting in 100% effort, always asking the right questions to improve her work and further build on her learning.

Arthur Davies - For fantastic effort in writing this week.

Darcey Coatsworth - For being kind and caring. For persevering in Maths and English.

Emily Banks & Emilia Heap - For always working hard and following the 6Rs and this week showing their caring nature by raising money for a local food bank.

Here are our
amazing
Diggle Stars!



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS

It has been a busy week with visits to see a live orchestra accompanying the film of The Snowman for Reception, a DLP football tournament for our Year 6 football team and a bake sale in Year 4 today organised by two of our children to raise funds for the Food Bank in Oldham.

All these activities have in different ways demonstrated that our children are embracing our 6 R's particularly **Respect** and **Responsibility**.

I am always proud to be the headteacher of Diggle School but the behaviour of our children this week as good audience members, brilliant sportsmen and kind and caring citizens has left me with a huge smile on my face. Well done to all involved and be sure to read the articles below for more information.

Well done Class R. They have had the tidiest cloakroom this week and will look after Percy Pigeon. Keep up the good work Class R.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

Wed 13th Dec - Music Concert Morning
(Please see article below for details)

Wed 13th Dec - School Choir performance at Stoneswood Residential

Mon 18th Dec - KS1 Xmas performance 2pm

Tues 19th Dec - Class R nativity am
KS1 xmas performance 2pm

Wed 20th Dec - Panto day - please see article below for times.

Thurs 21st Dec - Xmas Dinner Day - please see article below.

KS1 xmas party

Fri 22nd Dec - KS2 xmas party
Xmas theme non-uniform
Finish for Christmas

2024

8th Jan - back to school

Weds 17th Jan - 9.30 am -11.30am -
Class R Stay and Play Open Day



Class R

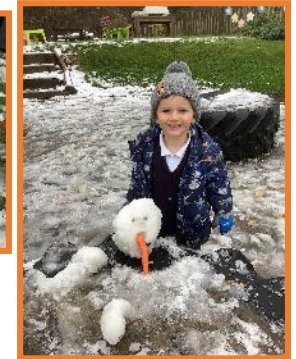
In maths this week, we have been looking at numbers up to 5. We have learnt to represent the numbers on our fingers and using apparatus. We have also tried to subitise numbers (recognising the amount without counting) and even found time to add and subtract 1.

Our nativity practice is now in full swing as we prepare for the big day on Tuesday 19th December. A few costumes are coming in and we know it will be amazing once we have put the finishing touches to it. The songs are sounding great and the acting is fantastic.

We have read the books *Arctic Song*, *Little Penguin Lost* and *The First Christmas*. The reading corner has also undergone a dramatic change too. No longer an autumn camouflage den, it is now an amazing gingerbread house!

In the creative areas we have practised our scissor technique by cutting out snowmen (after building a few ourselves outdoors) and sticking different clothes on them. We also made some beautiful Christmas cards which will be coming home soon, and had some great fun using potatoes to paint some Christmas lights.

Finally, on Tuesday, we went on the bus to see *The Snowman* at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in Oldham. See the page below for pictures and details!



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

RECEPTION CLASS TRIP TO SEE THE SNOWMAN

The children in Class R were walking on air on Tuesday when they attended a screening of The Snowman at Oldham's Queen Elizabeth Hall. This was no ordinary screening however, as it included a full, live orchestra, which the children loved. There was even a visit from The Snowman himself. All the staff who accompanied the children were hugely proud as the children behaved impeccably throughout the whole trip, including on the bus. The bus ride also gave us a chance to practice our phonics as we played I-Spy. Well done to everyone.



Class 1

This week in Maths we have started our unit on place value within 20. We have learnt about the structure of the teen numbers including how many tens and ones each of these numbers has. We have looked at matching up the numerals and words for the numbers between 10 and 20 as well as practising how to spell these number words. We noticed that thirteen and fifteen are trickier because they don't have the three or the five as part of their name.

In English we have been re telling the story of Lost and Found using our own sentences and including time adverbials to show when things happened. We have tried hard with capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In Theme we learnt about the towns and cities in the Arctic Circle. We looked at how many people lived there and learnt the word population. We noticed that all the cities in the arctic circle had fewer people than Manchester and we talked about why this might be. We looked at photographs of cities such as Barrow in Alaska and Tromso in Norway. We identified the different human features in these places. We have spent time this week practising our songs and poems for our Christmas show and we were surprised when our class elf arrived on Monday. We named him Mario!



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Class 2

This week in Maths class two have added and subtracted two digit numbers. We have found out mystery numbers from whole part models and bar models.

In Theme we have continued to learn about the Arctic. We found out that the Arctic doesn't have spring or autumn and on some days it is always dark but for other days it is always light. We have also looked at the human features found in different Arctic towns. We have used ipads to find out information about Arctic animals and used this information to create fact files in our writing lessons.

In P.E we have been dodging our partner whilst bouncing a ball, this was not easy!
Class two have also been visited by a very happy elf. I wonder what he will get up to next?



Class 3

This week, Class 3 enjoyed a frosty morning in **Forest School**, working in groups to produce some wonderful Christmas trees which are now hanging up in the forest.

In maths, we began our new unit on multiplication and division; grouping, sharing and looking at arrays and in English we wrote out in neat and sent our letters to the staff of Creswell Craggs to let them know how much we had enjoyed our visit. We have also used our writing in theme, to compare Stone Age and modern houses and are now moving on to The Bronze Age.

We have been busy investigating materials in science, predicting which would be magnetic, learning only metal is, then investigating metals further to learn that not all metals are magnetic.

In Computing, we refined our animations from last week and we learnt about what we could do to help with injuries and emergencies in SMSC. What a busy week!

Class 4

This week Class 4 are continuing to look at multiplication and division. We have investigated the 7, 11 and 12 times tables and looked at how to use base 10 to support our learning. In English and Theme, we have been learning about Stone Age tools and weapons. The children were able to use the knowledge they gained from our trip last week to Creswell Craggs, as well as research some information themselves. The children then produced a non-chronological report on Stone Age tools and weapons. The children also demonstrated their theme homework from this half term, by trying to sell their Stone Age weapons to the class. The children really enjoyed talking about how many pieces of flint they could afford! In Gymnastics, we finished our movement skills with handstands and began to plan a gymnastics routine of a Stone Age hunt ready to film next week. In science, we discussed features of habitats and how animals have adapted to live in different habitats.

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Class 3 Forest School - Christmas Tree fun!



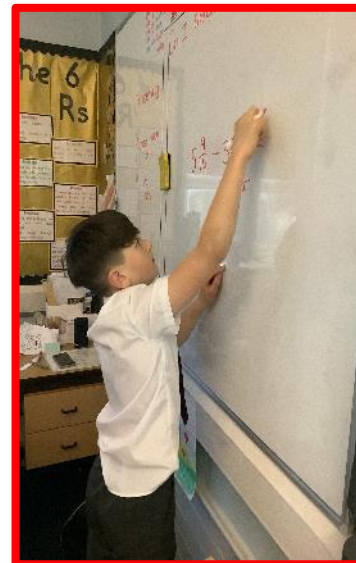
Class 5

This week in class 5 we have been writing a balanced argument, we first looked at the features of an argument then we researched different causes of the Titanic crash. We looked at persuasive writing and the type of languages used to convey opinions. In Maths we have finished off our fractions topic by looking at subtracting mixed numbers. In science class 5 conducted an experiment to investigate the impact of air resistance. In Theme we used atlases to find the countries in the British Empire during the Victorian period.

Class 6

This week in English we have been looking at a balanced argument and understanding that there are two sides of an argument that need to be looked at and discussed. After looking at an example of a balanced argument, we have researched other possible causes for the Titanic disaster and we have thought carefully about the language, tone and vocabulary that we have used. In SMSC we have started to look at the topic 'Our World' we have looked at how we can be a responsible global citizen and also learnt about global warming and the impact it is having on Earth, we have also discussed ways in which we can try to help prevent this from getting worse.

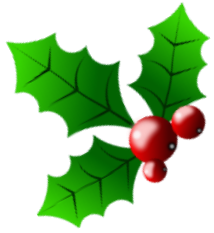
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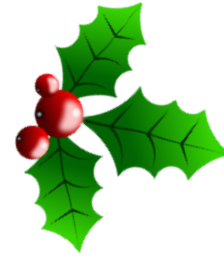
DLP Football Competition

A huge congratulations to our school football team who competed in a football tournament with other schools across the DLP on Tuesday evening. The team worked extremely hard together to come out victorious in their group and getting into the final against Denshaw. The final was a very close affair and at the final whistle the score was a draw. This meant the final had to be decided with penalties. The team kept themselves composed and came out as winners after some very tense penalty kicks. I was very impressed with the way that they conducted themselves on the day; they worked extremely well as a team, didn't question any decisions that were made and showed good sportsmanship towards the other teams all the way through.





Christmas Craft Club



Christmas Jars



Back by popular demand...

Mrs Spencer's Christmas Craft Club.

Running in the last week of term at lunchtimes, children can design, paint and keep a lovely Christmas Jar.

Prices of the club/jars can be found on Parent Pay, where children can sign up.

******Limited places available******

Jars are available in 2 sizes:

large with lid (suitable for filling with sweets or for a tea light) as shown and

small (suitable for filling with nibbles or a tealight)

The Diggle School Elves have delivered bags of goodies to each class today...



...class teachers will be emailing you to let you know how your child can win a bag.

Festive robins are swooping through the corridors of Diggle School...



...spreading Christmas cheer!



Home Reading Celebrations

Congratulations to this week's 50 Home Readers...



Diggle School Meals

Our new menu has once again been getting great reviews from the kids, and from the pictures below I'm sure you can see why. Remember, if your child wants to try a dinner they can just request one on the day.

Please note...the website is now fully up to date with the new menu, and next week will be Week 1.

I know we are biased but we think the food looks absolutely gorgeous and very healthy. In this weather a warm meal may really benefit your child, why not ask them if they want to give it a try?

Winner, winner, chicken dinner!



Homemade curry with homemade naan bread.

Homemade cheese wheel with homemade roasted new potatoes and carrots.



Our first professional review...

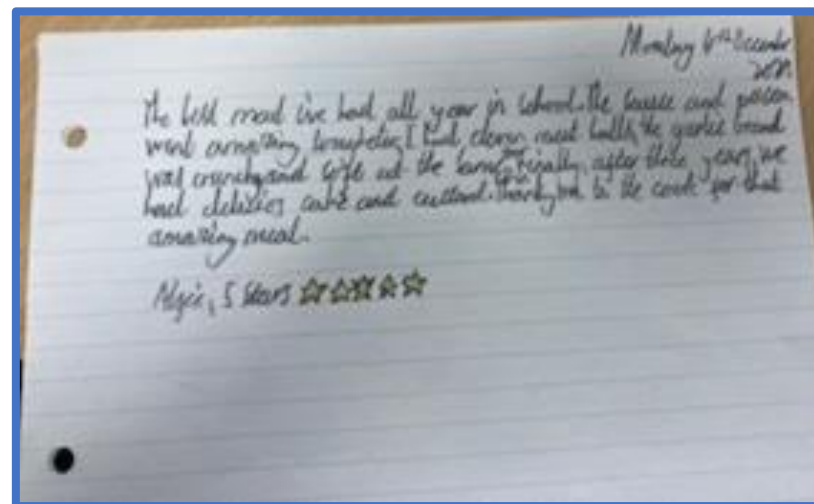
As mentioned on the previous page, we are getting rave reviews on our new menu. So much so, that Alfie in Year 6 actually wrote a real 'tripadvisor' style review. This has been shared with Nicola our chef, who was absolutely over the moon.

I know the picture is not too good, apologies for that, but please see below Alfie's review. As my photography is not the best, I've taken the liberty of typing the whole review...

"The best meal I've had all year in school. The sauce and pasta went amazingly together, I had eleven meatballs, the garlic bread was crunchy and soft at the same time. Finally, after three years, we had delicious cake and custard. Thank you to the cook for that amazing meal."

Alfie, 5 stars ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Thank you Alfie for taking the time to write your review. It meant the world to the ladies in the kitchen!





Christmas Dinner



We are delighted to say that in true Diggle School tradition, we will be offering a Christmas Dinner on the 21st December. This will include turkey, with carrots, peas, sprouts, honey roast parsnips, roast potatoes, mashed potatoes, stuffing and pigs in blankets. If that's not enough, for pudding there will be yule log and custard, Christmas cupcakes, and Christmas cookies. There will be a vegetarian option available and all allergies will be catered for.

I'm sure you will agree that Nicola in the kitchen will be very busy, so we will not be offering any other food options on that day.

If your child does not normally have a school meal on a Thursday but they would like a Christmas dinner, please let the office know.

This is a real festive occasion where all the school get involved. The teachers eat with their class, there is Christmas music, and lots and lots of laughs. If your child doesn't normally eat a school dinner, this may be the perfect time for them to give it a try. We promise we won't make them eat the sprouts!



FODS AT CHRISTMAS



FODS
FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

Fods will be creating our fabulous Festive hampers again this christmas. Raffle tickets to enter the draw to win a hamper will be sent home in book bags next week. Please return ticket stubs with money in a sealed envelope to school.

Please can you support your class hamper by bringing an item into school before Friday the 24th November so the FODS Christmas elves can work their magic.

Last years hampers were filled with chocolates, toiletries, alcohol, christmas treats and lots more!
Thankyou for your continue support,
Team FODS

All donations delivered to classrooms before **FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

Raffle tickets for our amazing hampers should now be with you. Remember, if you need any more tickets just ask your child to tell their class teacher, or call into the office and we will be happy to provide more.

Thank you once again for all your support.

Good luck!

GRINCH MOVIE NIGHT

We are delighted to pass the following message on from FODS...

FODS would like to thank everyone who came to our fabulous Grinch movie night! The evening at The Civic Hall was sold out and a good time was had by all! The Grinch proved himself to be very quick in a snowball fight and even Santa paid a visit at the end and gave out gold coins to all the excited children! Once again, thanks for the support of all the parents who volunteered to help at the event...we could not put on these events without your help! We will let you know how much was raised as soon as we have the final figures in!



GRINCH MOVIE NIGHT

As a school we would also like to thank FODS, and all the wonderful parent helpers, for a wonderful evening. We were delighted when we heard the feedback from our parents, and even more delighted on Monday morning when we received a phone call from the Site Manager at the Civic Hall, who wanted to congratulate FODS on how well-organised the event was. The Site Manager said that FODS adhered wonderfully to health and safety regulations, that the hall was left spotlessly clean, and that the children were supervised brilliantly.

Well done to everyone involved, including our wonderful children. As a school we couldn't be more proud.



Special Shout Outs

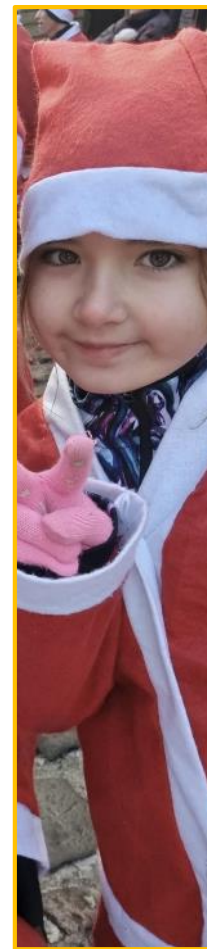
We love hearing about the amazing things that our children have done outside of school. If your child has done something worth shouting about please let us know. Email leanne.hazlehurst@diggleschool.co.uk or joanne.powell@diggleschool.co.uk and we'll do our best to get them in the newsletter.

Our first special shout out of the week goes to Sam in Year 6. Recently Sam showed huge resilience, and after 10 hours of karate he received another tab on his black belt, which he'd previously been awarded in May 2023. Sam is now one step closer to his 2nd Dan black belt, and should be eligible for this in May 2025. To achieve this, Sam is going to have to work very hard indeed. Well done on your achievement so far Sam, we can't wait to hear how you get on over the next few years.



SANTA DASH

Well done to everyone who completed the Santa Dash in Uppermill last weekend. It looks like you had the most wonderful time, and raised a lot of money for charity which is even better. We were amazed when we found that a lot of children had chosen to run 5k, including Emily in Year 5. Well done!





Another huge well done to Jacob, who competed in the annual championship swimming gala for his swimming club, he got bronze for butterfly and gold for backstroke. He also came 3rd in the Saddleworth 5k Santa Dash!!

Year 4 Christmas Bake Sale

Emily and Emilia in Year 4, showed their charitable and caring Christmas spirit this week. The girls planned, organised and then ran their own bake sale for their classmates in order to raise money for a local food bank. What a kind and thoughtful thing to do, no wonder they got star of the week. Well done girls!



DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

Time is running out to see the wonderful Diggle Community Band before Christmas.

Don't panic though, because you haven't missed their Christmas concert which is on the 22nd December at Diggle Band Club.

Remember.... **it's a totally free, family friendly event,** guaranteed to get you in the festive mood.

The band will be playing all your favourite Christmas songs, and they never take themselves too seriously so there will be a lot of laughs along the way.

Hopefully we'll see you there.



DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS
CHRISTMAS ITINERARY

FRIDAY 1 st DECEMBER	SPRINGHEAD LIGHT SWITCH ON 5.45 pm
SATURDAY 2 nd DECEMBER	VICTORIA STATION MANCHESTER 10.00 am -1.00 pm
SUNDAY 3 rd DECEMBER	GROTON LIGHTS 5.45 pm
TUESDAY 5 th DECEMBER	TESCO GREENFIELD 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
SATURDAY 9 th DECEMBER	KILNGREEN CHURCH CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 3.15 pm <i>(Church will be open from 2.45 pm)</i> FOLLOWED BY DIGGLE VILLAGE LIGHTS SWITCH ON OUTSIDE THE DIGGLE HOTEL 5.30 pm
TUESDAY 12 th DECEMBER	TESCO GREENFIELD 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm
SATURDAY 16 th DECEMBER	VICTORIA STATION MANCHESTER 10.00 am -1.00 pm
TUESDAY 19 th DECEMBER	TESCO HUDDERSFIELD ROAD OLDHAM 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm
FRIDAY 22 nd DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS CONCERT DIGGLE BAND CLUB 7.30pm

ALL WELCOME



DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AT:- DIGGLE BAND CLUB **FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER**
CONCERT STARTS AT :- 7.30PM

FREE ENTRY

EVERYONE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS & SING-A-LONG MUSIC

COLLECTION FOR D.C.B.

RAFFLE

Reg Charity No. 1190209

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

Quick reminder that Mr Byers is not available for 8.30am band practice on the following dates...

PLEASE NOTE, EVEN THOUGH MORNING BAND PRACTICE IS NOT ON, LESSONS WILL STILL BE HAPPENING, AND BAND PRACTICE WILL TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE DAY, SO YOUR CHILDREN WILL STILL NEED THEIR INSTRUMENTS.

**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**

School Photos - It's Not Too Late!

Good news - if you missed out the first time you can still get your individual school photos. They are available to view and buy at Happy Snapz. If you have any problems, please feel free to call the office.

Wednesday 13th December
Music Morning in School.

On Wednesday 13th December from 9am to 11am we will be hosting our Christmas Music Concert. Please ensure your child has their instrument on this day.

All children who have individual music lessons will be taking part, along with everyone who is in the school band, KS1 and KS2 choir and also the children in Year 4 who are still playing a brass instrument in school as part of the ongoing opportunities group.

The running order for the morning is:

- 9am - The school band and brass players
- 9:30 - Guitars
- 9:45 - Children who have singing lessons
- 10am - Percussionists
- 10:15 - Keyboard
- 10:30 - Woodwind
- 10:45 - KS1 and 2 choirs

You are welcome to come in and out of the concert and we don't expect parents to stay all morning unless they want to. FODS will be serving refreshments and we are going to put tables out for the audience.

We hope to see you there, please be aware that times may move slightly, so please arrive a little before your child is performing.

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

Please note the timings for the pantomime on Wednesday 20th December. In the morning, Classes 2,3 and 4, will be attending. The coach will be leaving at 9am prompt. **Unfortunately we will not be able to wait for children because the theatre cannot delay the performance.**

In the afternoon, Classes R,1, 5 and 6 will be attending. **We expect to be back at school by 4.10pm.**

If you haven't already signed the consent form and made payment we would be grateful if you could login to parentpay as soon as possible. Many thanks.



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

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Castleshaw Centre

Free Family Activity Days... 3, 4 and 5 January 2024

A fun and exciting day exploring and challenging yourself at Castleshaw Outdoor and Environmental Education Centre.

Activities on the day could include a stream scramble, artificial caving, soft archery, a valley walk, orienteering, team building games and bushcraft. Activities/venue are subject to the weather and the group needs on the day and may change at short notice.

10am – 3pm

Age 5-11 years, children must be accompanied by parent/guardian

Free picnic lunch provided

Email castleshaw.centre@oldham.gov.uk to check availability and request a booking form.

Maximum 15 places available (including parents)

Places are reserved on a first come first served basis.

This programme is being funded by the Department for Work and Pensions.



Castleshaw Centre, Waterworks Road, Delph, Oldham OL3 5LZ
T: 0161 770 8595
E: castleshaw.centre@oldham.gov.uk
w: <http://castleshawcentre.weebly.com/adventurous-activities.html>



Take a look at these free family activity days at Castleshaw in January. For bookings, email:

castleshaw.centre@oldham.gov.uk



U10s GIRLS PLAYERS

Saddleshworth 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!

