# A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-November 26 2022



#### Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 14 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website <a href="https://www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk">www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk</a>

### A Message from Our Sponsor



Alongside all other schools, we face many financial challenges at the moment. Rising fuel bills, the funding of unexpected pay settlements and no budget increase in real terms since 2010 has led to very low reserves in both our main school budget and private school fund. Your help and support during these difficult times is very much appreciated and your contributions to our hampers and clothes collections is greatly valued. *Breaking News £70 raised from clothes – it all helps*.

#### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It was great to be in Class 3M on Wednesday morning for their early morning reading lesson. At the end of the lesson, I talked to the class about how much teachers love to see improvements over time. I went on to congratulate them on how much their reading has improved this school year, particularly in the areas of reading fluency and reading with expression. Their whole class reading in parts, with partners and in unison was superb. Well dome Class 3M.

## Children in Need-2022



We have not yet found time to take our bucket of coins to the bank for counting. It is a fabulous experience to tip a bucketful of coins into the sorting/addition machine and to await the total. As soon as we have done this, I will let you know how much we raised.

## **World Nursery Rhyme Week**



World Nursery Rhyme Week is a worldwide initiative celebrating the importance of nursery rhymes in early childhood development. In Reception, the children have been learning some new nursery rhymes. They set the roof on fire with 'London's Burning', became bilingual with 'Frere Jacques' and dropped the ball with the USA favourite 'A Tisket-a-Tasket'. The children sang beautifully and memorised the new songs very quickly.

## Santa's Grotto on December 1st, 2nd and 5th



We are very excited about the grotto experience we are offering to so many children. We are building a wonderful trail full of lights, reindeers and many Christmas trees. Thanks to everyone who has booked a place with Santa. There are places left so feel free to book online or contact the school office.

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



Thanks once again for the items that have been sent in for our hampers. Any more items will be gratefully received as we hope to offer as many prizes as we possibly can. We sent out a letter inviting parents, carers and other friends of the school, to order raffle tickets and the response was brilliant. Thank you. Any visitors to school are also encouraged to purchase tickets. Ann and Chloe are a great sales team.

### **Pupil Highlights of the Week**



Macey and Julia (3D) loved looking closely at Japanese sushi and using different mediums to create textures and shapes.

Archie's (3M) highlight of the week was watching England play Iran with his friends.

Bobby (3-4T) beat his personal best at Purple Mash times tables.

Mila (4J) enjoyed using ink and the bottom of a paintbrush to create noodle shapes. She used different techniques to produce thick and thin noodles.

Josh (4J) was delighted to master the grid method of multiplication.

Lucas (5R) loved the homecoming dance in PE

Jess (5E) used sketchnoting very well in R.E.as she portrayed the impact of a life filled with good karma.

Curtis (5-6B) played some great roles in P.S.H.E.

Bella (6M) was fascinated by the details of the first Olympic Games.

Teddy (6S) now knows how to find the area of a triangle –great maths this week.

#### Class of the Week. This week it is Class 3D



Class 3D explored ways they can recreate the interesting shapes and textures of Japanese sushi using a range of artistic materials! They tested out inks, oil pastels, watercolours and sketching pencils before deciding on the combination they thought gave the most effective pieces of art!

#### Mini Yoga



Children in Year 1 and Year 2 had a wonderful time during their mini yoga sessions. They explored different breathing techniques and practised a variety of yoga positions. They found it a very calming experience and it was certainly a great mindfulness opportunity for the children.

Year 3 and Year 4 began their session with some well-known yoga poses including the tree, the downward dog and the snake; they even created some poses of their own. After warming up, they raised their heart rates with some surfing inspired routines, before settling down to find their Zen with some rainbow meditation. Year 5 and Year 6 children learnt a little about the history of yoga and its origins before taking part in various sun salutation poses including the prayer pose and the cobra pose. They really enjoyed this experience and found it very relaxing. The pupils also took part in some calming/ breathing exercises using their fingers and listening to soothing music. To finish the session, the children were able to ask questions and discovered that the simple meaning of namaste is greetings, respect, safety and inclusion.

### **Our Ninja Words of the Week**



Our words for this week are spiral, berate, foul, dejected and swept

The defender was **dejected** that he had given away a penalty by committing a clumsy **foul**. He began to **berate** the referee as he awaited the VAR decision. He knew he should have **swept** the ball away long before the forward arrived. His mood was **spiralling** downwards as he looked at the faces of his teammates.

Can anyone else use all five words in an interesting paragraph? We have Ninja badges available!

#### **School Councillors**



Xander Baxter and Nathan Berkely represented Holland Moor at the second local pupil parliament. They attended the session very well prepared and offered precise and well thought through reasons for and against the chosen issues. Other councillors are beginning to receive the selected items for their

classes and will need to balance the class account in the next ten days. I really enjoy working with the councillors.

### Attendance.



Oh dear – a worryingly low 90.5%. Our second lowest figure for over five years.

# **Sports Events at Holland Moor**



Thanks to the Holland Moor representatives at the Boccia and Curling tournament held in Burscough yesterday. Full marks to the team for trying these unusual sports.

## **Forthcoming Events**

Tuesday 29th of November-West Lancashire World Cup Football Tournament Tuesday 29th of November SHARES Year 3 and Year 4 Football Tournament

### **Lunch Menu – November 28 to December 02**

Monday November 28	Chicken Burger served with Baked Wedges	Vegetable Burger served with Baked Wedges
	Cheese Whirls served with Baked Wedges	
	Chocolate Sponge and Mint Sauce	Strawberry Whip
Tuesday November 29	Chicken Fried Rice	Vegetable Fried Rice
	Meatballs and Pasta served with Tomato Sauce	Vegetarian Meatballs and Pasta served with Tomato Sauce
	Selection of Cookies	Rice Pudding and Jam
Wednesday November 30	Roast Pork	Roast Quorn
	Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Supreme with Steamed Rice
	Quorn Supreme with Steamed Rice	
	Honey and Banana Cake served with Custard	Swiss Tarts

Thursday	Beef Scouse with Crusty	Macaroni Cheese with Crusty Bread
December 01	Bread	
	Chocolate Crispie Slice	Raspberry Buns

Friday	Omega Three Fish	Cottage Pie with Gravy
December	Fingers served with	
02	Mashed Potato	
	Quorn Cottage Pie with	Cheesy Potato Bake
	Gravy	
	Melting Moments	Iced Paris Sandwich
	Biscuits	

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE