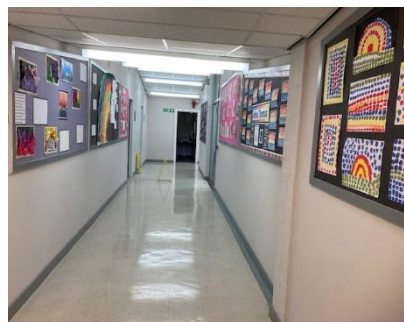


A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday October 16



Welcome and some technical information.

Welcome to Newsletter - number 8 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk

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A Message from Our Sponsor.



It's been great to have Megan from Life Education in school with us this week teaching some special PSHE lessons. Megan has been at Holland Moor as part of our subscription to Coram Education for our SCARF scheme of work. Here's a few details about the topics that were covered.

Nursery	The nursery children loved the visit from Megan and Harold the Giraffe! They talked about different parts of their body – inside and out! The children remembered the importance of keeping healthy by eating fruit, exercising and getting lots of sleep. Harold the Giraffe then asked them what they did in Nursery and which activities they liked doing the best. The session ended with a sing-a-long to 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' – even the adults couldn't resist joining-in with that song!
KS1	Our KS1 children loved learning about inside our bodies with a life-size interactive model. They learnt about looking after themselves physically and mentally. Introducing Harold the Giraffe and his friends was an excellent way of helping the children to discuss feelings! Class 1C are looking forward to their session next week.
KS2a	Children in years three and four discussed the importance of being unique and how to maintain a healthy body and mind. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and gave Harold the Giraffe (the company mascot) great advice about friendships and how to be a good friend.
KS2b	The children in year 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their Life Education sessions which focused on friendships and decisions. In Year 5, the children explored the difference between being passive and assertive; they participated in some wonderful roleplay activities to demonstrate how to be assertive to help maintain healthy relationships. In Year 6, the children explored how drugs affect the body in different ways; they assessed a range of scenarios involving different substances and decided on what would be the best decision to make in that situation.

COVID 19



We had two more positive cases this week in different classes meaning we have just these two children currently off school with covid. That's a very low percentage indeed. Thanks to everyone who is keeping me fully updated about any positive cases in other family members. The discussions we have about such incidents allows us to decide an appropriate course of action which keeps everyone safe. It is excellent that we all continue to work so well together.

Children in Need 2021 on November 5th



We'll be taking part in the Children in Need / Happy Heads / Big Fancy Dress Singalong. Our children will be learning the special song during week beginning November 1st and joining in at the set time on November 5th. Children can wear what they like to school on November 5th (including fancy dress) and bring a donation to school for our special fancy dress collection featuring mystery fancy-dressed staff.

Knowledge Organisers



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Thanks to the families of children in year three and year four who have been asking their children pertinent questions about plants. We are concentrating on methods of seed dispersal at the moment and the children will know about shaking, exploding, animal carrying, drop and roll, wind and water before the half-term break Some classes have also be dissecting fuchsia blooms this week.

Vocabulary Ninja



Our words across KS2 this week have been – monstrosity, scarce, barren and miscreant.

Next week the words will be – menace, eerie, vacant, rage and flinch

School Support Plans



The catch-up, and EAL plans have now been distributed to most families and some meetings / chats have been held. Other discussions will be held during our consultation evenings. Thanks for your continuing support with all these programmes of support.

Consultation Evenings



We'll be holding our first consultation meetings of the year on Tuesday November 9th and Thursday November 11th. I'll send you full details of these meetings and let you know how they can be booked in a separate email next week.

Walk To School Week



All families should have received a separate letter or email about our Walk to School initiative which starts on Monday. We look forward to great results and receiving all those entry sheets to our prize draw.

Attendance



The attendance this week was 94.2% Overall for the term our attendance percentage stands at 94.9%.

October 2021 Colouring Competition



All entries to Mr Beale by next Friday – October 22nd

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I've managed to spend quite a few hours this week in Class RK. It has been a real joy watching the children learn new letter sounds and practise their letter formations. Being in a reception class is very rewarding as a teacher because you see such immediate learning. Children who couldn't write the letter t at 09.20 could write the letter beautifully by 09.50. They learnt the letter formation mantra perfectly and the size of the letter was just right. This week the children were blending the sounds they know and writing three-letter words as well. Well done to them all! I also have a sneaking feeling that RK are going to be very good at mathematics as their counting skills, forwards, backwards and from random points was very impressive.

Class of the Week – This Week It's Class 4J



Class 4J had a fantastic week with many highlights. They demonstrated excellent listening in swimming and are all progressing so well. They produced detailed plans for a story with the title 'A Day in Space'. They then used these plans to help them write their stories. Mrs Sanchez was so impressed with their concentration and hard work. The stories were imaginative and exciting to read. Another highlight was when all the children dissected a flower. They carefully found all the male and female parts of the flower. They had such fun finding the stigma, the style, the ovary and ovules of the female parts and also found the anther and filament. So watch out, they say they want to dissect more flowers

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Forthcoming Events

Tuesday October 19 The re-arranged Year 3 and Year 4 Football Tournament

The regional dodgeball tournament will now take place in Blackburn in early December.

Information about many more fixtures to follow



Sports Results – Handball

Well done to our year three / year four handball team who finished the local competition in third place. The players showed excellent teamwork and great communication skills. They worked hard to mark players in a difficult sport. It's a sport we want to get even better at across the school.

Girls Football

Our next match is against St Richard's on Thursday October 21st.

School Clubs



Monday - KS2b Football - ending at 4
Monday – KS2a Fit Kidz – ending at 3.45
Wednesday - KS2a Football ending at 4
Wednesday – 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 3.45
Friday – KS2 Dodgeball – ending at 4

STEM Club



STEM Club this week involved lots of marshmallows and dried spaghetti to make buildings! After last week's bridge building simulations, the children put their new triangle-based skills to the test in a real-life situation. They very carefully put together square bases and built triangles and triangle support rectangles vertically. There were some fantastically innovative designs reaching some very dizzy heights. The current club record for the highest marshmallow and dried spaghetti building stands at 80cm tall and there are still some structures staying upright two days later! Brilliant achievements. Don't forget, anyone from Year 1 to Year 6 can join in as well as siblings and their adults! Log in to STEM Club on Google Classrooms at 3.30pm on Wednesdays using Classroom code: [wzmmv3k](#)

Lunch Menu – October 2021 – Week 07



Monday October 18	Meatball Spaghetti in a Creamy Tomato Sauce	Cheese and Beans on Toast
	Vegetarian Pasta	Vegetables of the Day
	Cornflake Tart and Custard	Iced Sponge Cake
Tuesday October 19	Meat and Potato Pie with Gravy	Chicken Fried Rice
	Butter Cheese Pie	Vegetables of the Day
	Decorated Jelly	Flaked Macaroon Cookies
Wednesday October 20	Fish Fingers and Chips	Mild Spicy Pork Pasta in Tomato Sauce with Crusty Bread
	Mild Spicy Vegetarian Pasta	Vegetables of the Day
	Salmon Fish Cakes	
	Apple Pie and Custard	Arctic Roll
Thursday October 21	Chicken Korma with Steamed Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Jacket Potato
	Vegetarian Curry with Steamed Rice	Vegetables of the Day
	Strawberry Whip	Jam Sponge Cake
Friday October 22	Pizza of the Day with Chips	Sausage with Chips and Gravy
	Vegetarian Pizza with Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Halloween Cup Cakes	Chocolate Chip Cookies

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 16/10/2021