

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday January 30th



Welcome

Welcome to Newsletter - number 20 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk

A message from our Sponsor.

It's been another busy week here at Holland Moor and our many satellite learning centres around Skelmersdale and West Lancashire – namely your houses. It is absolutely fantastic to see the work submitted to us after our Google Classroom lessons or in the returned workpacks. Equally wonderful are the photographs being sent in of projects set by your good selves. I want to start a collection of extraordinary learning our children are undertaking at home. So far I've got photographs of a bird box that's been made, a meal that was prepared and a snowman constructed and dressed. I'd love some more sent to head@hollandmoor.lancs.sch.uk There will be a suitable prize for the most unusual. I love unusual.

Remote Learning – Our Offer



Our timetabled system available from the website showing daily lessons and activities. Clicking on the lesson / activity starts the learning. Week 20 has been uploaded.

Google classroom – an exciting mix of live and pre-recorded lessons. Participants follow the teaching, ask questions, answer questions and receive feedback.

Facebook – Daily stories, PE lessons, Meditations, Yoga and Assemblies.

Workpacks for next week, (Week 20) were available from yesterday morning. We will be delivering some on Monday morning. Please phone 07539635522 for help with any workpack activity.

Facetime – we are continuing with live reading sessions. I am pleased that we have been able to extend this activity to different classes recently.

We also offer many other interactions including Purple Mash, Numbots, Phonics Play and Teach Your Monster to Read

Remote Learning Policy / Remote Learning Devices

We still have ten ipads to loan out. Contact me at head@hollandmoor.lancs.sch.uk

New Remote Learning Opportunity – Charanga Music.



We have now set up logins for each class to access Charanga online. Charanga is the music scheme we use in school. There are a variety of games and activities to support your child's musical education. Everyone can work through each lesson at their own pace. Adults who join in are guaranteed lots of fun too. You will need to go to CharangaYumu which is on lancshiremushub.co.uk/yumu and then log in using the details below. Choose one of the items on the screen e.g. round and round where you will find a series of lessons to explore and enjoy! I really recommend the activities. They went down well in my house as a Saturday evening special entertainment and made a pleasant change to our usual movie night!

Your username will be p1747940

Your password will be soprano

Time to Chat



Some children working from home may benefit from a quick chat with their teacher either regularly or occasionally. Indeed, we are already doing this with some children. If you think this would be of value let me or the office know and your child's teacher will make a call. Only 8 requests this week but we are ready for more.

Great Big Art Exhibition



We will taking part in the Great Big Art Exhibition – a challenge to those on Lockdown to put creativity on show. The artist Antony Gormley launched the idea on Thursday. Our project will allow children at home and in school to undertake the same activities and join the Great Big Holland Moor Art Exhibition. Mrs Burnett will co-ordinate the project and we will share lots more information next week.

Running Out Paper – Stationery for home Learning

A recent survey identified lack of equipment at home as a major barrier to some children completing work. If you need an exercise book or pen / pencil etc. – please let me know or contact the school office.

School Attendance during Lockdown 3

Again thanks to everyone for their understanding of the challenges we face in school. Our attendance this week has varied from 18 % to 21%.

Lateral Flow Testing for Holland Moor Staff

Many school staff now use these 'rapid tests' twice a week. Each Wednesday and Sunday evening I sit nervously awaiting the results. It's quite an experience.

Our Certificate from Children In Need



It was great to hear from the headquarters of Children in Need this week thanking us for our efforts last November. It seems so long ago when we covered that Twister sheet with coins.

January 2021 Colouring Competition



Our January winners (from 38 entries) £10 prizes being distributed soon.

Sophie Regan

Sophie used some beautiful pastel colours and even managed to shade the background in a range of hues and tones. This was very effective as you scanned across the image. Picturesque and serene.

Seb Gallant

Seb coloured in two very contrasting styles. He used a very controlled and precise technique for the small images but contrasted this approach with big and bold lines around the edges. He then added simple square shapes as a final adornment. A very striking piece.

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Lunch Menu – Week 20 – Starting Monday February 1st



Each week we publish the lunch menu in this weekly newsletter. We now include the many extras and alternatives we offer. There is always a vegetarian alternative to the main meals.

Monday 1 st February	Chinese Chicken and Rice Quorn Curry and Rice	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake
	Fancy Cakes	Peaches and Ice Cream
Tuesday 2 nd February	All Day Breakfast Vegetarian Breakfast	Mince Beef and Onion Pie with Mashed Potato and Vegetables
	Flapjack	Paris Sandwich and Custard
Wednesday 3 rd February	Roast of the Day	Cheese Whirls and Vegetables
	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits	Decorated Scones
Thursday 4 th February	Chicken or Vegetable Chow Mein	Macaroni Cheese and Vegetables
	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Rock Buns
Friday 5 th February	Fish and Chips with Mushy Peas	Sausage or Cheese Roll with Chips
	Iced Doughnuts	Jam Tarts

Milk, Juice or Water are available each day.

Additional alternatives available every day include fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, ice cream, yogurts, salads, wraps, baguettes, sandwiches and jacket potatoes with assorted fillings.



Flooding on Cornbrook

Mr Barrett and his ECO team heard back from Rosie Cooper. The letter reads –

Thank you for contacting my office to raise concerns about road safety and flooding in the area of Holland Moor Primary School. I have brought your concerns to the attention of Mr Stephen Young, Executive Director for Growth, Environment and Transport at Lancashire County Council, and asked that this matter is considered, I will contact you again when I receive a reply.



Worth Having A Look At /Useful Information - Support Bubbles

Please remember that a support bubble with another household can be formed for people in the following groups:

If your household includes a child who is under the age of one or was under that age on 2 December 2020

If your household includes a child with a disability who requires continuous care and is under the age of 5, or was under that age on 2 December 2020

If you are a single adult living with one or more children who are under the age of 18 or were under that age on 12 June 2020

The Holland Moor Science Page



Science

Don't forget to join our Holland Moor Science page (<https://www.facebook.com/HM.Science>)

There are lots of science based activities to join in with from home including LIVE 'Zoom-in and Zoom-outs' on a Friday as well as other weekly assemblies. At the moment, we have daily updates on any International Space Station passes as well as tips and resources for this weekend's RSPB's Big Bird Watch. Remember all of these activities can be completed from the comfort and safety of your own home!

Mr Edwards Fantastic Half-Term Run



During the February half term break Mr Edwards will be raising money for the charity 'Mind' – a mental health charity, by running up to 84k. He has set up a Facebook page where people can track his progress and also a go-fund-me page for people to donate.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/84kin7days>

Go Fund Me - [gf.me/u/y9k3m9](https://www.gofundme.com/u/y9k3m9)

Teacher Tapp and Parent Ping



Every day I answer three or four questions on the Teacher Tapp app. Thousands of other teachers do the same and then a couple of days later I get the results. This allows me to compare Holland Moor with schools across the country. I find out, for example, how the take up of home learning compares. There's a parent equivalent called Parent Ping. Similarly parents have two or three questions to answer each day. You don't have to write anything, just tick a box from some suggested answers. It's easy and if I can get 60 parents / carers taking part I get direct feedback and analysis. This would help me a lot. I love data!

I can start recruiting parents straight away by directing you to this link: <https://bit.ly/parentping>.

The sooner I get at least 60 of our parents regularly answering questions, the sooner Parent Ping will start sharing the analysis with me! The app is free.

Here's wishing you a great rest of the weekend! MIKE BEALE 30/01/2021