

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-February 11 2023



### Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 24 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website [www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk](http://www.holland.lancsnafl.ac.uk)

### A Message from Our Sponsor



Each half term the children in year five and year six take part in the Holland Moor Big Write. This is our way of monitoring their progress in writing. This week the children have been writing about – The Big Freeze. Each pupil imagined they were making a journey across a cold and icy terrain searching for a mysterious castle and a fateful appointment. The accuracy of their grammar and syntax mixed with a clarity of expression and superb imagination made for some stunning reads.

### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It was great fun to attend the reception year party on Tuesday evening. I particularly enjoyed taking part in a special animal version of musical statues. However, the children clearly know too much about wild animals. I coped reasonably well being a penguin and a cat but transforming into an arctic fox and a beluga whale was well beyond my acting skills.

### Children's Mental Health Week



Even during a very busy week, most classes found the time to recognise Children's Mental Health Week. Classes engaged in a range of mindfulness techniques and many responded to the ideas of CBBC's Art Ninja, Ricky Martin by decorating a puzzle piece to indicate togetherness, sharing and being connected.

### Pupil Highlights of the Week

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Archie (3M) promised to find out more about Ernest Shackleton

Tom (3D) loved designing his own pencil case in DT  
Bobby (3-4T) enjoyed reading blah, blah, blah! – a reading fluency script.  
Layla (4J) enjoyed learning about staying safe online.  
Theo (4C) carefully practised different stitches in D.T.  
Leo (5E) showed great skill uploading images onto a database  
Cullen (5-6B) was excited by the new Stop and Think science retrieval activities.  
Jenson (6M) created an excellent sequence with his learning partner in P.E.  
Lily-Mae (6S) was captivated by the class novel about a vampire.

### **Class of the Week This Week it is Class RK**



RK had a creative and fun week! The children looked at different ways to use junk materials to model with. Their ideas were developed throughout the week and a range of techniques and materials were used. Their final products were amazing and they were very proud to take them home.

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



I will include the new list – next Saturday.

### **Safer Internet Day**



Safer Internet Day was a huge success. Our children watched a series of engaging videos with carefully planned activities to deepen their knowledge of how to use technology safely and respectfully. Children in Key Stage 1 went on an online adventure with Captain Digi as he launched his ship and surfed the Internet! They used treasure from his chest to learn how to keep personal information secure, and how they can send a message in a bottle if they have any concerns about content or contact when using online technologies. Our Key Stage 2 pupils focused on gaming online and the effects of social media. They explored online bullying, age-related content, in-app purchasing, and the impact of excessive screen time. They also discussed the many and varied benefits of life in an Online World. All of the activities they took part in reinforced important and memorable messages about staying safe online.

### **Lancashire Affordable Warmth / Damp & Mould Support**



Schools have now been provided with contact details for housing departments within each of the district councils. If families have any concerns about living conditions affecting children (for example with regards to cold, mould and damp) then we can interact with local housing officers directly. We will always be happy to help.

### **Attendance.**



Our attendance this week was 94.1%

**Dates - I will update these each week with new items in italics.**



Monday February 20	First day after half-term holiday
Tuesday February 28	Consultation Evening
Wednesday March 01	Consultation Evening
Thursday March 02	Holland Moor celebrates World Book Day
Monday March 13	Holland Moor celebrates British Science Week
Wednesday March 15	School Choir and Poetry - Concert
Friday March 17	Holland Moor celebrates Red Nose Day
Wednesday March 29	Dance Club performance – Year 3 group
Friday March 31	Last day of Spring Term
Tuesday April 18	First day of Summer Term
Monday May 01	School closed for bank holiday
Monday May 08	School closed for the special bank holiday
Friday May 26	Last day before half-term holiday
Saturday May 27 to Sunday June 04	– half-term holiday
Monday June 05	First day after half-term holiday
Thursday July 20	Last Day of Summer Term

### **Sports Events at Holland Moor**



On Tuesday our team of year three and year four children took part in the Shares KS2a Dodgeball Tournament. The team showed excellent throwing and aiming skills and massive determination in each game they participated in. Mr Gibbings was very proud of their team spirit and co-operative attitude.



The Holland Moor boys' football team played their first match in the Merseyside Cup against Delph Side Primary School. The boys played amazingly well throughout the whole game showing off their superb skills and great teamwork. All the players should be extremely proud of progressing to the next round of the cup! Kirkby here we come!



## **Lunch Menu – February 20 to February 24**

I will include the new menu next Saturday.

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