

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday May 15th



Welcome and some technical information.

Welcome to Newsletter - number 34 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk

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COVID 19 – a reminder

I am sure we are all looking forward to a further relaxation of the COVID rules and regulations from Monday. Here in school we are relaxing some rules (table positions, adult masks outside during lessons, use of basketballs) but any changes will be at a very slow rate. I'll keep everyone fully updated about any changes as they are introduced. I intend to keep all bubbles intact until at least June 21.

Attendance



Our overall attendance for the week was 93.7%. That's our lowest weekly attendance figure since the full return. I'll be letting parents and carers know their child's attendance for the term so far before the half-term break. All children missed some learning due to COVID so good school attendance is very important.

A message from our Sponsor.



I remain delighted about how hard our children are working this term. We have maintained a wide, diverse and exciting curriculum and the children have responded tremendously well in lessons. We illustrate this approach daily on Facebook and checking into the Facebook site will allow you to see so much of what is going on. Although I check all lesson planning I find the pictures very informative too.

Our PSHE Curriculum including Relationships and Sex Education lessons



I have now placed the new policy on the school website. Next week I'll put some curriculum information on the website and some questions and answers about the policy too. Later this term there will be a Zoom meeting to allow you to listen to staff talk about lessons, view some of our PSHE materials and ask any questions you may have.

Mental Health Awareness Week



In Reception for mental health awareness week the children listened to the story *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. The story explores friendship. After discussing the characters in the story the children thought about and discussed their own friendships. How are we a good friend? What makes a good friend? How does it feel to be a good friend to someone? Friendships are so important for good mental health.

Children in KS1 went on a nature walk around school to appreciate their surroundings. They learnt how being outside can help us to focus our minds and is great for our mental health.

Nature was at the heart of the activities for KS2a.

Class 3-4T combined the Mental Health activities with their current Science topic – Sound. They went to the woodland area to listen for different sounds. It was very tranquil listening to the sounds of the birds singing.



The children in 4J and 4C enjoyed taking time to feel the bark of trees, leaves, moss and petals. A group of children created their own game of 'Tic, tac, toe' with natural materials. A greenfly even joined one child for a tour of the woodland area!



Classes 3D and 3M participated in a cloud spotting activity. They found it very relaxing gazing up at the sky watching the clouds drift by. They were lucky enough to see a castle, a duck and a pig. They are planning to use the clouds as an inspiration for story writing. The children really enjoyed exploring nature and agreed it was extremely relaxing. In the weeks ahead we have many more nature based activities planned to help the children relax.

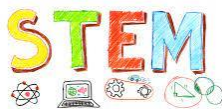
As part of mental health awareness week, the children in Y5 and Y6 took the opportunity to explore outside the classroom where they listened to the sounds around them, looked for shapes in the clouds and sketched pieces of art inspired by nature.

We have produced a school booklet listing all the activities we may use in school and you could use at home. It is on the school website under Key Information and here's a link.

<http://www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/5-ways-to-well-being..pdf>



A New Science Club



'STEM Club - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.'

This week, Holland Moor Primary School experienced a first! It was our first Google Classroom remote club! Led by Mr Barrett and Mr Eaton, five children (and their equally excited adults and siblings) joined the first Google Classroom based club. The science group experienced Dancing Raisins, a Zoom-in Zoom-out, another practical demonstration on hand-hygiene and a story about Alba the Hundred Year Old Fish all from the comforts of their own home! The children prepared themselves with a You-Will-Need list and joined in with the activities and watched the magic of science unfold in front of them and on the screen. We're still completing our scientific investigation on who had more fun, Mr Barrett or the children?

STEM club will run for the next two weeks and will continue to be a trial run with a small group - Mr Barrett says 'With all tests completed successfully (very scientific!) we will be able to open it up to a much wider audience from across different year groups all at the same time'. As we fortunately move away from remote learning, as a school, we are keen to continue using Google Classrooms in innovative ways. Watch this space for more STEM club updates.'

This club is open to all KS1 children and there are a few spaces left.

Consultation Afternoons and Evenings

CONSULTATION



We are holding consultation evenings next week. Booking is still open. It's a video / telephone event.

To make an appointment please login at <https://parents-booking.co.uk/hollandmoor>

Parents and carers will need this link to access the actual video call on the day of their appointment!

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Results

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

Year 5 and Year 6 result – Holland Moor 6 – St Thomas 0

Tournament Results

Holland Moor 7-Moorside 0. Holland Moor 2-Woodland B 0. Holland Moor 5-St John's 0. Holland Moor 4-Moorside 0. Holland Moor 4-St Teresa's 0. In the final Holland Moor 1-Woodland A 0.



CHAMPIONS

Year 5 match result Holland Moor 8- St Thomas 0

Netball result – Holland Moor 14 – St Thomas 1

Forthcoming matches

Football – May 17 – Year 3 away to St Thomas

Football – May 18 – Year 5 and Year 6 Tournament at JMO

Football May 25th Year 1 and Year 2 Football Tournament

Class of the Week – This week it's Class 5M



This week, 5M have been focusing on the work of Antoni Gaudi and Ana Maria Edulescu during their Art lessons. They began by practising how to blend pastel colours to create a 3D effect sunset. They then expanded this into a landscape piece of artwork based on the city of Barcelona. The children concentrated extremely well and showed high quality creativity. Well done all!!

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
Wednesday – Year 2 STEM Club using Google Classrooms – 3.45 to 4.30
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

May 2021 Colouring Competition



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

Free School Meals



We can confirm that, following a further grant allocation from the new Covid Local Support Grant, we will be able to order May half term vouchers for benefits-eligible FSM pupils. Each eligible pupil will be issued with a £15 voucher to cover the half term break.

Lunch Menu – Week 32 – Starting Monday May 17



Monday May 17	Chicken Burger and Chips	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread
	Veggie Burger with chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Peaches and Hot Chocolate Sauce	Iced Sponge Cake
Tuesday May 18	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	Jam Puffs
Wednesday May 19	Roast Dinner Day	Cheese and Onion Pie
	Quorn Fillet Dinner Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Strawberry Whip	Swiss Tarts
Thursday May 20	Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise	Hot Dog Roll with Salad and Coleslaw
	Roasted Red Pepper Mozzarella with Penne Pasta	Vegetables of the Day
	Doughnuts	Manchester Tart
Friday May 21	Harry Ramsden Baked Fish with Chips	BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice
	BBQ Quorn Fillet with Steamed Rice	Vegetables of the Day
	Lemon Butter Biscuits	Paris Sandwich and Custard

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.

And Finally...

Here's wishing you a great weekend MIKE BEALE 15/05/2021