

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-April 21 2023



Welcome and some technical information

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A Message from Our Sponsor



I'm off early to sunny Warrington tomorrow morning for a training course so here's the Holland Moor newsletter rather earlier than usual.

What a lovely start to the new term the Holland Moor community has experienced this week. The children returned positively and settled beautifully into their new learning experiences. You can read about these wonderful opportunities below and see many of them reported on Facebook and our website. Talking Facebook, I noticed we received many mentions this week about a parking incident on Wednesday evening. As always, I would ask all car drivers to park responsibly outside school and with an understanding on the needs of local residents.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It has been superb to be in the reception classrooms this week as the children have begun to explore their gardens, gardening and garden centre theme. The children have been role playing in the Holland Moor Garden Centre, planting seeds and thinking about what they will be planting in the new Holland Moor (Reception Classes) garden area. Once this is in place we will invite parents and carers to visit. I think you will enjoy our rainbow planting and herb garden.

The Coronation of King Charles



We are already planning our special events that will take place during the week beginning Tuesday May 02 and specifically on Friday May 05. Events will include Scone baking and scone parties, a KS2 assembly to include a presentation of Coronations through the Ages. the Year 5 Coronation games featuring the sceptre and orb relay and the Ampulla and Spoon race, our sit on the throne/front

of school experience and performances of the Holland Moor Coronation Song. These are just a few of the many activities the children will experience to celebrate this unique event.

P.E. Timetable



Class	P.E.	Games
1R	Wednesday	Friday
1C	Wednesday	Thursday
2M	Thursday	Tuesday
2O	Thursday	Wednesday
3D	Thursday	Monday
3M	Wednesday	Thursday
3-4T	Monday	Friday
4C	Friday	Wednesday
4J	Tuesday	Friday
5E	Friday	No Games but swimming on a Thursday
5R	Monday	No Games but swimming on a Thursday
5-6B	Tuesday	Wednesday
6M	Friday	Tuesday
6S	Tuesday	Monday

School Clubs



Day	Club	Adult	Time	Open to	Pick up from	Meet	Adult Meet
Monday	Football	Mr Gibbings Mr Eaton	3.00-4.00	KS2B	GM	5E Classroom	Mr Gibbings
Monday	Keep Moving	Mr Maddocks Mrs Dougherty	3.00-3.45	KS2A	GM	3/4T Classroom	Mr Maddocks
Monday	Art Club	Mrs Knowles Mrs Burnett	3.00-3.45	Y3, Y4, Y5	GM	1/2 Classroom	Mrs Knowles
Tuesday	Netball	Miss Ryan Miss Oldfield	3.00-3.45	KS2	GM	5R Classroom 5E Classroom	Miss Ryan
Wednesday	Running Club	Mrs Ball Mrs Faithfull Miss Johnson	3.00-3.45	KS2A	GM	3/4T Classroom	Mrs Ball
Wednesday	Football	Mr Gibbings	3.00-4.00	KS2A	GM	3/4T Classroom	Mr Gibbings
Thursday	Football	Mr Gibbings Mr Beale	3.00-3.45	KS1	GM	1C Classroom	Mr Gibbings

Thursday	Choir	Mr McArdle Mr Beale	3.00- 3.45	KS2+ Y2	GM	Hall	Mr McArdle
Friday	Construction Club	Mr Cooke	3.00- 3.45	KS2A	GM	4C Classroom	Mr Cooke
Friday	Dodgeball	Mr Gibbings Mr Sanders	3.00- 3.45	KS2	GM	To be confirmed	Mr Gibbings
Friday	Girls Football	Miss Ramsey Miss Cruise	3.00- 3.45	KS2	GM	5R Classroom	Miss Ramsey
Friday	Chess Club	Mr Beale	3.00- 3.45	KS2	GM	Music Room	Mr Beale

Further information about a possible basketball club and a reading club to follow.

A Curriculum Update



Nursery 1

Nursery 2

Nursery 2's theme this half term is growth and life cycles. The children will be learning about the lifecycles of different animals such as chickens, caterpillars and frogs. They will be planting different types of seeds, observing how they grow and discovering what is needed to help them grow. The children will also be exploring our garden centre role-play and singing songs and rhymes related to our theme. The first week they have been singing Chick, chick, chick, chick, chicken. We are also looking forward to the King's coronation; the children will be holding their very own coronation as well as making a crown fit for a king.

Reception

This half term we are delving into fragrant opportunities where we will smell a range of herbs, talk about how they make us feel and use the herbs to make food. Our children will plant their own seeds and will be involved in developing our garden area. We will explore 'plants' across all areas of the curriculum, from plant artwork to choreographing a country-dance, we are ready to grow and learn.

KS1-Year 1 and Year 2

We are especially excited about taking children from 1C and 1R, and 2M and 2O to Skipton Castle, where the children will learn more about how people lived in medieval times. The children will explore the castle and find out about the people who lived there. They will even get the chance to go deep underground into the dark dungeon (only if they want to of course)! The coronation of our new king will be an occasion for pageantry and celebration – something we very much enjoy in Key Stage 1. We are all witness to and will be part of this exciting time in history, and in true Holland Moor style we have some fabulous festivities planned to celebrate the coronation of King Charles. Even with all this excitement, we know the children will continue to work hard as they have lots more to learn over the next few weeks including habitats in Science, creating music in Computing and investigating hot and cold places in Geography. Year 2 children will take part in the KS1 SATs that are administered throughout May. There are two mathematics tests and two reading tests. We prefer to use the term quizzes to reduce any unnecessary upset, so they may return home from school telling you about the quizzes they have done. Children in Year 1 will be taking the Phonics Screening Check during the week Monday 12th -16th June. This screening check is designed to confirm whether individual children have learnt sufficient phonic decoding and blending skills. As with the Year 2 SATs, we refer to these as quizzes to avoid any worry.

KS2a –Year 3 and Year 4

The staff in KS2a are looking forward to the summer term. The coronation of Charles III and his wife, Camilla is an event we are all looking forward to. We will ensure that it is a memorable occasion for the children. We have already started learning the lyrics to a special song (written by Mr Beale and Chat GPT) that the whole school will be singing as part of the celebrations. The first book we will be using in English as inspiration for our writing will be, I Survived Hurricane Katrina by Lauren Tarshis. In this fictional account, the children will accompany a boy and his dog as they learn about the disaster and the devastation caused by the storm. In Maths, we will continue to use the mastery teaching approach to help children gain a deep understanding of new mathematical concepts and further consolidate those already learnt. Children in Year 4 will complete the Multiplication Tables Check in June. Please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars, to help them learn all the multiplication tables up to 12. Art lessons will have a painting focus for the first part of the term. The children will be learning how to use painting techniques such as dry brushing, double loading, cross-hatching and scumbling, then use these methods to create their own master pieces based on the works of contemporary artists Jane Pryor and Kimmy Cantrell. We will be studying the local area in history with a focus on employment. The children will participate in historical walks and use maps (old and new) to compare how the land has changed over time. They will learn what it was like to be a child in Skelmersdale 100 years ago and find out about some of the jobs they had to do. Please share your own childhood memories with the children and ask grandparents and great grandparents to share their memories too.

KS2b- Year 5 and Year 6

The year five and six staff were delighted to see, the children return to Holland Moor refreshed and ready for the final term of the academic year. In History, the children will continue to learn about life during the Shang Dynasty in China. Once this unit is finished, the classes will study South America in Geography sessions. Science lessons, this term, will initially focus on light as the children learn about how light travels, reflects and creates shadows. Our writing stimuli this term begins with a book, that gives a new take on fairy tale endings, called 'The Sleeper and the Spindle' by Neil Gaiman. The book acts as a sequel to Snow White but the author takes the tale in a very different direction with an exciting twist at the end. During Term 3A, years five and six will be given a talk about humanism by a member of the Humanist Society during an assembly which will link in with our RE topic of humanism. There will also be an in-class session, so that the children can gain a better understanding of what it means to be a humanist. During the first three weeks of the term, the year six children will continue their hard work in preparation to sit the SATs which begin on the 9th May. The SATs will take place after the coronation of King Charles, an event we are all looking forward to commemorating in true Holland Moor style.

Our Ninja Words of the Week



Our words this week are halt, downtrodden, dilapidated, intruder and guardian.

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning April 24th

Linked to our theme	sprout
Linked to our phonics sound	noise
An object	beanstalk
An action	extend
A feeling	amazed

Classes of the Week – Our Reception Classes



Having made the classroom a place full of intriguing activities, we have seen more parents coming into the classroom each morning. By using this welcoming approach, we have heard such positive comments from our parents, some even asking if they can stay for the day. The children have been eager to explore the new early morning resources and challenges and have transitioned into the classroom very well, sometimes forgetting to say goodbye to their adults, through pure excitement.

Attendance.



Our overall attendance this week was a slightly better 93.8%

Dates



Any new dates added each week will be highlighted

Monday April 24	Vision Tests – reception classes from 09.15
Monday April 24	Visit by representative of the Humanist Society
Thursday April 27	Class assemblies for Classes 5E and 2M
Monday May 01	School closed for bank holiday
Monday May 08	School closed for the special bank holiday
Tuesday May 09	Start of SATs tests for Year 6
Monday May 15	KS1 visit to Skipton castle-group one
Tuesday May 16	KS1 visit to Skipton castle-group two
Thursday May 18	Class assemblies for Classes 2O and 5R
Monday May 22	Start of PGL
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
Monday June 19	Y4 Sports Day at 09.15
Tuesday June 20	Y1 Sports Day at 09.15
Wednesday June 21	Y2 Sports Day at 09.15
Thursday June 22	Class Photographs
Friday June 23	Y5 Sports Day at 09.15
Monday June 26	Y6 Sports Day at 09.15
Tuesday June 27	YR Sports Day at 09.15
Wednesday June 28	Y3 Sports Day at 09.15
Thursday July 13	Pupil reports issued
Monday July 17	Consultation evening
Wednesday July 19	End of term parties
Thursday July 20	Last Day of Summer Term
Friday July 21	INSET Day

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Sports Reports



Our girl footballers turned up with immense spirit and enthusiasm for their match against a strong St Thomas's team. The match finished 3-2 to St Thomas. Despite being down in the first half, the girls showed great resilience in the second half coming back so much stronger!



Our boy footballers played in the WLSP Liverpool cup. The team played many games against very tough opposition and won their group. Overall the team finished in the top group of the whole tournament!

Forthcoming Sports Events

Date	Activity	Venue
TBC	Football Team in the Merseyside Cup v Northwood Primary	Home Match
25/04/23	Year five and Year six dodgeball tournament	Our Lady High School

Lunch Menu – April 24 to April 28

Monday April 24	Pasta Carbonara	Barbecue Wraps
	Vegetable Wraps	Sweet Chilli Chicken Tortilla
	Oven Chips	Coleslaw with optional Salad
	Vegetables of the Day	
	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Cherry Shortcake
Tuesday April 25	Pork Meatballs with Spaghetti and Tomato Sauce	Beans and Cheese on Toast
	Vegetables of the Day	
	Oatie Cookies	Jam and Cream Scones
Wednesday April 26	Pepperoni Pizza	Cheese Pizza

	Salmon Fishcakes	Oven Chips
	Vegetables of the Day	
	Jelly and Peaches	Apple Crumble and Custard
Thursday April 27	Picnic Lunch with Vegetarian Option	Chicken Pasta Bake in an Arrabiata Sauce
	Quorn Pasta Bake	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate Sponge and Peppermint Sauce	Ginger Cookies
Friday April 28	Roast Gammon Dinner	Roast Chicken Dinner
	Roast Quorn Dinner	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese
	Quorn Bolognese	Vegetables of the Day
	Iced Decorated Sponge Cake	Lemon Butter Biscuits

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