

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday November 28th



Google Classrooms

Please make sure you can log on to view our many and varied Christmas presentations. Joining information can be found on our website or by phoning the school office any day 08.00 to 17.00.

Our First Facebook Competition

Last night, we officially launched our first ever Facebook competition! Quite simply, like, comment and share the post to be in with the chance of winning 50 Christmas hamper raffle tickets! We will draw the winner once we have reached the dizzying heights of 1000 followers. Clicking the link will take you straight to the competition: <https://fb.watch/219BmB64m6/> Good luck!

KS2A Class of the Week

This week it's Class 3D for behaving and learning so well last Monday. The class were taught remotely all morning by Mr Maddocks who was teaching his own class at the same time. They completed some marvellous column additions, some deeply difficult comprehension questions about Robin Hood and finished the morning with sentence expansion activities in a grammar lesson. I watched from the door and it was astonishing to view the amazing level of concentration. Children just love watching a screen!

KS2B Class of the Week

It's Class 5-6M for humouring my whim and agreeing to experiment with our new standing desk – details below. It needed repairs after an hour but I know they'll give it another go for me next week.

Christmas Cards at Holland Moor

Children may bring Christmas cards into school for distribution to friends etc. When the cards come into school they will be placed in a special DAY BOX (one for each day of the week) and distributed 48 hours later, at home-time by an adult. I know this seems rather complicated but it will allow everyone to feel confident about our health and safety arrangements.

KS1 Christmas Presentations of the Wriggling Nativity.

We'll be broadcasting our Key Stage 1 Christmas presentations live in the Google Classroom on the following dates. Once we have broadcast the play live we will leave a video of the performance in the specific Google Classrooms until the end of term. All classrooms are password protected.

CLASS	DATE	TIME
1R	7 TH December	10:30
1C	8 th December	10:30
1-2B	9 th December	10:30

2M	10th December	10:30
2B	11th December	10:30

The Holland Moor Twelve Days of Christmas Raffle

The first draw for our Christmas raffle will be on Thursday 3rd December. We will then make a draw each day until and including Friday December 18th – the last day of term. We'll be selling the last tickets on Wednesday December 2nd. Tickets available by contacting the school office or by using ParentPay. So far the prizes look like this.

Number	First Prize	Extra Prize	Extra, extra prize
1	Hamper 1	Cuddly Toy	Whisky and tumblers
2	Hamper 2	Watch	Body Shop hamper
3	Hamper 3	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	Cosmetics hamper
4	Hamper 4	£25 SMYTHS TOKEN	White elephant hamper
5	Hamper 5	Watch	
6	Hamper 6	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	
7	Hamper 7	Hair Styling Vouchers	
8	Hamper 8	£25 SMYTHS TOKEN	
9	Hamper 9	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	
10	Hamper 10	a nakd hamper	
11	Hamper 11	Wine glasses	
12	Hamper 12	A SWEETS AND CHOCOLATE RACK	L'oreal hamper

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday December 11th

Friday December 11th will be a Non-Uniform / Wear a Christmas jumper if you wish day. A couple of years ago a few children went home after one of my assemblies saying Mr Beale says we have to wear a Christmas jumper. This wasn't the case then and it isn't now. Non-uniform will be fine and a Christmas jumper equally so. We'll not be collecting money on the day but will make a donation from our raffle proceeds to a suitable Christmas charity.

KS2 Christmas Poetry Presentations

KS2a (Years 3 and 4) and KS2b (Years 5 and 6) will be uploading their Christmas Presentations onto Google Classrooms on Tuesday December 15th. Each presentation will be a miscellany of poetry and humour plus anything else we can add that's suitable.

Christmas Dinner at Holland Moor

Our special Christmas Dinner day will be on Wednesday December 16th. More details to follow.

Early Years (Reception and Nursery) Christmas Presentations

Nursery and Reception Christmas presentations will be uploaded to Google Classrooms on Thursday December 17th for you to watch during the last days of term. More information to follow.

Activity of the week / Moments of the week

It has been absolutely delightful to watch the children play on the playgrounds this term. With the restricted groupings and lack of equipment the children have had to devise a wide range of alternative games to play. I've seen the return of old favourites like Stuck in the Mud and What's the Time Mr Wolf and lots of imaginative/ dramatic games involving arresting each other. It was great to see some year six children pretending to be reindeers and playing reindeer tag and there was just the one completely inappropriate dancing game this week from year four!

Colouring competition

Two winners this month as I just couldn't separate the two fabulous entries. Winner number one was Jack Richardson from 5B. Jack's entry was beautifully coloured, very sparkly, had added texture and was very clearly labelled. Well done Jack. Winner number two was Harry King from 3M. Harry's entry showed great use of muted, subtle shades of colour with lots of yellows and greens. Well done Harry.

Initiatives at Holland Moor - Standing Desks

Ever the experimental school, we've been reading some research pointing to the finding that some children find it easier to concentrate / learn if they are listening and working in a standing position. Accordingly we've invested in a couple of fully adjustable standing desks. I promise we won't be torturing children by making them stand all day but I'll be looking for a volunteer or two. Standing desks are said to be good for 'wrigglers.'

Wishing everyone a great rest of the weekend. Mike Beale 28/11/2020