

Diggle Stars

Daniel Betts - for working and playing well in a group and showing increased responsibility and effort.

Zara Rangwala - for improved effort and attitude since returning to school after the holidays.

William Longshaw - for the effort he has put into his listening and learning this week.

Thomas Russell - for his responsible attitude to learning this week, especially in maths.

Annie Bird - for continuing to be a fantastic role model for the rest of the class; both in lessons and around school.

Niamh Brennan - for showing a more mature attitude to her learning this week.

Toby King – for a consistently enthusiastic and committed approach to all aspects of school.

All of Year 6 – for the tremendous support they have shown one another this week.



Head teacher's Comment

It has been a difficult start to 2019 but I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the staff at school who have pulled together as a team to ensure that we are here to support the children during this difficult time.

I would also like to say thank you to all those parents who either in person or e mail or through small gestures have offered their support and understanding.

The strength of Diggle has always been the fact that it feels like a real community and never has that been demonstrated as clearly as it has this week.

The Diggle Star



Friday 11th January 2019

Dates for your diary

PLEASE REMEMBER TO ONLY LOOK AT THE TERM DATES ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE - DIGGLEPRIMARY.CO.UK

Choirs will start 3rd week back – 21st and 22nd Jan.

Early morning interventions – see below

Mon 7th Jan – Spring term starts

Mon 11th Feb – Open morning 9:15 – 10:00 am
Open afternoon 2:15 – 3:00 pm

Tues 12th Feb – class 4 trip to Oakwell Hall
Weds 13th Feb – class 3 trip to Oakwell Hall

Friday 15th Feb – School closes for half term

Monday 25th Feb – School reopens

Monday 4th & Tues 5th March – Parents evening

Thurs March 7th – World Book day

Tues 12th March – Spring concert @ Uppermill Civic Hall, arrive at 5:15pm for 5:30 start.

Tues 2nd Apr – Y3/4 Performance

Early morning interventions – due to current circumstances, assessments have been delayed. These will take place over the coming weeks and parents will be notified in due course. Thank you in advance for your patience.

What have we learnt?

Class R In English this week we have been investigating an alien crash site in our forest area we have been writing reports and letters to the police to inform them. In Maths we have been working on money, recognising coins. In theme we have been creating our own planets using different media's.

Class 1 In English this week we have been completing floorbook research for our new Theme - Butchers, Bakers, Candlestick Makers and writing some new year's resolutions. In Maths we have been learning about time in particular language to describe the times of the day, days of the week and months of the year. In Theme we have marked living memory onto a timeline and wrote some questions to ask Mrs Tamworth about life when she was 6 years old.

Class 2 In English this week we started our new class book, Man on the Moon. We met Bob and had a look around his house! We have used apostrophes to label the things he owns.

In Maths we have been ordering numbers using place value, greater than, less than and equals signs. We also played a game outside in teams to challenge ourselves. We had to find numbers and order them quickly to try to win.

In Theme we have talked about what 'Living Memory' is. We found that asking older people what happened in the past can be a great resource to find out lots of interesting things.

Class 3 We have started our new book in English 'Orion and the Dark'. We have looked at his fears and compared them to our own, listening to other people's opinions and trying to give solutions. We have considered how illustrations can have an effect on the reader and begun to look at speech. In maths we have been working on time. We enjoyed our active learning when we all drew a clock on the playground and became the minute hand, jumping round the clock. We have looked at roman numerals used on the clock and played activities with them; matching, ordering and using them in the clock position. In science, we have introduced our light topic and investigated how we can change the size and shape of a shadow by moving the object or the light source.

Class 4 Happy new year to all of our Year 4 children and carers! We have started our new English book The Incredible Book Eating Boy this week and focussed on speech marks and inference. In science we looked at the three states of matter; solid, liquid and gas. And our weekly maths focus has been on Roman numerals. I am very impressed with the work we have done this week. 2019 has started well...keep it up!

Class 5 This week in Class 5, we have started to read our new focus books in English called 'Wonder'. We have been introduced to the main character and learnt a little bit about him and why he is seen as being 'different.' In maths we have learnt about what happens when we go through zero- learning about negative numbers and when we may find negative numbers. We have also started to look at our new Theme for this half term 'The Diggle Great Escape' where we have drawn a bird's eye view of the school which we have then checked on Google Earth to see how accurate we were.

Class 6 In English this week, Class 6 have started looking at a new book – Wonder. From this we have analysed characters and completed some research, which we will use next week to create a fact-file. In maths, we have been looking at co-ordinates across 4 quadrants. During this difficult week, Class 6 have shown incredible resilience and emotional maturity, and the support they have shown each other has been overwhelming.

Remembering Lachlan

On Tuesday we will be saying goodbye to Lachlan. The children have been asked to come to school in bright non uniform. In true Saddleworth fashion the weather looks like it may be a little wet. If you want to send your child to school with a bright umbrella or raincoat, please feel free to do so.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Alison, Sharon and Angela who all came into school to offer support to both children and staff on Monday it was truly appreciated. Angela will continue to offer this support over the coming weeks and particularly on Tuesday.

Many of you have already contributed to the book of remembrance this will remain open for another few weeks for anyone who is still contemplating their contribution.



Notices

Choir

Choir will be starting on the week beginning 21st Jan.

Lunch time sport

Next week Lunch time sport will be back on and it will be Football so please can they bring appropriate clothing and shin pads.

The timetable will be as follows:

Monday is Year 6 only
Wednesday is Year 5 only
Thursday is Year 4 and 3
Friday is Year 2 only

Uppermill Library

Uppermill Library now has a Code Club! Kids can learn coding at the library every Tuesday from 5-6PM. The sessions are for children aged 9-11 and start on Tuesday 8th January.

Parent Pay

Music tuition fees for the Spring Term are now due. Please ensure you keep your dinner money accounts in credit, and also for those of you who pay direct for the BASC services, please ensure your account is kept in credit.

After School Activities

Apologies for the delay in issuing this terms extra-curricular activity list. This will be sent out on Monday and activities will be available to sign up to on Parent Pay from Tuesday after you have had chance to talk to your children.