

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday April 24th



Welcome and some technical information.

Welcome to Newsletter - number 32 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk

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COVID 19

Staff are continuing with the twice weekly lateral flow testing. Continued thanks to everyone for their symptom vigilance and ongoing symptom conversations. We all continue to be very careful. Staff wear masks around school and outside. Your support in also continuing to wear masks is much appreciated.

Attendance



Our overall attendance for the week was 96.4%. Thanks to all.

A message from our Sponsor.



We always seem to have our very best weeks when the weather is as beautiful as it has been over the last few days. It's been great to see some of the sports clubs back on the school field. Year 6 certainly enjoyed the return of swimming lessons. We should be able to use the full range of play equipment soon. It's a longer email this week but I want all parents, carers and friends of the school to know about our exciting curriculum.

What's going on in lessons this half-term?



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Bringing Out The Best

In Nursery 2 the children are studying life cycles. They have looked at, and sequenced, the life cycle of a chicken and have planted a sunflower seed. The children will observe the seed and see how it grows in the coming weeks. The class are listening to Jack and the Beanstalk and focusing on describing the characters and the growth of the beanstalk. Alongside this, in phonics the children are practising making different sounds with their voices and studying how our voices and mouth shape changes when making the different sounds.

N3 children are learning about growth and change. They have been talking about the life stages of a chicken and planted sunflower seeds. The children will water the seeds and wait to see what happens. In the next few weeks the class will observe caterpillars closely and talk about how they look and how they change. It's a lovely time of year to be in Nursery. There will be lots of opportunities to learn some new action songs and rhymes too. Maybe involve the children in a little gardening at home if the opportunity arises.

Our reception classes have daily phonics sessions concentrating on single letter sounds and will then move on to trickier sounds with two or more letters. The children will be blending sounds to write words and working to build up simple sentences usually based around an engaging story. Children take part in a class reading session every day, a guided read in their group and a read with an adult each week too. In maths the classes explore a different number weekly and on Friday children take part in lots of hands-on maths activities like measuring and weighing. The children have a PE lesson every Friday and also get creative with arts and crafts

KS1 children are enjoying learning about castles and how they have changed over time. Their Science lessons are based on animals, including humans, with a focus on senses, good health and growth. The PSHE topic includes valuing differences, where the children are learning how to be kind to all their friends, family and other people in their lives. Our art is based on houses around the world.

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 will be using the books 'I Survived the Sinking of the Titanic' by Lauren Tarshis and 'Tragedy at Sea' by David Long. The children will be given a ticket to board the Titanic, and are already discussing which travel class they hope to find in their envelope. The class novel is 'Sky Song' by Abi Elphinstone, a truly charming book set in the snowy, fantasy kingdom of Erkenwald, where nothing is what it seems. The children are learning about rivers in Geography before they move on to studying the local area (History and Geography combined). In Science lessons we will complete the Sound and How We Hear topic before moving on to Habitats.

Children in years 5 and 6 will be finishing off our current DT topic of celebrating culture and seasonality with a DT day. They will make, design and evaluate their own biscuit; not forgetting the all-important tasting of their product. King Kong will be the next novel we use in English. The children will be using a range of grammatical features when writing newspaper reports, diary entries and undertaking slow writes. In RE we will be starting our new topic of Humanism. Science will see the children begin to learn about living things and their habitats. In this topic, the children's focus will be on exploring, observing, grouping and classifying.

National Schools' Football Week



To celebrate National Schools' Football Week we are going to hold a staff v parent/carers football match. This will take place on Monday May 24th starting 4.30pm. Anyone interested in taking part should contact the school office and leave a message for Mr Edwards.

School Milk



The payment of £5 per half-term is now payable via Parent Pay or at the school office. The usual exemptions apply.

Holland Moor is taking part in the Big Ask



[The Big Ask](#) is the largest ever survey of young people in England. It's being run by The Children's Commissioner whose role it is to speak up for all children across the country and get their views heard. Questions such as What are your **dreams** and **ambitions**? What would you change if you could? What do you want for your **future**? And what is **holding you back**? - will be asked

The commissioner recognises that the last year has been really tough for children and young people, and she maintains that they deserve a say in what happens next. The Big Ask will be used to show the people who make important decisions what children really think.

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Results

Year 4 match result – St Thomas 2 – Holland Moor 3

Forthcoming matches

Football – April 26th – Year 6 home to St Thomas

Football – May 10th – Year 3 away to St Thomas

Football – May 17th – Year 5 home to St Thomas

Football May 25th Year 1 and Year 2 Football Tournament

Sun Cream



On hot or sunny days it works really well if our nursery children have sun cream applied before they come to school. Everyone needs a hat too. Our youngest children undertake a lot of outside learning when the weather is good.

Class of the Week



Class 3M enjoyed a brilliant lesson breaking stereotypes as part of their PSHE topic. At the start of the lesson the children described three youths standing outside a shop with hooded tops as 'bullies', 'thieves' and 'up to no good'. Turns out they were three very polite children who were a little cold. After discussing different stereotypes, the children were asked to draw different people; a doctor, a mechanic and a bully for example. The children thought hard about what they could look like and not just a stereotypical person for the role. Mr Maddocks' favourite was when he asked the children to draw a hero. The children proved they had started breaking stereotypes as there were a whole range of different heroes from superheroes to elderly people to NHS staff.

School Clubs.



Monday - KS2b Football - ending at 4
Monday – KS1 Irish Dancing Club – ending at 3.45
Tuesday - Sports Club KS2b – ending at 4
Wednesday - KS1 Fit Kidz, ending at 3.45
Wednesday - KS2a Football ending at 4
Thursday - KS1 Football, ending at 3.45
Thursday – Year 2 to Year 6 Choir, ending at 3.45
Thursday - KS2 Netball ending at 4
Friday - KS2 Girls Football – ending at 4

Design and Technology in Year 5 and Year 6



This week, the Upper Juniors will be investigating how light travels by making periscopes. For this task, we would ask that the Year 5 & 6 children bring into school an old cereal box (normal size). The activity can be carried out towards the end of the week so if the boxes can be brought into school by Wednesday that would be fantastic.

April 2021 Colouring Competition



New colouring sheets now available from Mr Beale or the school office

Lunch Menu – Week 28 – Starting Monday April 26

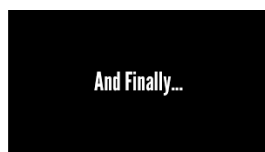


Monday April 26th	Burger and Chips	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread
	Veggie Burger with chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Banana Muffins
Tuesday April 27th	Beef Chilli with Noodles and Crusty Bread	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges
	Veggie Chilli with Noodles and Crusty Bread	Vegetables of the Day
	Fairy Cakes	Oat and Raisin Cookies

Wednesday April 28th	Roast Dinner Day	Cheese and Onion Pie
	Quorn Fillet Dinner Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Iced Paris Sandwich	Chocolate Sponge and Peppermint Sauce
Thursday April 29th	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Hot Dog Roll with Salad and Coleslaw
	Roasted Red Pepper Mozzarella with Penne Pasta	Vegetables of the Day
	Victoria Sandwich	Flapjack
Friday April 30th	Harry Ramsden Baked Fish with Chips	BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice
	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Steamed Rice	Vegetables of the Day
	Jam and Cream Scones	Fruit Scones
	Orange Jelly and Peaches	

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.



Here's wishing you a great weekend MIKE BEALE 17/04/2021