

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-September 24 2022



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 05 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



At Holland Moor, we remain determined to offer the children a beautiful learning environment and I often draw this to your attention. Once again, we've had close to 1600 plants donated to school in the last week and I'm sure we can all appreciate their beauty in the beds around the school entrance and KS2 play areas. Thanks to providers and planters.

Opening of the Holland Moor Nurture Hub



We have used some available space in school to set up this wonderful new facility that is being accessed in a very flexible way. It's a space where children can be offered many extra opportunities including additional learning support, small group teaching, precision teaching or even a calm space to relax and practise specific skills. I'll write more about the facility and how it develops in future newsletters. You can probably tell I'm very excited about its potential.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It was superb to see so many parents and carers at our Welcome to the Reception Class event held in school last Wednesday. Staff covered topics such as phonics, continuous provision, daily routines and the learning map for the year. A great event, very well received.

Pupil Highlights of the Week

Highlights
of the week

Michael (5E) enjoyed using the column method in mathematics
Pietro (4J) was proud of his charcoal dragon with fiery flames
Layla and Darcy (3D) loved singing the school September song – Earth Day
Savannah (3M) was thrilled by her successful synchronised sequence in P.E.
Cezary (6M) appreciated the classical music he listened to in the Charanga lesson

Class of the Week. This week it's Class 5-6B



Class 5/6B had an amazing week, completing lots of learning and making excellent progress. During mathematics they put their times tables knowledge to the test by finding missing numbers, calculating the value of 'n' and balancing equations involving multiplication. They showed true grit and determination to achieve. Every day the children re-entered the classroom keen to continue their mathematics to progress even further! They were also amazing musicians this week, able to play the glockenspiels with incredible accuracy, in perfect rhythm and in a whole class orchestra. The sound echoing throughout the corridors was truly beautiful!

Book Trust



We obtained some fabulous free packs from the Book Trust to distribute to all our nursery children. The packs contain books, activity sheets and accompanying guidance notes. We are getting very good at obtaining a range of such materials for our different age-groups.

Our Ninja Words of the Week



Our words this week are beckon, genius, hitch, retaliate and shed. I tested Class 3-4T in assembly on the week four words and they scored full marks.

PE Kits



Unfortunately, there are many children who do not have a suitable kit for their PE or Games lessons. If this occurs next week, we'll text families as a reminder. When we've done this in the past, we often find that the kit was in school all the time.

Flu Vaccines



Our school date is confirmed as Monday October 10

Energy Monitors



We now have brand new energy monitors in each class. It is their responsibility to turn off the lights, projectors etc. when they are not needed or when the room is empty. Last term we made significant savings due to the diligence and determination of the energy team. I hope this new team do as well!

School Councillors



Each KS2 class now has their own school councillor – ten councillors in total. The council will meet for the first time this week and we'll elect a secretary who can provide some written feedback for the next newsletter. Two of the councillors will also represent Holland Moor in the Skelmersdale Pupil Parliament.

School Clubs



Art club begins on Monday with Mrs Knowles. We are starting with Year 4 and Year 5 and the club ends at 3.45. Collection from the green mile entrance/exit.

We had to cancel Y1 and Y2 Football club on Thursday due to the rain. From now on we'll never cancel this club as choir can move and football club can use the hall.

Mr Cooke will now be running his Construction Club on a Friday instead of Thursday.

Attendance / Punctuality - Lateness



Unfortunately, our attendance is still below national expectations at 94.1%. General attendance is good but holiday absence remains high.

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Results and Reports



On Tuesday the Year 5/6 Holland Moor football team progressed into the Champions League finals. The boys showed excellent teamwork and played fantastic football against very competitive teams. A highlight was their first match against Woodland, which they won on penalties. The team eventually lost in the semi-finals. Overall, they finished 3rd in the tournament. The team also played in their first ever West Lancashire sports tournament. The boys played four games, winning two games and drawing two games. They showed great determination to battle through all their games and played some wonderful football. The Holland Moor team are looking forward to continuing in the competition next week.

Forthcoming Sports Events

September 26 – Girls' football team v St Thomas
September 29 – West Lancashire football matches – Year 5 and Year 6
October 04 – SHARES Year 3 and Year 4 Football Tournament
October 13 – Netball League
October 20 – Netball League
November 17 – KS1 Indoor Athletics

Lunch Menu – Sept 26 to Sept 30

Monday September 26	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Quorn Sausage with Mashed Potato and Gravy
	Fusilli Pasta served in an Arabiatta Sauce	Vegetables of the Day
	Jam Sponge Cake	Apple Crumble and Custard
Tuesday September 27	Chicken in a Bun served with Oven Chips	Cheese and Vegetable Bake in a Bun served with Oven Chips
	Salmon Fishcakes served with Oven Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Decorated Doughnuts	Custard Cookies
Wednesday September 28	Midweek Roast of the Day	Quorn Roast of the Day
	Mediterranean Puff Pastry Tart served with Jacket Potato	Vegetables of the Day

	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Buddies Flapjack
Thursday September 29	Beef Lasagne	Vegetarian Pasta of the Day
	Hot Chicken BBQ	Sweet Chicken Wraps
	Plain Chicken Wraps	Hot Veggie Wraps
	Salad and Coleslaw	Vegetables of the Day
	Jam and Cream Scones	Oatie Biscuits
Friday September 30	Mince Beef Pie and Gravy	Butter Pie and Cheese
	Gammon	Vegetables of the Day
	Mashed Potato	
	Manchester Tart	Shortbread Biscuits

Here's wishing you a great weekend MIKE BEALE