

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday October 23



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 9 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk

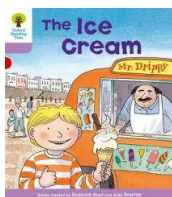
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It's surprising to think that we have now completed eight weeks of the new school year. The half-term certainly passed quickly and classes completed a great deal of work. New children and new staff settled in remarkably well and Holland Moor has felt complete and whole again. I have been delighted in particular by the high standards in writing across the school. The BIG WRITE activities completed by year three, year four, year five and year six children look very impressive and I know I will enjoy reading them all next week.

Reading Books



We have just been completing our annual stock-take of reading scheme books and it appears well over a hundred are missing. Please check if there are any to be found lingering around the usual places in homes.

COVID 19



I'm very pleased to confirm that we have had no new COVID cases this week, We've had children absent due to coughs, colds, headaches, sore throats vomiting and food poisoning but no COVID. I intend to keep our current restrictions in place for a little while longer and as always will keep you fully updated about all things COVID.

Children in Need 2021 – Singalong Day on November 05 and Children in Need Day on November 19



We will be taking part in the Children in Need singalong activities on November 05 but this will be a normal uniform day. The actual Children in Need day on November 19 will be a wear what you wish day (including fancy dress) and we will make a charity coin collection as well. We'll be recording the school singalong and will make it available for parents, carers and friends of the school to watch. I will send more details about November 19 in a forthcoming newsletter.

Curriculum Swimming at Holland Moor



We have slightly adjusted the swimming calendar. Year 4 will now have eleven lessons this term and Year 5 will start their eleven lessons in January. Year 6 will swim later in 2022.

PE and Games After the Half-Term Break



The timetables for PE and Games lessons for each class will remain the same. We'll also continue to follow the same rules about wearing kits to school on these days.

Knowledge Organisers



This week the children in Year Three and Year Four should know all about methods of seed dispersal including, travelling in water, being carried by the wind, shaking, bursting, drop and roll, animals eating and animals carrying. If we've taught them well they should be able to give examples of each.

Vocabulary Ninja



Our words for Week 9 are endangered, gist, gasp, belligerent and limp.

A word cloud containing various educational terms such as "teacher", "communication", "students", "parents", "progress", "attainment", "writing", "school", "english", "science", "behaviour", "goals", "music", "grades", "reports", "achievement", "organize", "teamwork", "time", "art", "timetable", "mailing", "homework", "university", "moodle", "writing", "school", "another", "english", "science", "behaviour", "goals", "music", "grades", "reports", "achievement", "organize", "teamwork", "time", "art". The words are arranged in a circular pattern around the center.

Walk To School Week



Attendance



October 2021 Colouring Competition



Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



My highlight of the week didn't even take place in school as it was the opportunity to sit at home on Wednesday evening and read the fabulous poetry that has been written by our year five and year six classes this week. The children have been completing poems for a 'Young Writers' competition. I read about magical recipes, mystery creatures, favourite animals, poignant moments and even sporting triumphs. The poems were precise, often beguiling and always effective.

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



Class 4C showed how well they can work together during their Geography lesson this week. They were tasked with finding out which counties were in England and where they were in relation to the surrounding counties. An example would be Lancashire is bordered by Merseyside, Cumbria, Yorkshire, North Yorkshire and Greater Manchester.

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Forthcoming Events

I'll provide a full list of our November and December fixtures in the next couple of weeks.

Girls Football



Holland Moor 2 – 3 St Richard's

It was an absolute privilege to watch this highly competitive match on Thursday evening. Both teams played some very entertaining and exceptionally skilful football. The first half showed great levels of expertise, accurate passing and competitive tackling. The second half was far more end-to-end and possibly even more exciting. We are already looking forward to the return match.

Christmas at Holland Moor 2021



I'll let you know the dates for our Christmas activities in my newsletter of November 06 or sooner if they've been finalised. There will be the usual plays, parties, Christmas jumper days etc. Tickets for our 12 Days of Christmas Raffle will be available from November 01 on ParentPay.

School Clubs



All clubs restart during the first week back after the half-term break.

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



Another wonderful turn out for our STEM Club this week! Many families joined in with helicopter building, basing their helicopters on the natural seed of the sycamore (the samaras or keys) so they twirl as they fall from height. The sycamore's seeds fall in the autumn and are abundant at this time of year - there have been lots gliding down in all of the windy weather we've been having! Once the helicopters had been made, the children then investigated different ways to slow down the descent of their helicopters by adjusting the length of the propellers, the weight of the helicopter and even the size of the whole helicopter!

STEM Club will continue after half-term and is open to all children from Year 1 to Year 6 through Google Classrooms from 3.30pm to 4.15pm every Wednesday. The classroom code is: wzmmv3k
As there is no STEM Club over half-term, there will be daily Halloween STEM activities on our school's dedicated science Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/HM.Science>

Lunch Menu – November 2021 – Week 09



Monday November 1st	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
	Chocolate and Vanilla Cake and Ice Cream	Oat and Raisin Cookies
Tuesday November 2nd	Chicken Nuggets served with Oven Chips	Quorn Nuggets served with Oven Chips
	Cheese and Tomato Pizza served with Oven Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Jam Roly-Poly and Custard	Syrup Cookies
Wednesday November 3rd	Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy
	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetables of the Day
	Orange and Carrot Cake	Raspberry Buns
Thursday November 4th	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
	Lemon Sponge Cake and Custard	Iced Doughnuts
Friday November 5th	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
	Fairy Cakes	Cherry or Jam and Cream Scones

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 and a great half-term week too. MIKE BEALE
23/10/2021