



DIGGLE STARS

Aurora-Rose Broadhurst - for responsible learning and super effort in all lessons this week.

James Rothwell - for being kind and helpful within the class and showing a mature attitude to his learning.

Harry Bennett - for a mature and sensible approach to all his learning.

Elizabeth Bardsley - for having a real go at and contributing to her water polo session.

Tyler Brierley - For the progress he has made with reading in class.

Charlie Doran - for super work during our computing week.



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENTS



Attached to the newsletter today is a letter from Public Health England. It outlines the symptoms of the Strep A bacteria.

Many of these are common symptoms of winter viruses however if your child exhibits two or three of these symptoms and is quite unwell it would be worth taking them to a doctor and getting them checked out.

We have not to my knowledge had any cases in school up to now.

Next week sees the beginnings of Christmas activities in school with the music concert, a trip to the pantomime and Christmas dinner. We look forward to welcoming families into school over the next week and half to celebrate the festive season.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 13th Dec - am Music Groups xmas concert - see letter for times

Wed 14th Dec - Panto Day - whole school visit to Millgate Theatre

Thurs 15th Dec - Y3 / 4 visit to Leeds Museum

Fri 16th Dec - Xmas Dinner Day & Effort Grade Cards out

Mon 19th Dec - Year 1&2 Xmas performance 9.15am / 2.15pm

Tues 20th Dec - Class R xmas performance 9.15am
- EYFS and KS1 party day

Wed 21st Dec - xmas non-uniform day, KS2 party day,
Finish for xmas

2023

Mon 9th Jan - Return to school

Please see the first newsletter of the year - 9th Sept - for full list of key dates for the remainder of the school year.



Class R

This week in Class R, the children have been learning the story 'The Jolly Christmas Postman' by Allan and Janet Ahlberg. The children enjoyed identifying all the characters they recognised from the book and role playing in our own Christmas post office.

The children have been practicing their writing and applying their phonetic knowledge by writing their own letters to Santa.

There were some very unusual requests.

In Maths, we have been practicing everything we have learnt this half term, such as counting on from a given number and looking at difference between the numbers 1, 2 & 3. We also have been using our shape knowledge to make some festive pictures such as using circles to make snowmen!

In PE, the children focused on building core strength with a variety of winter themed games. They were challenged to practice their balancing skills and teamwork by using the balls and cones to build snowmen. They also played a Polar Express game that ended up as a conga line.

Finally, the class Elf got up to lots of different things this week - he even took a bath in our Water area! The children enjoyed our trip to see The Snowman at Queen Elizabeth Hall and listening to the live orchestra. They all behaved exceptionally and followed instructions. We have been practicing hard for the Nativity show and the children are excited to perform for mums, dads, grandparents and carers. We celebrated the end of the week with some hot chocolate and a Christmassy film as a reward for all their hard work this half term and for making good choices throughout the week.



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

Class 1

This week in English we have read some more of our class text Lost and Found. We discovered that he planned to take the penguin back to the South pole in his rowing boat. We wrote our ideas about why he tested the boat for size and strength.

We wrote a list of what we think he packed for a trip to the South pole and why. In Maths we have been completing our assessments and revising our number bonds to 10.

This week was computing week and we have completed a unit of work on digital painting. We used the ipads to access a digital painting app called Sketchbook. We spent some time investigating what each of the tools did and then looked at the work of some famous artists such as Piet Mondrian, Henri Matisse and Wassily Kandinsky. We considered what tools would be the best to use to re create the different pieces of art work and why. In PE we continued practising our throwing and catching skills through fun christmas themed games.

We have spent some time this week practising our Christmas poems and songs. We added actions and performed our poems for each other. It was great to see how well the children were remembering their words!

Class 2

This week we have enjoyed some reading sessions using the school library. We read to each other, to an adult and have been comfy on the beanbags as we read. We are doing well with our new Read, Write, Inc reading books and we making super progress with our phonics! In writing this week we have been concentrating on using checklists to help us organise our writing and add features we have been learning about. I

In our theme lessons we learned more about the Arctic, using a simple map of the Arctic circle. We identified countries and used a key to investigate animals which are found in those countries. We also learned about the Inuit people who live there. We compared their traditional and modern lifestyles with ours including homes, food, weather and clothes.

In Maths we have been learning how to subtract two digit numbers using tens and ones grids and apparatus. We had to remember to subtract the ones first, then the tens. We also completed another true or false challenge and some simple problems! We have continued to practise the poems and songs for our Christmas performance. We added actions and performed our group poems for each other.



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Class 3

This week, we have been reading about a character called Orion in our book 'Orion and the Dark'. As well as the dark, Orion is scared of LOTS of things in the world. We shared our fears and giving reasons and wrote speech bubbles for the characters. We continued our work on using a/an, making funny pictures for each use and have worked hard learning our spellings; learning a new way to practise called 'pyramid words'. In maths, we have been learning column subtraction with exchanges. It is very tricky and may take some of us more time to secure...

Class 4

Class 4 finished off their multiplication and division unit in maths by concentrating on the 7 times tables. In English we have had a SPAG focus and learnt how to use, and punctuate direct speech. We also had the big spelling test. We have spent our afternoons outside in the forest making wonderful snowmen and reindeers to take home for Christmas. A lovely week!

Class 5

This week in our maths we have been finishing our work on multiplication and division. We took time to look at long multiplication and the class have worked really hard at this. We have also worked on dissolving as part of our work on materials and their properties. We used the experiment we did as basis for our writing this week which was a scientific report. We enjoyed the practical part of this and have already thought about how we'll get the solids back. Some of us have also continued to add their entries to our class Book of Wonders from the Nowhere Emporium.

Class 6

In Maths this week we have continued to work with fractions, looking at how to multiply fractions with integers and also with another fraction. We have also started to look at how to divide fractions by integers and will continue with this next week. In english this week the children have created their own character to work in Bizarre's Bazaar and has written part of a story to show Daniel's journey through Manhattan back to the strange shop to ask the owner some questions. In Science we continued with our Evolution and Inheritance topic and learnt about fossilisation and how this was used to explain evolution. We also looked at Darwin's theory of the tree of life. We have also made Christmas cards as part of CITC's initiative and these will be given out to those who may not receive many cards at Christmas.

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Reading for Pleasure

This week, Key Stage 2 enjoyed hearing about Mrs Spencer's favourite book to read to children. She chose 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson and read it in rhyme along with audience participation. Mrs Spencer talked about how she used to read it to her own children at bedtime and the fond memories it evoked. She pointed out some of the illustration features of the book. I wonder what memories the children will have in years to come and which books they will remember being read to them?





Diggle Elves Chocolate Raffle!

This week, all the Diggle elves brought in a knitted bag full of chocolate for the class to raffle. Children are invited to bring in £1 to enter for a chance to win the bag and the chocolate. Class R's elf even added a competition to name one of Santa's reindeers. Class draws will be done in the last week. I wonder who will win?

Class R Watch The Snowman

This week Class R took a trip to watch The Snowman, accompanied by a live orchestra at the Queen Elizabeth Hall in Oldham.



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) and small (suitable for filling with nibbles or a tealight)

Year 4's Forest School Fun

Class 4 have had great fun in forest school this week. We have used natural materials to make snowmen and reindeer. Thanks Mr Ryan!



SADDLEWORTH MUSICAL SOCIETY

with
DIGGLE SCHOOL CHOIR
invite you to their

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Sunday 11th December at Uppermill Civic Hall at 7pm

Tickets: Adults £7, Children £3

BOOK BY PHONE 07799776446 OR ONLINE at

www.saddleworthmusicalsociety.co.uk

Registered Charity Number 503676

Please make use of these warm spaces and share this info with anyone you think may benefit from local warm spaces this winter.

Keep Yourself Warm

The cost of living crisis is challenging to us all.

Local churches & Saddleworth Parish Council are opening up rooms as Warm Spaces to help people to keep down their heating costs.

Please come along to any and you will be made welcome.

UPPERMILL

Ebenezer Congregational Church.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month, 10.00 until 12.00

Sacred Heart Centre. Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 9.30 until 12.30

St Chad's Parish Centre, Station Road, Saturday mornings 9.30 until 12.00

Uppermill Methodist Centre, Thursdays from November 17th, 11.00 until 2.00, please use side door

Civic Hall, Fridays November 18th, 25th, December 2nd and 9th, 9.00 until 12.30, please use side door

GREENFIELD

St Mary's Parish Church, Wednesdays, 1.00 until 3.00

Greenfield Methodist Church, 2nd and 4th Mondays each month, 2.30 until 4.00

Christ Church, Friezland, Thursdays, 1.00 until 4.30

DELPH

St Thomas Parish Church, Mondays, 10.00 until 12.00

Delph Methodist Church, Wednesdays, 1.30 until 4.30

Being cold can seriously damage your health. So, please come to these warm spaces where you will receive a warm welcome and a free hot drink.

See below for an exclusive offer for CITC partner school pupils and families to attend the upcoming women's derby at the Etihad



DERBY DAY AT THE ETIHAD

SUN 11 DEC | KO 12:30PM

ADULTS FROM £12 | U18s FROM £4



Group bookings available.

Contact group.bookings@mancity.com and quote "City in the Community" for exclusive group rates.



BUY TICKETS

Notices

Parent Pay

Please make sure your Dinner Money and BASC fees are up to date. 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 should now be paid up - you are welcome to make payments early for Spring and Summer. Please also check Parent Pay for the Christmas activities your child is involved in, including the whole school visit to the pantomime. Thankyou

Using Oldham Foodbank

Oldham Foodbank works using a voucher referral system. Anyone can find themselves at crisis point for a number of different reasons. In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of a given situation they work with local agencies to issue foodbank vouchers. The local agency can also provide long term support if needed to help address some of the issues behind the reasons for a crisis.

Oldham Foodbank works with a number of different agencies, such as Citizens Advice, children's centres and health visitors. To find out more about the agencies that hold their vouchers and how you can get help go to Oldham Foodbank's website.

If you are able to help Oldham Foodbank with donations of time, money or food, please see their website <https://oldham.foodbank.org.uk/>

GIVE HELP

We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Your gift of financial support, time, business partnership and food can make a real difference.

DONATE MONEY

Big or small, every gift you give helps transform lives.



VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are the life blood of foodbanks. Your skills could be just what we need.



PARTNER WITH US

Your business could help us make a real difference in the local community.



DONATE FOOD

Our foodbank relies on the goodwill and support of the people of Oldham helping their fellow...



Struggling with the Cost of Living?

Help is available, whatever you are going through.

WE CAN HELP!

Helpline: 0161 770 7007

Open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Breakthrough UK has set up a text service, **07860 022876**, for people who cannot or prefer not to speak to the Helpline team over the phone.

Help in a crisis

Help to maximise your income

Help with your household bills

Help for families

Help for older people

Help with Housing

Help with money problems

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/wecanhelp>

Amazon Smile

As we approach Christmas, if you make any purchases on Amazon, please consider using Amazon Smile and setting your chosen charity to Friends of Diggle School.

You can set this on the Amazon App by clicking the 3 horizontal lines to access the menu, then selecting "settings" from the list and then Amazon Smile. You need to renew this action every 6 months or it reverts back to non-smile Amazon.

To shop online via a browser make sure you go to [Smile.Amazon.co.uk](https://smile.amazon.co.uk) rather than just normal Amazon, and the charity you are supporting should appear under the search bar - make sure it says Friends of Diggle School.

Every bit of money FODS raises comes back into school, and Amazon Smile is a great way to help just by doing your normal shopping.



Parking Concerns

We have been contacted by several concerned parents and local residents regarding unsafe parking on the roads around school, which has seemingly got worse since the cold weather has arrived.

There are plenty of places to park safely on Huddersfield Road, and the canal carpark if there are no spaces on Sam Road.

It has recently been road safety week in school, and your children have been learning all about being safe around roads. Their safety relies on the adults around them modeling responsible road safety themselves.

Please help all our children stay safe on the way into school and when leaving school by parking responsibly and in line with the Highway Code.

As a reminder:

Please do not park on the double yellow lines (unless you are a disabled badge holder)

Please do not park on the pavements

Please do not double park (this mainly happens on Sam Road)

Please do not park on the zigzags between 8am and 5pm

Thank you for your support in keeping all the children safe.

IDLE FREE ZONE
TURN ENGINE OFF



Young Lungs at Work

No Idling Please

Now the weather is turning cold, please can we remind parents not to sit in their cars with the engine running when parked on the roadside. Idling creates a hot-spot of concentrated emissions which the passing children are then breathing in.

The Highway Code states: "You must not leave a vehicle's engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road."

DIGGLE VILLAGE ASSOCIATION

ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE

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CHRISTINGLE SERVICE KILNGREEN CHURCH

LEE SIDE, DIGGLE OL3 5JY



SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER

CAROLS WITH DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS

From 3.15pm ~ Christingle Service 4pm

CHILDREN CAN MAKE THEIR OWN CHRISTINGLE
IN THE CHURCH HALL

MULLED WINE & SOUP KITCHEN
AVAILABLE AFTERWARDS IN CHURCH

**FOLLOWED
BY**

**DIGGLE VILLAGE
LIGHTS SWITCH ON
2022**

At 5.15pm

THE DIGGLE HOTEL

**CONTINUING WITH FESTIVE
SING-A-LONG TUNES
FROM DIGGLE COMMUNITY BRASS**

ALL WELCOME

Would you like to help
create a Christmas Star display
outside Kilngreen Church - Diggle
Please attach your waterproof stars
to the cascade at Church from now
until Christmas Eve.
Thank you