

Diggle Stars

YR: Eve Topham for her brilliant sounding out in phonics even when learning a very tricky sound.

Y1: Jacob Heron for setting a fantastic example on the carpet, a sensible attitude to learning and impressing us with his writing this week.

Y2: Jessica Thirlwell for being **resilient** in our daily mile-she sometimes finds it tricky but always keeps going!

Y3: Annie Bird for amazing achievement with her spellings.

Y4: Ewan Haigh for working hard during our English lessons to write and spell better.

Y5: Bethany Avery for always being **respectful** and **responsible**

Y6: Harley Edge for being **resilient** this week across 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 half term ...



Dovestone	204
Swellands	160
Black Moss	186
Redbrook	197

This week's winners with 82 points this week and 65 points last week are Dovestone -Well Done!

The Diggle Star



Friday 5th May
2017

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th May – Year 6 SATs week

Thursday 18th May – Class R Assembly 9am

Friday 9th June School Closed – Whit Friday

Wednesday 24th May – Class 4 Assembly 9am

Thursday 8th June – Class 1 Assembly

Monday 12th June – Open Day (Science) 9.15-100 or
2.15 3.00

Tuesday 13th June – Choir Halle Performance – time tbc

Thursday 15th June – Class 3 Assembly 9am

Tuesday 20th June – Class 3 “Come and Play” at
Bridgewater Hall

Wednesday 21st June – Class 2 Assembly 9am

Monday 26th June – Sports Week

Tuesday 27th June – Class Photos

Wednesday 28th June – Sports Day

Monday 3rd July – Welcome Evening 6-6.30 or 6.30-7

Wednesday 5th July – Transition Day

Tuesday 18th July – Class 5 and 6 Production 2pm & 6pm

Friday 21st July – Class 6 Leavers Assembly

Head teacher's Comment

Next week sees our year 6 children taking part in the Standard Assessment Tests. They have been working very hard all year and we are all very proud of the **Responsibility** and **Resilience** they have shown over that time.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the children good luck and remind them that this test does not measure how fantastic they are at sport, history, music, art etc. Neither does it give them credit for being a super friend.

I hope they will all enjoy the sunshine this weekend and remember that we are proud of them for everything they do.

What have we learnt?

Class R This week in English Class R have been working on their floorbooks. In Maths we have been learning how to halve numbers. In Theme we have been learning about herbivores and carnivores, we have been planting our own seeds to grow different herbs and plants.

Class 1 In Maths we have been learning to find one half and one quarter of a shape or number. In English we have been planning and writing a diary entry in the role of an eyewitness of the Great fire of London. In Science we have carried out an investigation to find out what material would best protect an egg when it is dropped. It was great fun!

Class 2...In Maths we have been comparing and sequencing intervals of time. In English we have created a story planner with pictures and written notes. This will help us write a narrative about what happened during the Great Fire of London. In Theme work we have investigated how we know about the Great Fire of London. We learned about an eyewitness and found out about Samuel Pepys.

Class 3 In English we have been doing some reading and writing linked to letters and postcards. In Maths we have been continuing to learn about 24 hour time and have been converting units of time. In Theme we have started our own self portraits in a Tudor style.

Class 4 This week in English we have been discussing inferential comprehension questions. We've written a story opening by describing a character and we've concentrated on spelling the Y3 and 4 exception words. In Maths we've been looking at decimals. We've looked at the place value and then ordered them. We've also looked at multiplying them by 10 and 100. In Science we've identified common appliances that run on electricity and how to stay safe using electricity.

Class 5 In Maths we have been learning to read and write times in both 12 hour analogue and 24hour digital display and convert between them. In English we have been writing and performing a range of poetry. In Theme we have been researching the famous artist Andy Warhol.

Class 6 In Class 6 this week we have been completing our final revision tasks before the SATs take place next week. In Theme we have been researching the famous landmarks of New York.

High 5 Netball

A group of our Year 5 children went to compete in the High 5 netball tournament this week. 15 children took part- 13 girls and 2 boys. They went to the event at Newman College and they were split into red and blue group. The teams were made up of 5 players (as there were no wing positions), a time keeper, scorer and centre pass monitor. The teams rotated each game so that everyone got a chance to play. Megan Russell said "I've played for a netball team before but the nets were lower so it was harder." Isabel Johnson said "I liked it, it was fun playing other schools." The other schools in the tournament included Hulme Prep, Hodge Clough, Yew tree, St Chads, St Matthews and St Marys. The top two teams from each group went through to a final and although this didn't include the Diggle teams the organisers were so impressed with the effort and enthusiasm that the Diggle pupils showed, they were awarded with a special certificate. Kaya Chapman said "We trained most days for two weeks" and James Metcalfe added "It was really good for the team because now we know what to expect. We want to train more."

Pictured Below: Megan Russell, Martha King, Anya Wyatt, Isabel Johnson, Bethany Avery, Summer Moore, Faron Taylor, Alice Cunningham Kaya Chapman, Thomas Wallace, Maddison Butterworth, James Metcalfe, Emily Furness, Molly Dronsfield, Molly Benton.



Ofsted Curriculum Survey Visit

This week we had a visit from an HMI involved in curriculum survey visits to primary and secondary schools, as part of a piece of research commissioned by Her Majesty's Chief Inspector Amanda Spielman. We were fortunate to be selected as one of only 40 schools across the country whose evidence will contribute to an initial study. The visit focused on finding out about what is happening to the curriculum in schools. It was not an inspection and no judgements were made. At the end of the visit the inspector provided the senior leadership team with some positive summary feedback on what she'd learned about the curriculum and the extra-curricular activities we offer at Diggle School.

Olympics Breakfast club

This week was the first of our Olympic breakfast club sessions. It is the first time one of our clubs has been a complete sell out and the children who took part were very excited.



Parent Pay Reminder:

Please can anyone paying for school dinners or accessing BASC (exc Childcare Voucher payers) please ensure your child's account is kept in credit. Also a reminder music tuition fees should now be paid in full for the year.

NOTICES

SATs Breakfast Club

Year 6 children **only** are invited to join us Monday to Thursday next week for breakfast at 8.15 am in the hall

Primary Knowledge

Diggle School choir are featured in the most recent issue of Oldham's primary knowledge magazine. Please take a look at the copy in the entrance foyer and if your child is featured and you would like to take a copy there are some extras under the desk-so help yourself.

Music Taster sessions

Taster sessions for the various instrument tuition on offer next year have taken place this week.

For children who are currently learning to play an instrument please return your slip for next year. If your child no longer wishes to continue with music lessons please could you still return the slip and just write on that you no longer wish to continue so we know you've seen the letter.



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