

Diggle Stars

YR: Florence Howard for doing some amazing independent work.

Y1: Annabelle Banks for always giving 100% in both her learning and attitude to learning.

Y2: Jessica Thirlwell for developing greater confidence and a much better contribution to group work especially on our Castleshaw visit.

Y3: Ella Armstrong for working independently and helping others to do the same.

Y4: Alexia Walsh for being extremely helpful and teaching peers to make flowers.

Y5: Martha King for being very resilient in Maths and English.

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 term ...



Dovestone	881
Swellands	995
Black Moss	979
Redbrook	1024

The house with the most points this week was Redbrook with 96 - Well done!

The Diggle Star



Friday 2nd
December 2016

What have we learnt?

Class R In English this week Class R have been learning how to write sentences, trying to remember things such as capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In Maths this week we have been learning how to measure the the length of something and order objects according to their length. In theme this week Class R have been using their fine motor skills to create some Christmas decorations as well as using different materials to decorate them such as paint and chalks.

Class 1 In Maths we have been learning about money- recognising coins and adding them to find a total. In English we have been writing some tortoise facts based on the book "Ridiculous!" we have been reading. In theme we have been completing lots of art work for our winter display and practising the songs for our Christmas production.

Class 2 In Maths we have been learning about tally charts, pictograms and block graphs. In English we have written a recount about our fantastic visit to Castleshaw this week.. Our Castleshaw trip helped us with our Science work this week. We had a pot hedgehog which we filled with hot water and then took its temperature. We made hedgehog 'homes' outside using natural materials. We measured the temperature again after a while to see which 'homes' had kept the hedgehog warmest. It was a fun activity! It was a good start to our Homework project about hibernating animals.

Class 3 In English we have been writing setting descriptions for our myth and planning our story. In Maths we have been multiplying and dividing. We have had lots of fun making our winter display board based on the book The Snow Tree. We are proud of the finished board.

Class 4 In English we have been writing poetry based on the story of the Selfish Giant. In Maths we have been finding perimeter by measuring and adding as well as drawing shapes with a perimeter of 12cm or such. In theme we have been creating artwork including snowflakes, icy flowers and decorating paper bricks for our winter display board.

Class 5 This week in Maths we have been continuing our work on fractions. In English we have been working on answering inference questions in reading and creating black out poems for our winter display. In theme we have learned about the Blitz and continued showing our homework. We have also been busy learning the songs for our Christingle Service.

Class 6 In English we have written the story of the Snowman. Some of us have written the story as it happens in the book, others have taken the snowman and James on a new adventure. We have also written thank you letters to HMP Manchester for sending in their team to teach us that actions have consequences.

Dates for your diary

4th December Choir concert at Diggle Band Club

5th December Class 6 Trip- The Snowman

collect from Sunfield Lane bus stop approx 3.50pm

7th December Class 3,4,5,6 Pantomime at Oldham Coliseum (collect approx 5.30pm)

11th December Choir concert at Uppermill Civic Hall

14th December Class R, 1, 2 Pantomime at Oldham Coliseum (collect approx 5.30pm)

14th December KS2 Christingle carol concert at Kiln Green 1.30pm

15th December Christmas Dinner

16th December Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation

20th December

Early Years Nativity 9.30am

Class 1 & 2 Christmas production 2pm

21st December

Class 1 & 2 Christmas production 9.30am

Class R, 1 & 2 Party pm

22nd December

Class 3, 4, 5 & 6 Party am

School Closes 3.15 for Christmas

Head Teacher's Comment

I have been monitoring attendance this week. You may not be aware but a child whose attendance is below 90% is now classed as a persistent absentee by the government. With this in mind I have written to anybody whose child has an attendance of below 93%. The letters will come home on Monday. This is to ensure that parents are aware that there could potentially be an issue with their child's attendance should they continue to regularly miss school. At this point in the school year it only takes 4 days of absence to drop below 93%.

I have noticed an increase in holiday request forms recently. I just want to make you are aware that with this new threshold of 90% a weeks holiday plus a week of sickness in a year means that your child's attendance is in danger of slipping below 90%.

Illness cannot be avoided however holidays in term time can. Please ensure that when booking holidays you refer only to the holiday list that was distributed earlier this term and is on our school website. There are many other websites including the council who claim to have our holiday dates on them. They are usually wrong as they only publish Oldham's generic holiday pattern not our schools unique holidays.

This week's reporters are: Harley Edge, Finlay Heydon, Archie Scott, Morgan Barraclough-Watson, Caelum Whiteley

Christingle Oranges



Yesterday Reverend Rhodes and other members of the Kiln Green Church came into school to help us make Christingles. Each class had a turn to make one and we learnt about what the different parts of the Christingle represent. We found out that the orange represents the world, the candle represents Jesus – the light of the world, the ribbon reminds us that Jesus died, the sticks represent the 4 seasons and the marshmallows and fruit represent all of god's creations. William Longshaw in Class 1 said "I enjoyed it. My favourite bit was putting on the marshmallows." Remember to take your Christingle along to the Christingle and Tree Lighting community celebrations on Sunday 4th December which starts at 2.30pm at the Diggle Band Club. Please see the letter going home today for more details.

Christmas Tree Service

We had our annual Christmas tree service this afternoon and we all enjoyed singing Christmas carols as each class came up to hang their decorations on the tree. Our youngest pupil Eve Topham and our oldest pupils, (twins) Jacob and William Shelley switched on the lights before we sang Oh Christmas Tree.



This year our beautiful tree has been very kindly donated by A.D. Fencing based at Fencing Factory on Stockfield Road, Chadderton. You can view their website at www.fencingfactoryofoldham.co.uk If you want a real tree, they've got a brilliant selection of very good looking trees so we would recommend popping down!

Parent Communication

Text messages will soon be sent via parent pay so please ensure that your mobile number is correctly entered in your parent pay account. Most non-urgent messages will be sent as an email so please check your messages frequently. Thank you

NOTICES

Diggle Canal Graffiti

Some of you will be aware of the graffiti vandalism that has recently blighted Diggle and particularly the tunnel end of the canal.

Infohere: <http://www.oldham-chronicle.co.uk/news-features/8/news-headlines/100996/community-effort-ruined-by-selfish-act>

This Saturday morning (3rd December) the DCA with support from the Canal & River Trust will be repainting the cabin and removing graffiti from the listed parapet wall to the Standedge Tunnel. We meet 10:00 - 12:00 and will do our best to make a difference.

If you do have a spare hour and can lend a hand it would be great to see you there.

Thanks, Mark
Mark Brooks - Chairman
Diggle Community Association

Reception Places deadline

We would like to remind parents that the deadline for making an application for reception is 15 January 2017 @5pm. Parents apply on line on the following weblink

www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions

Parent Pay Reminder

We would like to remind everyone to check Parent Pay and ensure dinner money and BASC are in credit, and all panto visits, class activities, swimming and music tuition are all paid up.



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