

Diggle Stars

Y1: Evie Barnes for showing a very sensible and helpful attitude in class 1.

Y2: Rhory Casson for great **resilience** in Maths and being **resourceful** in trying to work out maths puzzles.

Y3: Peter Steele for always being ready to learn and setting a good example for listening.

Y4: Joseph Rutter for his great learning behaviour in class and setting a very good example to the class.

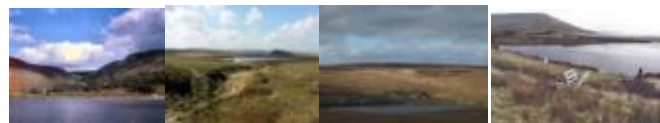
Y5: Finlay Ashton for returning to school with a mature attitude to his learning.

Y6: Georgia Quinton for always being ready to learn and trying her best with every task.

Well done to you all for all your hard work. We are very proud of you!



House Points - The Scores on the Doors Overall totals so far this half term ...



Dovestone	48
Swellands	29
Black Moss	30
Redbrook	34

The house with the most points this week was Dovestone- Well done!

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Friday 9th September
2016

Dates for your diary

Welcome Back!

- 12th September Play in a Day Class 6
- 15th September Kingfisher Coffee Morning 8.40 am
- 20th September Individual school photos
- 23rd September Jeans for Genes Day
- 13th October
Class 5&6 trip to Stockport Air Raid Shelters
Class 2 Assembly
- 14th October Class 1 Assembly
- 17th October Open Day – 9.15 10.00am **OR** 2.15-3.00pm
- 20th October Class R Assembly

Head Teacher's Comment

Welcome back and I hope you have all had a lovely summer break. There have been a few changes over the summer in school with a new dry stone wall, and a couple of new doors being installed. The biggest and most impressive change has come in the old meeting room. Look out for the article on the new library further on in the paper this week.

I am sure your children have told you about the new behaviour policy in school that is being used across all the classes. This system ensures that we have a consistent approach to behaviour management which in turn helps the children to develop their sense of personal responsibility in relation to their own behaviour. It is explained in the behaviour policy attached to this newsletter. I would like to draw your attention in particular to the introduction of a text message being sent to parents to let them know if their child has remained on the grey cloud at the end of the day. Please take the time to read through the behaviour policy and talk to your child about it. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Having now spent a year working here at Diggle I am confident that you will as always support us in this matter.

What have we learnt?

Class R We have been getting to know our new classroom and the school routines. We have been learning about what makes a good friend and singing some of our favourite nursery rhymes.

Class 1 In English we have been writing about our families and our houses. In Maths we have been practicing counting up to 100 from any number. In theme we have drawn a map of our classroom.

Class 2 In Maths we have been practising counting in steps of 2, 3, 5 and 10 with a 100 square and spotting missing numbers in these sequences. In English we have been sharing our holiday news and then writing about what we did making sure we use good punctuation.

In theme we have looked at atlases and done world jigsaw puzzles, they were tricky!

Class 3 In Maths we have been counting in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100. In English we have written recounts of the summer and then improved our writing. In theme we have been introduced to our Egyptian topic.

Class 4 This week we have identified where people lived in ancient Egypt. In English, we have begun to work on writing a description of a Pharaoh's tomb. We have counted and ordered negative numbers in Maths.

Class 5 This week Class 5 have been reviewing place value and been showing what they have remembered from last year. We have had our hustings for School Council and thought carefully about what kinds of words to use and how we should effectively deliver our speeches. We have also started our Space topic in science and our WW2 theme.

Class 6 In Maths we have been looking at and working on place value of numbers up to 8 digits. In English we have been completing independent non-fiction writing. We have started a new science topic of Evolution and Inheritance where we have had in depth discussions about the meaning of this.

What's New?

A new school year, new classes, new teachers, new books and that's not all!

Our New Library

Last year FODS spent the year raising funds to provide the school with a new library, designed to be fantastic resource that would encourage children to enjoy reading. Through, school disco's, Mother and Father's day sale, a sponsored read and the summer fete they raised the funds necessary and the work was completed over the summer. We would like to say a huge thank you to all those parents who gave up their time and came in over the summer to paint the freshly plastered room, and those who contributed to any of the fundraising events above. Because of your support the children now have a fabulous, bright and inviting new library. A special thank you must go to Susan Wint whose hard work and research got us the plastering completed at no charge and a superb free off cut of carpet to complete the new space.



The library includes bespoke shelving with sections for guided reading sets and reference books, a story teller's chair, beanbags for group seating, a group work station and new interactive whiteboard. It is a fantastic space and the children are very excited to begin using it. None of this would have been possible without the excellent fundraising efforts from FODS.

Our New Behaviour Policy

We are starting the new school year with an update to our whole school behaviour policy.

We wanted to adapt the policy to provide an opportunity to recognise those children whose behaviour goes above and beyond what is expected as well as providing a system where inappropriate choices are redeemable. The 4 stage system is as follows



Pot of Gold



Rainbow



Grey Cloud



Storm Cloud

Attached is the policy in full. While we appreciate that it is a long document, please take the time to read it fully. The policy has been explained to the children in their classes and it would be helpful if you were also familiar with it.

NOTICES

The Royal College of Nursing is inviting pupils aged 5 to 10 to enter a Christmas card competition, for the chance to win a magical family holiday to Lapland.

The school will win £100 of high-street shopping vouchers too, should a child from Diggle School be chosen as the winner.

'The competition theme is 100, in celebration of our centenary – 100 years as the voice of nursing'.

If you would like to enter please collect a template from your class teacher and return your completed design to Mrs Mellor by Monday 3rd October.

For more info please visit

www.rcn.org.uk/centenary/competitions/christmas-card-competition

Year 6 Coffee Morning

On Thursday 15th September at 8.40 am our Year 6 class will be hosting a coffee morning to raise funds for the Kingfisher School Big Splash project.

Tea, coffee and baked goods will be available to buy and we hope to welcome as many of you as possible to support the event.

Fostering Independence in Key Stage One

We would like to remind you that children in classes one and two are encouraged to become more independent by entering school on their own. They have spent a few days in class now and all seem settled and familiar with the morning routine. It would be helpful if parents could say goodbye at the door and allow the children to come in, hang up their coat and begin their morning jobs. If you need to give any messages to the teachers these are always passed on by the staff on the door. For anything which needs more attention than this it is best to make an appointment to see the class teacher when there is more time available.