

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- April 02 2022



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 30 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



Thanks to everyone involved with Holland Moor for a very strong term. Our end of term assessments show rapid academic progress in all year groups and where our assessments have been externally checked and moderated, as with Year Six writing, the very high standards have been confirmed by the assessors. I am particularly pleased that we have been able to achieve and maintain high standards and at the same time have many special events such as World Book Day and Red Nose Day. I am proud of the way we balance academic success and fun, memorable activities.

COVID 19



As I suggested last week COVID certainly seems to be lingering in our region. This week we have had just one adult absent after newly testing positive but a further seven new children. We'll be following the latest guidance next term. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result are advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be three days away from the school setting.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I spent a great hour in Class 2B on Thursday and all the children impressed me with their phonics knowledge. They were very quick with the sounds recognition, could name di-graphs and tri-graphs, knew the year two tricky words, could segment and blend with great skill and showed some wonderful yoga positions during a brain break. Get them to show you the cobra or the hello sun. Well done Class 2B.

Class of the Week. This week it's Class 3M



Class 3M showed excellent retrieval of their previous knowledge this week. They focused on retrieving the science knowledge they have learnt since September through the use of loop games. They listened carefully to the clues given and were able to match the scientific vocabulary to its definition with increasing speed and accuracy. We have a very knowledgeable class. Many budding scientists perhaps.

School Clubs



School Clubs restart from Monday April 25. A new list will appear in the April 23 newsletter.

Egg Decorating



Thanks to everyone who entered our egg competition. The entries were, as with all our family activities, very creative and ingenious. The three winners are pictured above and can collect their Easter egg prize by calling into school in the week or waiting until the start of next term.

Easter Egg Trail



Year one and year two children had so much fun hunting the ten Easter egg pictures hidden around our beautiful grounds. There were some that were easy to find but some were extremely well hidden and it took great detective skills to discover them. Each egg had a letter on and the children had to use the letters to work out a secret Easter message. HAPPY EASTER!

Digital Easter Egg Competition



For our digital competition this term, our children were asked to design their own Easter egg using any digital program. We received many entries that included superb symmetry, celebrations of Spring and the children's favourite characters. Our KS1 winner was Mollie Garlick from class 2C and our KS2 winner was Jude Lawrence from class 5E. Well done to all the participants.

Loop Games



The children in year three and year four worked really hard developing their scientific knowledge and retrieval of previous learning using loop games this week. Each class was given a topic that they had previously studied in Science lessons and every child was asked to write a question and answer about it. Many children also wrote a further question and answer based on their own scientific knowledge. All questions and answers were checked by the teachers and made into a loop game. The games will be shared with other classes in KS2a after Easter to see who can complete the games in the quickest time. Similarly, the children in year five and year six have been retrieving their scientific knowledge, from their long-term memory this week through the introduction of a very challenging loop game; they made wonderful progress with one class managing to complete their game in just 2 minutes and 28 seconds - well done 5E!

Term Dates – Spring Term



Wednesday April 20	School opens-breakfast club by request. Staggered entry from 08.30 to 08.50. Late marks after 08.50
Monday May 02	School closed for Bank Holiday
Friday May 27	School closes for half-term
Tuesday June 07	School opens
Wednesday July 20	School closes for the Summer Holiday

I'll let everyone know our Sports Days dates in my April 16 newsletter.

Attendance

This week our attendance was 92.2%.

Our overall attendance for the Spring Term was 93.9% which is just below the national average so I hope we can do a little better next term. We do, however, have a significant problem with lateness. More than forty late marks were recorded in our registers each day this week. Please remember from next term any child not in school by 08.50 will be marked as late.

March Colouring Competition



Our winner this month is Mia Kelly from Class 3-4T. Mia's piece was strikingly coloured with an abundance of yellows and oranges selected. These bright colours gave the scene a real Spring feel. In addition Mia included some drawings of her own that matched the overall piece and filled a rather empty canvas. Mia – your prize awaits.

Easter Raffle-the winners.



First Prize	Nintendo Switch Lite	Cerys Evans
Second Prize	Easter Hamper	Jessica Njoku
Third Prize	Easter Hamper	Elsie Duffy
Fourth Prize	Easter Hamper	Joshua Walsh
Fifth	Large Easter Egg	Diane Riley

We also passed out some discount vouchers to the next lucky five ticket holders. Thanks to Mr Edwards, Mr Gibbings and our office staff for making the draw on Thursday lunchtime.

Our Ninja Words of the Week



Our next Ninja words from Wednesday April 20 are innocent, repercussion, adorn, mature and drama

Red Nose Day



I'm delighted to let you know that we raised £258.37 for this thoroughly worthwhile cause.

Lunch Menu – April 20 to April 22 – A New Menu

Wednesday April 20	Midweek Roast of the Day	Quorn Roast of the Day
	Mediterranean Puff Pastry Tart served with Jacket Potato	Vegetables of the Day
	Iced Sponge Cake	Flapjack
Thursday April 21	Beef Lasagne	Vegetarian Pasta of the Day
	Hot Chicken BBQ	Sweet Chicken Wraps

	Plain Chicken Wraps	Hot Veggie Wraps
	Salad and Coleslaw	Vegetables of the Day
	Paris Sandwich and Custard	Melting Moment Biscuits
Friday April 22	Mince Beef Pie and Gravy	Butter Pie and Cheese
	Gammon	Vegetables of the Day
	Mashed Potato	
	Chocolate Cookies	Rice Pudding and Jam

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 and a rewarding break MIKE BEALE