

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday February 05



Welcome and some technical information

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Next week will be the last week before the half-term break. Please remember we never finish school early on the last day before a holiday at any time of the year. I've been really pleased with the progress our children have made with their reading this year. After the lock-down some were definitely behind where we wanted them to be. Staff and children have worked incredibly hard on aspects of reading such as phonics, fluency, accuracy and comprehension. I've been delighted by the readers I've listened to this week. I'll hear a few more next week too.

COVID 19



I've heard of one local school with 47% of their staff absent due to COVID and of three local schools who have had to close classes or departments. Fortunately we haven't had to do any of these things. We have indeed had some staff ill but we have been able to cover any absence with our existing staff. This week we had 3 adults and ten children absent due to COVID 19.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I was very pleased to be invited to Class 1R this week to be an audience for their class orchestra. The evening before Miss Ryan and I had dragged a bucketful of boom-whackers to her classroom. Within

24 hours the children were able to use the whackers to play Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star perfectly in tune and with precisely the correct rhythm. It was great to hear.

Class of the Week – This Week It's Class 6S



Class 6S worked wonderfully well this week. They have approached all their tasks with a fantastic attitude and a growth mind-set. They have completed some challenging area and perimeter work in Maths, researched and learnt about Howard Carter's excavation of Tutankhamen's tomb and wrote some beautiful narratives based on Hugo Cabret in English lessons. The week ended perfectly when the children enthusiastically used scaling skills to draw a larger version of a drawing of an animal. The class were able to accurately draw the animal on A3 paper based on an A4 drawing. Although this was challenging, the children produced well-drawn replicas of the smaller animals. What a fantastic week from Class 6S.

Mini Yoga Days



This week the children across Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to take part in some Yoga workshops. In their sessions, the children practised some breathing exercises and mindful meditation - they even took part in some Sun Salutations. Some children also had a go at leading yoga poses for the rest of the class! The children were very calm and focused moving into the next part of the day!



Attendance and Lateness

This week our attendance was 94.5%. We have maintained the improvement started last week. Punctuality has been much improved this week too. Just 18 children have been late showing 399 lost minutes of schooling. Taking out two children who were late for an understandable reason would change the figures to 16 children and 274 minutes.

The Holland Moor Song of the Month



I hope many parents, carers and other friends of the school managed to view our January song of the month on Facebook. It was great to see so many smiley faces. This month we are including body percussion and a full set of boom-whackers in our song..

Chinese New Year Day in N1, N2 and N3



The Nursery children had an exciting Chinese New Year day. They tried some Chinese themed food, came dressed in red and yellow clothing and danced with the Chinese dragons they had made in the outdoor area. The children also had a visit from two special Chinese lions and they helped them to dance to Chinese music.

Colouring Competition January

Our January winner is Zofia Ciechanowska from Class 1R. Zofia produced the most colourful Zebra I have ever viewed. I counted fifteen different colours all added to Zoe the Zebra with great accuracy and imagination. The £5 prize is waiting for Zofia in the school office.

Colouring Competition February



The February colouring competition sheets can now be collected from the school office.

Tempest Photography



Tempest return on February 7th (Monday) for family/group photographs. Hopefully you've let us know already the photographs you would like taking. If not please contact the office on Monday morning. If a child has PE/Games on Monday it will be best that they come to school in uniform and change into their kit later in the day.

Back by Popular Demand – Our Ninja Words of the Week



VOCABULARY NINJA

This week our words of the week are adjacent, tentative, glare, tension and unanimous



Monday February 07	Group and Family Photographs
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Friday February 11	School closes for half-term
Monday February 21	School opens
Tuesday February 22	Height and Weight Measuring Y6 and YR
Thursday March 03	World Book Day Celebrations
Friday March 18	Red Nose Day Celebrations
Friday April 01	School closes for Spring Holiday
Wednesday April 20	School opens
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

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Monday 7th February - Year 6 Football vs St Thomas (Liverpool Echo Shield 2nd Round)

WLSP Skelmersdale Sports Hall Athletics Winners

Congratulations to our pupils who represented the school in the WLSP Skelmersdale Sports Hall Athletics competition at Burscough Sports Centre. All pupils showed great athleticism when they took part in 2 track and 2 field events.

Lunch Menu – February 07 to February 11



Monday February 07	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 Sponge and Mint Sauce	Coconut Biscuits
Tuesday February 08	Chicken Nuggets served with Oven Chips	Quorn Nuggets served with Oven Chips
	Cheese and Tomato Pizza served with Oven Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard

Wednesday February 09	Pork Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Vegetarian Sausages served with Mashed Potato and Gravy
	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetables of the Day
	Fairy Cakes	Banana Muffins
Thursday February 10	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
	Decorated Doughnuts	Jam Tarts
Friday February 11	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
	Jam Sponge Cakes and Custard	Rice Pudding and Fruit

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 MIKE BEALE 05/02/2022