

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- March 19 2022



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 28 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



I read a great entry on Twitter last weekend when a single dad was complaining about the number of special dressing up days his child's school organised. He maintained it was both costly and annoying and asked the school to stop. We have around three dressing up days each year and avoided having two close together this half-term. I hope we get it about right but let me know if it's still too much.

COVID 19



A surprising number of adults were absent with Covid this week. It wasn't a huge number but four absentees is more than we have had for a very long time. Overall our figures are low but we shall continue to take all necessary actions to keep everyone as safe as possible. We had just three pupil cases.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It's a long time since we played much serious cricket at Holland Moor but things might be changing as I have certainly seen some emerging talent in year five and year six. It was great to be with Class 6S on Tuesday morning as they practised their bowling, catching and straight drives. Bowling is so different to the throwing action we've been teaching them for many years but they managed to learn the straight-arm technique remarkably well. Some were even able to bowl into a small hoop with astounding precision. They also showed superb restraint when practising their batting – all strikes were controlled and accurate.

Attendance

This week our overall attendance was 94.0%

Letters of Kindness



Many children and some parents too have been very keen to offer further support to those Ukrainians who have left their homes and travelled to an adjacent country. This week we have sent cards containing simple translated messages to the Letters of Kindness organisation based in Staffordshire. The organisation delivers the cards to Poland.

Red Nose / Comic Relief Day March 18 2022



The Nursery children had a fun-filled Red Nose Day. They loved dressing up in red clothing and listening to clues to locate red noses hidden in the classrooms, finding and identifying the colour red from a variety of coloured objects in the outdoor area, rolling their red nose down a ramp and identifying the number the nose landed on, dancing to the Red Nose Day 'Funny Face' song and using red icing to decorate a funny face on a jammie dodger biscuit. The children especially enjoyed the 'pick your nose' activity when they used tweezers to pick their favourite red nose from a tray!

Our reception classes had lots of Red Nose Day fun. They used the class red spoons to count with and even did phonics using red nose day words and tapping out syllables with the spoons. The classes used their wooden spoons to make red nose cupcakes. They carried out some Red Nose Day crafts and designed their own red noses. Both groups made the most of the sunshine and went outside to use the red spoons and red noses to complete an egg and spoon style, obstacle challenge.

Year one and year two children had a wonderful red-nose day! There were lots of red nose relay races on the playground and it turns out balancing a red nose on a wooden spoon can be quite tricky! The children participated in many activities using red plastic spoons and red foam noses such as red nose pinball, balancing a spoon on their noses, red nose table tennis, red nose table football - the list goes on! Such fun and great teamwork by all the children!

Children in year three and year four enjoyed a variety of spoon and red nose races. It was lovely to see the children working in teams to stop the noses from 'running' away. Linking to English lessons and our current book 'The Story of Tutankhamun,' some children even mummified their spoons. This theme was further developed with the creation of an Egyptian inspired spoon clock. Red spoons were then transformed into characters and book marks to make Red Nose Day a memorable occasion for all.

The children in year five and year thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities undertaken on Red Nose Day. They took part in nose and spoon races and did extremely well when carrying a ping pong ball. They planned and wrote a comic strip based on their own everyday super hero and a real highlight for the children was showing off their wonderful creativity skills with the red spoons – they made spoon super heroes, spoon versions of themselves and recreated the people who inspire them in a special red-spoon version.

Earth Hour



Next Saturday evening (March 26) is Earth Hour. This is an international event which takes place at 8.30pm local time, where you switch off your lights to demonstrate how much electricity we use and the impact it has on our earth. We will be taking part in Earth Hour on Monday 28th March across the school when each class will be challenged to go a whole hour's lesson without using any electricity. Here are seven ways to use your Earth Hour: <https://www.earthhour.org/take-part/spend-the-hour?hsCtaTracking=19ae5736-45b6-4b93-88cd-88cc8ca1d699%7Cc980ae46-8b36-4ad4-8a22-8dbb5ca421d7>

If you take part in Earth Hour, please do share your photos with us as we would love to see how you spend your hour!

Easter Raffle



Tickets priced at 50p (£2 for 5 tickets) are now available from the school office or via Parentpay. There are many prizes including electronic devices and Easter hampers.

Our Ninja Words of the Week



VOCABULARY NINJA

This week our Ninja words are divert, propel, scoff, boycott and condemn.

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Girls Football

Cobbs Brow Girls 0-3 Holland Moor Girls

Well done to our girls' team beating Cobbs Brow 3-0. Three very well taken goals. The girls stay top of the league.

Netball

A dominating start to all our matches in the WLSP Netball league. The Holland Moor squad winning each of their games comfortably without conceding any points! The team will hope to continue their fine form in the league next Wednesday.

Northern Football Champions

Holland Moor have been crowned the northern football champions after travelling to Sunderland to take part in the northern finals! The boys won the final 4-0. An outstanding performance from start to finish from everyone. The team will now take their place in the national finals in May. We will be celebrating this fantastic achievement in school next Friday afternoon with some special class parties and a mystery appearance from the team.

Confirmed Fixtures

Tuesday 22 March, 4pm - WLSP Netball

Lunch Menu – March 21 to March 25

Monday March 21	Meat and Potato Pie with Beetroot and Gravy	Vegetarian Pie with Beetroot and Gravy
	Penne Pasta in a Mascarpone sauce with Crusty Bread	Vegetables of the Day
	Peaches and Ice Cream	Fairy Cakes
Tuesday March 22	Chicken Nuggets served with Oven Chips	Quorn Nuggets served with Oven Chips
	Cheese and Tomato Pizza served with Oven Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate Cookies	Honey and Banana Cake and Custard
Wednesday March 23	Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy
	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetables of the Day
	Flaked Macaroons	Chocolate Crispie Slice
Thursday March 24	Chicken Korma Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread	Quorn Korma Curry served with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread
	Cheese and Egg Flan served with Jacket Potato	Vegetables of the Day
	Syrup Cookies	Jam and Coconut Cake and Custard
Friday March 25	Harry Ramsden Baked Fish served with Oven Chips	Beef Chilli served with Egg Noodles and Nachos
	Quorn Chilli served with Egg Noodles and Nachos	Vegetables of the Day
	Orange Cake and Custard	Victoria Sandwich

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 19/03/2022