

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday October 09



Welcome and some technical information.

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A Message from Our Sponsor.



Four classes yesterday and the remaining classes next week will all have the chance to be taught a PSHE lesson by the Life Education organisation. We get this opportunity as part of our subscription to Coram Education and our SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship) scheme of work. Different year groups will explore different themes which will include It's Great to be Me, Decisions, My Wonderful Body and Taking Care of Myself. We'll tell you more about the lessons next week.

End of the school day.



Thank you for responding positively to my request to ensure all children are receiving their entitlement to a full day of education by only collecting your loved ones at 2.50pm It's been so much better this week and the end of the day in each classroom has been calmer and more communal.

COVID 19



Last week the national figure for absences from school for COVID-related reasons was 2.5%. Our figure was 0.41%. We must be doing something right! Thank you for your continuing support.

Knowledge Organisers



All year three and year four parents and carers should have received a copy of the KS2a PLANTS knowledge organiser. I hope you've been able to talk to the children about parts of a plant, parts of a flower and pollination. Next week we'll be covering seed dispersal.

Vocabulary Ninja



We've had a great response from the children to our new approach to extending vocabulary. This week we've been concentrating on the words such as arrogant, vile, refuge and descend.

School Support Plans



Staff will be contacting parents/carers this week so they can chat about support plans, catch-up plans and EAL plans. These may be face-to-face meetings or via a phone call.

Consultation Evenings



We will be holding consultation meetings / discussions after the half-term break. I'll let you know the dates and format in my newsletter next weekend.

Walk To School Week



Walk to School Week is coming to Holland Moor on October 18. Full details being distributed soon.

Free School Meals



Thanks to everyone who ensured their child ordered a school meal last Thursday on Census Day. We delivered 393 meals. Please remember you can check eligibility for KS2 free school meals at the following link. There have been many successful applications recently including for families who were convinced they were not eligible.

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

Attendance



The attendance this week was 93.4%

October 2021 Colouring Competition



The October colouring competition sheets are now ready and can be collected from the school office or from Mr Beale.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I could write about many aspects of school life this week including leaf chasing with KS2a and watching great games of handball on the playgrounds at lunchtime. However being involved in the teaching of science in some Year 3 / Year 4 classes was a real thrill. Hopefully the children now know lots about the sticky stigma, the sepal and those gorgeous ovules. They pulled assorted flowers apart with great precision and recorded their findings very accurately. My thanks to all the children who were prepared to take part in the class science plays and take the roles of the anthers, the ovary and the buzzy, buzzy bee.

National Poetry Day



Our year groups and classes celebrated National Poetry Day with great enthusiasm.

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| KS1 | The children studied different poems based on Autumn and then created their own Autumn senses poem with beautiful accompanying pieces of artwork. Each class chose their favourite poem to learn. All Year 1 and Year 2 children then took part in a poetry recital on the playground with each class performing their poems for everyone else to listen to and watch. All classes performed superbly! |
| KS2A | The children watched video clips of several poets performing poems they had written including, The Mrs Butler Blues by Allan Ahlberg, The Secret Place by Dennis Lee and Roald Dahl's – Little Red Riding Hood. They then learned a verse of the Eletelephony poem written by Elizabeth Richards and looked at how intonation, expression and action could enhance the performance of the poem. Each class ended the day writing their own poems based on Life in the Stone Age. There were many outstanding performances and the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities. |
| KS2B | The children in year five and year six celebrated National Poetry Day by focusing on a poem by James Carter called Which Wild One? The children discussed the poem, rehearsed it to perform chorally as a class, created a storyboard to help remember the poem as well as writing their own version making a choice on which creature they would be. |

Class of the Week – This Week It's Class 5E



Class 5E had a fantastic week filled with lots of wonderful writing. The children showed great co-operation and completed a paired write to compose an interview script which they then performed to the rest of the class. Some excellent body language, clear facial expressions and precise tones of voice were used to convey feelings and emotions. Additionally, as part of national poetry week, the children studied the poem 'Which Wild One?' and created their own versions using their own animals - these were amazing and it was great to see the children taking so much pride in their work!

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Forthcoming Events

Tuesday October 12 Year 3 and Year 4 Handball Tournament

Tuesday October 19 The rearranged Year 3 and Year 4 Football Tournament

Information about many more fixtures to follow

Sports Results – Football



Our Year five / Year six match.

Holland Moor 2 – 0 St Thomas

Girls Football

Our next match is against St Richard's on 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 explored engineering this week. They used a bridge simulator to create different types of bridges to allow vehicles to cross over. Firstly, they explored how the triangle is the strongest shape and then put that into practice by advancing through different levels of bridge building difficulties! There were some wonderfully sturdy, interestingly designed bridges which successfully allowed vehicles to cross. Next week, the children are going to explore this in 'real-life' with dried spaghetti and marshmallows - we can't wait to see what wonderful designs they come up with! Each STEM Club session starts with an Explorify activity. The children particularly enjoy the 'Zoom-in, zoom-out' activity and they're getting so eagle-eyed that it was guessed on the first picture this week. Not only are the children now able to correctly identify what object has been zoomed in on, but they are able to explain, with good detail, why they think it too. If you would like to join our Google Classroom based STEM Club, add the class code: [wzmmv3k](#) to your Google account.

Lunch Menu – October 2021 – Week 07



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| Monday October 11 | Chicken Burger and Chips | Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread |
| | Veggie Burger with chips | Vegetables of the Day |
| | Oat Cookies | Lemon Drizzle Cake with Custard |
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| Tuesday October 12 | 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 |
| | Jam and Cream Scones or Cherry Scones | Chocolate Crispie Slice |
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| Wednesday October 13 | Roast Dinner Day | Cheese and Onion Pie |
| | Quorn Fillet Dinner Day | Vegetables of the Day |
| | Orange and Carrot Cake | Peaches and Ice Cream |
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| Thursday October 14 | Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise | Hot Dog Roll with Salad and Coleslaw |
| | Roasted Red Pepper Mozzarella with Penne Pasta | Vegetables of the Day |
| | Syrup Cookies | Manchester Tart |
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| Friday October 15 | Harry Ramsden Baked Fish with Chips | BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice |
| | BBQ Quorn Fillet with Steamed Rice | Vegetables of the Day |
| | Swiss Tarts | Custard Biscuits |

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 09/10/2021