

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-March 22 2024



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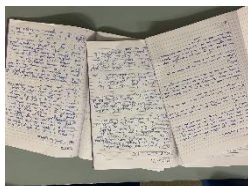
After the excitement of World Book Day, Science Week and Comic Relief it has been nice to have a thoroughly ordinary week. The children have worked hard and it's been great to look through their books in class and hear them read. Next week will have many special Easter events including making Easter baskets, an Easter egg hunt, the drawing of the Easter raffle and our Easter Bonnet Extravaganza. I can hardly wait.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I probably don't spend enough time in our delightful nursery classes. However this week I've been in Nursery 2 on three separate occasions. The children learn through their play sessions incredibly well and it was a pleasure to be working with a group as they developed their throwing and rolling skills using a variety of different balls. All was going well until I went to retrieve a ball from over the small fence and threw it back. Almost at once the children interpreted this as a great game and threw lots of the other balls over the fence for me to collect and throw back. I was finally rescued by Mrs Causer who collected the balls in a bucket.

Class of the Week-this week it's Class. 6M



This week, 6M have worked incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. In writing, they created some amazing narratives based on the video, The Lighthouse. On Wednesday, the children portrayed themselves as villagers, experiencing the lighthouse bulb breaking, then banding together to save an incoming ship! It was a wonderful experience reading their different perspectives. Their adverbials really created an ambitious piece of writing and their personalities shone through in their work. Super 6M!

Celebrating Comic Relief/Red Nose Day at Holland Moor



We raised just over £198 for this thoroughly worthwhile cause and decided to round it off to £200. We transferred the sum today.

A Reception Classes Update



Science Day was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed their day of carousel experiments with the Reception Staff. Mr Halliday had the children dancing on their feet as they watched raisins dance, Mrs Roberts created a magical rainbow of colour and Mrs Knowles created big 'BANGS'. Not only this, but Mrs Woodcock shared her magic slime where the children used the words 'solid' and 'liquid'. Miss Corless made the room erupt with joy as she mixed materials to make a volcano erupt and Mrs Ball helped the children to make a colourful lava lamp which the children couldn't wait to take home. The children came together at the end of the day to see fizzy drinks and mentos mix and shoot to the sky - the day was a huge success. As Conor said "This is the best day ever".

Last week the reception classes flooded their classrooms with red when they came in to school in their own clothes. They carried out activities relating to the colour 'red', learnt all about Comic Relief and decorated biscuits. It was a fun day for all.

The children in both reception classes had a wonderful pirates and piracy day on Monday.. To quote Captain Greybeard Arrr! The wee ones of Reception had a jolly good time on Pirate Day! They plundered through the deep forests in search of hidden treasures, aye! They recovered all the missing treasure.

Ephemeral Art at Holland Moor



Ephemeral art is art that only lasts for a short time. Year 4 had great fun exploring this art style on the playground on Thursday. Using a soapy solution Hallie produced this beautiful butterfly that disappeared in about three minutes.

Our Easter Bonnet Event



On Thursday 28th March (the last day of term) we will be holding a whole-school Easter Hat / Easter Bonnet celebration on the KS2 playground from approximately 9am. It will be a non-uniform day with children wearing as much green or yellow as they can. We'll have an Easter Hat/Easter Bonnet parade. Each class in school will have designed and made a class Easter bonnet for the special procession

There will be a whole-school Easter song, some songs from the school choir, Easter relay races including a crème egg and spoon race and some surprise items too. Everyone is welcome!

We hope lots of parents, carers and other friends of the school will join us.

Easter Raffle



Draw to take place on Tuesday March 26.

Prizes include Easter Sharing Hampers, an Amazon Fire Tablet, an alexa pop, a Smart Fitness Watch, tickets to Martin Mere and many more wonderful items. Payment can be made in cash or by using the parentpay system. Tickets can also be purchased directly from the school office.

Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning March 04



Our words are speck, devour, urge, conserve and prolific

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning March 04

Vocabulary

Linked to our theme	Easter
Linked to our phonics sound	hunt
An object /objects	bonnet
An action	searching
A feeling	excited

Attendance



Our attendance this week was a very reasonable 94.9%

On Monday or Tuesday I will send out (by pupil post) the attendance certificates for each child from September 2023 to March 22nd. Please look carefully at the data and let me know if it is not accurate. As you view the certificates I would ask you to remember the following

Days Missed	Percentage	Comment
0	100	Perfection
4	98	Impressive
8	96	Good
9	95	Nearly there
11	94	Needs to improve
20	90	Concerns
29	85	Serious concerns

A year six pupil with less than 92% attendance is unlikely to meet the expected standard in the national SATs

Any pupil with less than 90% attendance is extremely unlikely to meet his/her year group expectations by July. Children who fall behind due to poor school attendance find it very hard to catch up.

Attendance under 80% has been shown to seriously impact educational success and reduce life chances.

Sports Events at Holland Moor



The Holland Moor year five and year six running team participated in the Shares Park Run competition last Tuesday. The children enjoyed the challenge of the long- distance race and demonstrated good technique and some very good times.

School Clubs



As next week is the last week of term there will be no school clubs. Clubs will restart week beginning Monday April 22nd.

Dates



Thursday March 28	Last day of Spring Term
Thursday March 28	Whole school Easter celebrations.
Monday April 15	INSET/CPD Day-office open
Tuesday April 16	First day of Summer Term-pupils
Monday May 06	School closed for bank holiday
Friday May 24	Last day before half-term holiday
Saturday May 25 to Sunday June 02	– half-term holiday
Monday June 03	First day after half-term holiday
Thursday July 18	Last Day of Summer Term

Monday September 02 INSET/CPD Day-office open
 Tuesday September 03 First day of Autumn Term-pupils
 Saturday October 19 to Sunday October 27 – half-term holiday
 Friday December 20 Last Day of Autumn Term
 Monday January 06 INSET/CPD Day-office open
 Tuesday January 07 First Day of Spring Term-pupils

Lunch Menu – March 25 to March 28

Monday March 25	Quorn Meatballs in a Creamy Tomato Pasta Sauce	Pork Meatballs in a Creamy Tomato Pasta Sauce
	Quorn Scouse with Crusty Bread	Beef Scouse with Crusty Bread
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Arctic Roll and Strawberry Sauce	Bananas and Custard
Tuesday March 26	Harry Ramsden’s Fish with Oven Chips	Cheese and Onion Pie with Oven Chips
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Fruit Cocktail and Ice Cream	Jam Sponge and Custard
Wednesday March 27	BBQ Chicken with Steamed Rice	Beef Lasagne with Crusty Bread
	Quorn Lasagne with Crusty Bread	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Decorated Jelly	Chocolate Rice Crispie Cake
Thursday March	Sausage Rolls	Vegetarian Sausage Rolls
	Fish Fingers	Vegetables of the Day
	Curly Fries	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Choc Ices	Iced Doughnuts

Wishing all our families a pleasant weekend.

MIKE BEALE