



DIGGLE STARS

Emerson Oparah-Stretton - for being very responsible and working hard on every activity this week!

Theo Heap - for excellent effort and perseverance in art this week.

Molly Bates - for being really brave when going to club.

Hannah Dias - for an absolutely fantastic first week in school; coming in with a smile on her face, contributing well in lessons and trying her best with everything.



Etta Kouzelis - Resilience, resourcefulness and responsibility are all the traits evident in her artwork and writing. Well done!

Jake Moorhouse - for being responsible and checking whether the Trim Trail was open at playtime.

Raeya Heron - for using her reasoning in maths and spotting patterns on the board.

Remi Heron - for being very helpful in class this week and for super effort in her writing.

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Welcome back to you all, and a warm welcome to all our new families. The weather has done its usual trick of raining for most of the 6 week holidays and then being glorious on the first week back at school. However, we love it when the weather is fine as the children can make the most of our wonderful grounds.

Thank you for sending all your children back looking so smart. Just a quick reminder that on a PE day, PE kit is a white t shirt and navy blue/black either shorts or jogging/tracksuit bottoms along with trainers. In the event of colder weather they may also wear a plain navy blue/black sweatshirt or hoodie. Please do not send your child into school on a PE day with bright coloured/pictured t shirts or sweatshirts.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 11th Sept - Extracurricular clubs start

Wed 13th Sept - Individual pupil photos

Mon 18th Sept - FODS PENNY WARS starts

Mon 25th Sept - "Abilities in Me Day" - wear bright colours

Wed 27th Sept - Y5&6 Viking Day visit

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

We have had a wonderful first week in Class R. The children have really enjoyed getting to know each other, their buddies, and their teachers. We walked around the school and said hello to all of the other classes. We even even went into the staffroom. Shhhhh, don't tell anyone!

In our 'small world area' the children have had great fun building their houses with lego and duplo. We have talked about what is in our houses and who lives there.

In the 'role play area' we have been busy making each other delicious meals, and using the toy laptop and phones to call our friends and family.

In the 'creative area' we have had fun making self portraits on circular card. We also sketched some oranges and painted pictures of different fruits.

In the 'maths area' we have tried to make patterns using numicon.

In our outdoor area we have played in the water, role-played a trip to the shops, built houses using crates and blocks, and had fun on the bikes and trikes.

What an excellent first week at Diggle School. Well done to all of the children for being so brave, and listening to instructions!



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

Class 1

This week in Class 2 we have been busy learning lots of new routines and exploring the resources in our new classroom. We have been fantastic at tidying up! In English we have been writing sentences about about our holidays, sounding out words using our phonics.

In Maths we have started our unit of work about place value within 10. We have sorted objects in different ways, counted a set of objects reliably and counted objects from a larger group.

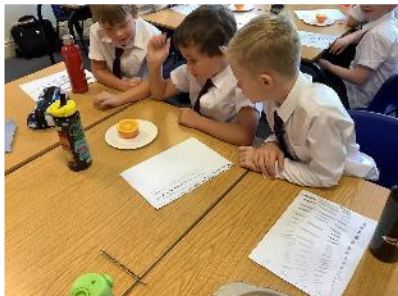
We had an art week focusing on the whole school art theme of fruit. We produced some fantastic sketches by looking very carefully at the fine detail we could see inside the cross section of an orange. We also painted some watermelon wedges and kiwi fruit. We chose colours carefully, mixing colours to crete the right shades. We left our work to dry before going back to add the final details such as seeds.

Class 2

This week in Class 2 it has been a fruity, fun and full week! We have enjoyed drawing, painting, writing about and eating fruit. We used magnifying glasses to look carefully at the cross section of an orange. We drew this carefully ready for a whole school display. We then moved onto apples. We looked at the different shades of green, red and yellow that we find on different varieties. We listened to the story of Johnny Appleseed and had a fun art day painting finger print apples and choosing colours for an abstract overlapping apple picture we designed. We used our apples to help us with writing good sentences about them using all our senses to help. We learned how apples grow and are harvested and we followed an apple on its journey from the tree to the shops. We listened to the story of Snow White and found out what happened when she ate the poisoned apple. We retold some of the story in our own words and writing. We also did a learning check to see how well we knew the place value of numbers and practised all the numbers in a 100 square. Finally we played a fruity dice game with partners. Phew..what a busy first week back, well done Class 2!



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Class 3

What a busy week! Class 3 have learned lots of art skills this week; shading their oranges and colour mixing for kiwis as well as using collage for our class pineapple! We can't wait to see it all come together in the corridors. We have been learning more about place value in maths, using numbers to 100 and have begun our spelling assessment as well as introduced our theme 'What Makes the Earth Angry'. We are ready for another busy week after a well deserved rest this weekend.

Class 4

This week in Maths, we have been testing our knowledge to see how much we remember from Year 3. The children have worked really hard while completing assessments and have shown excellent reasoning skills when completing our daily dojo maths question.

In English, we did some extended writing about the activities we did over the summer holidays. Some of the children found themselves in some very funny situations and it was nice to share information about all the different places the children have visited.

We have focused on a still life art project this week, looking at the different shades and textures of fruit. The children also enjoyed eating the fruit after we had completed our drawings. Finally, we voted on our 'Coat of Arms' which best represents us together as a class and signed our class charter to unify us all together this year. The children are very proud to be in Year 4 and at Diggle School!

Class 5

This week we have started to read out whole class text Beowulf and we have learnt the term 'inference'. We made predictions about what we think the book will be about and we have described the main character. In maths we have looked at Roman numerals and numbers up to 100,000. We have also enjoyed drawing and sketching a range of fruits for our art display specifically showing our hatching and cross hatching skills.

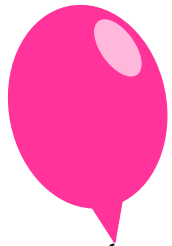
Class 6

Class 6 have settled well this week and have taken on the roles of 'buddies' with a great attitude and have been helping the children in class R to settle in and get used to new routines at morning break and lunchtimes. We have started Place Value topic in maths and have recapped the values of specific digits in numbers up to 10,000,000 We have been working really hard on our sketching techniques this week and have developed our cross-hatching skills for shading. We have then tried to implement these techniques into our contribution to our whole school art focus where we have drawn a variety of different fruits.

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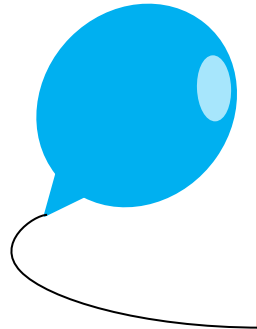


If you haven't already done so, please make sure you log into Parent Pay and give consent and payment contribution to the Viking Day visit. Thankyou



Thankyou FODS ...

... for brightening up our
return to school.



Notices

School Meals

The menu for school dinners is on the school website -

<https://www.diggleschool.co.uk/school-meals>

Next week is Week 2. 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 start back next week, and fees will be on Parent Pay shortly.

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.

Parking

A polite reminder - please do not double park, or use Heather Way (opposite the school gates) to park or turn around. If there is no room on Sam Road, please use the carpark at the canal, or use Huddersfield Road where there is plenty of space to park safely and walk round to school.



FRIENDS OF DIGGLE SCHOOL

Get ready for the new term with a clear out!

Why not take the opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles to raise funds for school – this can include clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

The collection will be

Friday 22nd September 2023

From **8am to 9am** in the front carpark
Please ensure all donations are in tied bags



www.bag2school.com



Saddleworth Olympics is GO GO GO!!

After a summer of hard work learning and practicing a wide range of sports, the Saddleworth Olympics start this Saturday with the Opening Ceremony, Athletics and Tug of War on Saturday, and Netball, Rounders and Tag Rugby on Sunday.

Good luck to all at **TEAM DIGGLE**. After a summer of rain affected training, it looks like the sun is shining - for this weekend at least!

Everyone is welcome at the opening ceremony which starts at 9am at Saddleworth School, followed straight after by Junior Athletics. All children taking part need to wear their yellow **TEAM DIGGLE** t-shirt, bring a drink of water, and for once they may even need suncream!!

Parents, friends and family who are going along to support and cheer on **TEAM DIGGLE** can take chairs, or mats to sit on, and their own refreshments.

We look forward to hearing all about it on Monday!



Saddleworth Village Olympics – September 2023

Event	School year groups		Date	Time	Venue
Opening Ceremony	All	All	Saturday 9 th	9.00	Saddleworth School
Junior Athletics <i>(Saddleworth Runners)</i>	Separate boys & girls events	Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6	Saturday 9 th	10.00	Saddleworth School
Junior Tug of War <i>(Delph & Denshaw)</i>		Yrs 3&4 / Yrs 5&6		12.30	
Senior Athletics <i>(Saddleworth Runners)</i>		Yrs 7, 8, 9 & 10		1.30	
Senior Tug of War <i>Delph and Denshaw</i>	Separate boys & girls events	Yrs 7&8	Saturday 9 th	3.30	Saddleworth School
Junior Netball <i>(Delph & Denshaw)</i>	Girls	Yrs 3&4	Sunday 10 th	9.00	Oasis Academy
		Yrs 5&6		11.00	
Senior Rounders <i>(Dobcross)</i>	Girls	Yrs 7&8	Sunday 10 th	9.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 9&10		1.30	
Tag Rugby League <i>(A.S.I.)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 3&4	Sunday 10 th	1.00	Saddleworth Rangers Rugby League club
		Yrs 5&6		2.30	
Dodgeball <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 5&6	Thursday 14 th	5.30	Saddleworth School
		Yrs 7&8			
Basketball <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 7&8	Friday 15 th	5.30	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
		Yrs 9&10			
Junior Rounders <i>(Dobcross)</i>	Girls	Yrs 3&4	Saturday 16 th	9.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 5&6		1.30	
Tennis <i>(Uppermill)</i>	Boys, Girls & Mixed	Yrs 5&6	Saturday 16 th	9.00	Tame Valley Squash & Tennis Club
		Yrs 7&8		1.00	
Hockey <i>(Oldham Hockey Club) / (Diggle)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 5&6	Sunday 17 th	9.00	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 7&8		11.00	
Swimming <i>(L.G.F.G.)</i>	Boys & Girls	Yrs 5, 6	Sunday 17 th	3.00	Saddleworth Pool
		Yrs 7, 8		6.00	
Senior Badminton <i>(Uppermill)</i>	Boys & Girls	Yrs 7&8	Thursday 21 st	5.00	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
		Yrs 9&10		6.30	
Junior Badminton <i>(Uppermill)</i>	Boys & Girls	Yrs 3&4	Friday 22 nd	5.00	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
		Yrs 5&6		6.30	
Senior Football <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 7&8	Friday 22 nd	4.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 9&10		6.00	
Cricket <i>(Diggle)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 7&8	Saturday 23 rd	9.00	Greenfield Cricket Club
		Yrs 3&4		11.30	
		Yrs 5&6		2.30	
Senior Netball <i>(Delph & Denshaw)</i>	Girls	Yrs 9&10	Saturday 23 rd	10.00	Saddleworth School (Sports Hall)
		Yrs 7&8		12.30	
Junior Football <i>(Greenfield)</i>	Mixed	Yrs 3&4	Sunday 24 th	9.30	Saddleworth School (All Weather Pitch)
		Yrs 5&6		12.00	

ALL EVENT DATES, TIMES AND VENUES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

It's time to look at our amazing local heritage

SADDLEWORTH AND Oldham's fascinating history and heritage will be celebrated at a number of events in September. This year's Oldham Histories Festival and Heritage Open Days run from September 3-23 and offer a great chance to find out more about local people, places, buildings and stories. From talks to walks there's plenty to discover, whether you're interested in architecture or heritage or just curious about the history around you.

At Oldham Local Studies and Archives residents can discover the rich history of Oldham and its people, with archives dating back to 1597 and covering an enormous range of subjects.

Town centre highlights include an Oldham Town Centre Walk, Oldhamers and the Battle of Somme, a Photograph Open Day, notable Oldham figures, The 'Revival' Exhibition, and The Transformation of the Old Town Hall.

In Saddleworth, Heights Chapel above Delph will be open on Sat 10 Sept and Sun 11 Sept from 1pm-4pm, with refreshments available. Visitors can find out the chapel's history and see a display of original stencils used in its decoration, and on the Sunday there is a Songs of Praise service starting at 3pm.

Also in Delph, there will be guided tours of the site that was once a Roman fort on the Chester to York military road. Tours include findings from the latest excavations in 2014. Meet in the car park outside the Castleshaw Outdoor Centre, Waterworks Road, Delph, OL3 5LZ. No dogs allowed. Thu 8 Sept, 1.30-3pm; Sat 10 and Sun 11 Sept, 2-3.30pm.

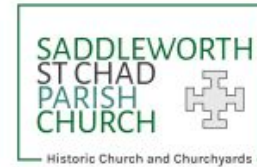
Holy Trinity Church, Dobcross, will open its doors on Thu 8, Fri 9, Sat 10 and Sun 11 Sept, from 10am-4pm. Built in 1787, the Grade II listed 'Pennine Auditory' Chapel contains fine examples of original box-pews. Booklets with guides available at certain times.

In Lees, Grade II* listed Gothic church St. Thomas' is open on Sat 10 Sept from 10am-4pm so visitors can see the new community room and facilities, or enjoy tours of the bell tower (10am-12noon).

St. Anne's Church at Lydgate is holding open days on Sun 4, 11 and 18 Sept from 2.30-4.30pm, showing church history booklets and registers, plus maps and suggested walks around the graveyards.

And the historic St. Chad's Church in Uppermill will be open on Fri 9 and Sat 10 Sept from 10am-4pm and Sun 11 Sept from 1-5pm. Find out about the long history at the current Grade II* listed building through Parish Registers, tours of the bellringing room, children's activities and more.

https://www.oldham.gov.uk/homepage/1567/oldham_histories_festival_2023



HERITAGE FESTIVAL
9th -17th September 2023
OPEN 10 am to 4 pm



Join us as we unwrap the creativity of Saddleworth people past and present

As part of **Heritage Open Days**, we are taking part in England's largest festival of history and culture. **The Parish Centre Art Group** will also be presenting an **Exhibition of Art and Crafts**

Free Entry

- Church building and yards
- Guided tours of the building and yards
- Bellringing
- Art and Crafts Exhibition
- Silent Auction
- Childrens activities (Weekends and Wednesday)
- RSPB (Sunday 10th and Saturday 16th) Conservation churchyard (Wildlife walkabout)
- Morris Dancing (Thursday 14th 6:45 pm)
- Rush cart banners
- Children's Art Competition Winners display
- Impromptu musical interludes (Everyday)
Bring your own instrument and see how it sounds in the superb acoustics of the church

Bookable events including

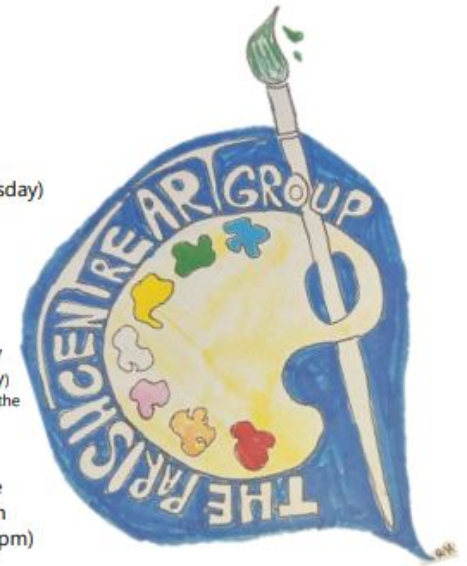
- Vincent Hewitt, Genealogy Journey and the Commonwealth War Graves in Saddleworth Church Yard (Eventbrite: Wednesday 13th 7pm)
- Act One (Eventbrite: Sunday 17th eve)

Also

- Genealogy searches £20
- Refreshments at the Hearse House

The Church and its churchyard(s) are looked after by volunteers. Fund raising is by donations and events. The purpose of fundraising is to preserve the church for future generations and avoid closure. We look forward to seeing you during Heritage Week.

Saddleworth St Chad Parish Church
Church Lane OL3 6LW (Charity No 1133933)



Honouring Legacies: the genealogy journey



Wednesday, 13 September - As part of Heritage Week.

Discover a different approach to researching your family tree, through the art of storytelling and research.

Local author and genealogist **Vincent Hewitt** has a real passion for history, spending most of his free time honouring and protecting the legacies of those that have gone before us.

His approach to research is thorough and well documented, ensuring a logical approach is used to get results. Within his own family tree he has managed to trace his paternal links, secrets and peculiar trends.

The detail he uses to bring history back to life enables us to build a very clear picture with his skilled ability to research and craft stories.

This is the first in a series of planned heritage talks, 'Who do you think you are, Saddleworth?' Our project is to protect the legacies of Saddleworth People by sharing stories and making history accessible to everyone.

Vincent volunteers as our lead researcher at Saddleworth Church, and in this presentation, he has researched our 13 Commonwealth War Graves. Providing real insight into the lives of the servicemen who are buried in the churchyard.

To book a ticket for this talk please use the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/honouring-legacies-the-genealogy-journey-tickets-689969295737>

MOSSLEY
— **ARTISAN** —
MARKET

Saturday 9th September 2023
11.00 - 4.00

old mill town crafts
the modern way

Westholme Freemasons Hall
Stockport Road Mossley
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