

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-November 19 2022



### Welcome and some technical information

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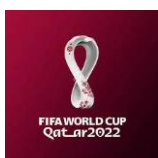
Last week I was highlighting our musical successes. This week I must mention the beautiful art pieces displayed around our school corridors. During November, all classes have been studying the work of the artist Krista Harris and all have responded in such strikingly different ways. We have pastels, prints, collage, colour experimentation, ink washing, spray painting, oils and a touch of impressionism as well. Fantastic.

### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



On Wednesday, I enjoyed outside/lunchtime activities with our reception classes. We run this session as a continuous provision experience, so there was a wealth of equipment outside and the children had a completely free choice about what they played with. The damp sand was extremely popular, the building bricks were used very imaginatively and the climbing frame was explored with determination and rigour. I was impressed with how well the children from the different classes play so well together.

### World Cup Football



We will be giving our older pupils the chance to watch England v Iran on Monday afternoon. I promise I will make sure the children work doubly hard in the morning.

### Our Remembrance Day Activities on November 11



Year 1 and Year 2 undertook many activities for Remembrance Day. They learned about the day, and why poppies are worn. The children made and decorated their own poppies.

Year 3 and Year 4 children learned about the importance of the poppy, getting creative to produce very impressive, vibrant poppy wreaths. They tuned in to watch a live assembly including song performances; interviews with soldiers and poetry readings from primary schools. Our children participated in the traditional two-minute silence. The classes were surprised to learn what life was like living in the trenches; discovering how the presence of lice and the inability to change uniform and boots often resulted in horrific diseases such as trench foot or trench fever.

Year 5 and Year 6 remembrance activities began with an introduction lesson about Armistice Day emphasising why it is important to remember the sacrifices made by people who fought in wars. The children learned how important hope is and that we should use the day to hope for peace in our future. At 10.30am, the children watched an online assembly led by the British Legion. After the assembly, the pupils wrote a message expressing their understanding of those who have been affected by war. Once these were complete, each message (written on a red poppy) was added to a class wreath displayed in the school grounds.

### **Christmas Raffle and Christmas Hampers**



Our main fund raising activity for this term and during the Christmas period will be our very popular Christmas Raffle. I have grouped classes together with a partner class and each partnership is responsible for creating a spectacular Christmas hamper. Class members should be pestering you for hamper items and I would like to thank you in advance for your contributions.

### **Gold Sports Award**



I am very pleased to confirm that once again we have been awarded the School Games Gold Award. This is presented to us for our commitment and engagement in so many sports activities during 2021/2022

### **Collecting Coats and Scarves**



Last week the ROC Action Group launched the Skelmersdale Warm Winter Coat Campaign. This provides an opportunity for people to donate coats, blankets, hats, scarves, gloves and warm jumpers to neighbours in need this winter. I will be pleased to pass on any items brought into school.

## No Christmas Fair but a Spring Fair Instead.



We will not be reintroducing a Christmas Fair this year and instead will concentrate on our very special Santa's Grotto and our Hamper Raffle. However, we are planning to hold our first Spring Fair in early March. I will provide much more information in January 2023!

## National Anti-Bullying Week



To mark anti-bullying week, each class in the school participated in a special lesson where we focused on 'Reaching Out'. Who can we reach out to? When should we reach out? Why is it important to reach out? After learning the definition of bullying (repeated and intentional behaviour), the children discussed various scenarios, identifying bullying behaviours, victims and the role bystanders have in reaching out if they notice anything going on around them.

## Children in Need 2022



Reception have had a wonderful day fundraising for Children in Need. They coloured Pudsey Bears, completed spot-to-spot patterns and built models using yellow construction materials. Both classes joined forces to re-create an outstanding Pudsey face using only their bodies.

Year 1 and Year 2 have had a 'Spotacular' day celebrating and raising money for Children in Need. Some classes had fun with the giant parachute spot but due to the rain, we didn't get out for long. There were some fantastic lessons including 'Spotty Maths' 'Spotty Art' and producing new Pudsey designs using Purple Mash. Not forgetting the fantastic disco on Thursday evening, thank you again for your very kind donations!

The children in Year 3 and Year 4 participated in team building activities using a gigantic spot (also known as a parachute). Games played included cat and mouse; catch the balls and fruit salad. The children discovered what happened during the plague when the country was covered with spots. The spotty theme continued in maths lessons when the children played dominoes in the traditional manner, then used the dominoes to practise their times tables. In art, the children used the pointillism work of Georges Seurat and Paul Signac as an inspiration. The day ended with afternoon tea. The children enjoyed drinking tea or hot chocolate and eating scones packed full of spotty currants.

Year 5 and Year 6 enjoyed spot-shaped pancakes with syrup or fruit for their class breakfast. They took part in Children in Need's live broadcast which involved a variety of exercises and breathing techniques to help improve a child's mood. After lunch, each class created beautiful pieces of spot-themed art (pointillism) depicting a variety of animals, people or patterns.

## Pupil Highlights of the Week

## Highlights of the week

Layla (3D) used the part-part-whole method, very accurately, to partition in maths.  
 Adie (3M) successfully completed the Spot the Spot, Children in Need Trail  
 Dominic (3-4T) absolutely mastered the use of number sentences.  
 Violet (4J) found the appearance of the water dragon in the class novel a very tense experience.  
 Evelyn (4C) remembered many facts about the spotty Black Death.  
 Jess (5E) loved the very special Children in Need Pancake Breakfast.  
 Thomas (5R) enjoyed contributing to a dance sequence inspired by an air raid siren.  
 Logan (5-6B) developed some stunning hockey skills both attacking and defending.  
 Bella (6M) thoroughly enjoyed the Children in Need Pointillism Spotty Art Lesson.  
 Michael (6S) constructed a range of entirely complete circuits in science.

## Our Ninja Words of the Week



Our words for this week are gauge, revolting, reasonable, dedicated and fiend.

## Attendance.



Our attendance this week was a better 94.4%. Perhaps we are finally free of the vomiting bug.

## Lunch Menu – November 21 to November 25

|                           |   |   |
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| Monday<br>November<br>21  | Chicken Korma served with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread                 | Quorn Korma served with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread |
|                           | Penne Pasta in a Tomato and Mascarpone Sauce served with crusty bread |   |
|                           | Syrup Sponge and Custard  | Banana Muffins                                      |
| Tuesday<br>November<br>22 | Meat and Potato Pie with Red Cabbage and Gravy                        | Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy        |
|                           | Vegetable Roast with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy                        |   |
|                           | Arctic Roll   | Oat and Raisin Cookies                              |
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| Wednesday<br>November<br>23 | Harry Ramsdens Baked<br>Fish with Oven Chips         | Cheese and Onion Pie with Oven<br>Chips            |
|                             | Fairy Cakes  | Jam Puffs  |
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| Thursday<br>November<br>24  | Beef Bolognese and<br>Spaghetti with Garlic<br>Bread | Quorn Bolognese and Spaghetti<br>with Garlic Bread |
|                             | Bacon Brunch   | Vegetable Brunch                                   |
|                             | Flapjack   | Shortbread Biscuits                                |
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| Friday<br>November<br>25    | Selection of Pizzas<br>served with Oven Chips        | Tempura Fish Goujons served with<br>Oven Chips     |
|                             | Peach Crumble and<br>Custard                         | Syrup Cookies                                      |

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE