

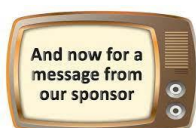
A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-February 23 2024



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 23 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk

A Message from Our Sponsor



The children have really been alert this week and ready to learn. I always notice how tired many pupils are towards the end of a busy half-term and how the holiday gives them time to rest and renew their learning energy. It's been great to be in classrooms and see such obvious enthusiasm for the new topics and themes we have been introducing this week.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I am particularly proud of the very organised and delightfully smooth start to the day at Holland Moor. Breakfast Club is perhaps a little too popular but the children socialise well and transition calmly to classes at 08.30 ready for their first class-based learning of the day. Our staggered approach to arrival at school for other children between 08.30 and 08.45 continues this peaceful, almost tranquil beginning to lessons and our new morning meetings with whole school agenda items are proving very successful.

Class of the Week-this week it's Class. N2



The children in N2 thoroughly enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. They listened attentively during the story of 'The Great Race', recalling events well and sharing their thoughts about the behaviours of the animals in the story too! They rebuilt the Great Wall of China for our learning power characters to travel along. They also loved developing their creative skills; using paint to make 'Year of the Dragon' handprint posters, Chinese dragon stick puppets and Chinese lanterns too.

Litter



I've been approached by a Cornbrook resident pointing out that some debris/rubbish (that sort of thing), appears to be finding its way from parked cars to the roads and pavement. I always support civic pride so I promised I'd mention it to the Holland Moor community.

Similarly a few residents have been blocked in this week including one neighbour who couldn't get to an urgent hospital appointment. As always I ask for your care when parking.

Holland Moor PTA/The Friends of Holland Moor



I mentioned last term that I was hoping to re-start our Friends Association or form a PTA. I asked, at the same time, for some volunteers to serve on an action committee. Unfortunately I only received three offers so, being ever-optimistic I'm asking again. If you are interested in helping the school in this way or you'd like more information about the role please contact me in school.

Our February/March Song of the Month-try it at home



Our February/March song is about climate change and looking after the environment. A group of children from Whalley CE Primary School, Lancashire, was given the honour of recording the special song. During the project the children discussed climate change, and the words used in the song, 'The song is found on YouTube channel, by searching for 'This is the Moment (Life on Earth)'. The direct link is <https://youtu.be/dZNPdG3MQsE>

A New Version of the myHappyMind App



I am sure all our families understand how much our classes enjoy the weekly myHappyMind sessions. The organisation has now launched their brand new myHappyMind app. This contains new content for families to enjoy as you carry on the myHappyMind learning journey at home. New features include Mini Masterclasses for parents/carers and a new Kids Zone which is jam-packed with things for our pupils to enjoy such as animated stories, happy breathing and lots of new myHappyMind games. The app can be downloaded at

Apple: <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/myhappymind/id6471412523>

Android: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.kj138126.app&hl=kr>

If you have already created an account you will be able to sign into the app straight away. Our school URN is 119323

The following videos are also very informative about the many possibilities the materials offer.

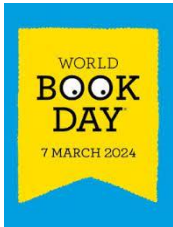
[Click here for the school video](#) and [click here for the nursery video](#).

An Author at Holland Moor



You'll remember that during the last half-term we had the pleasure of a visit from local author Susan Brownrigg. After the visit she wrote to us saying - I had a lovely visit, thanks for making me so welcome and for ensuring everything went so smoothly. Your school is wonderful and I loved answering the pupils' brilliant questions.

World Book Day



Holland Moor will be celebrating World Book Day on March 07. I'll let you know about the activities each class will be taking part in next weekend. We will concentrate on promoting a love of books by engaging in interesting and motivating book-based activities rather than wearing a costume so there is absolutely no need to go out and purchase any special clothing.

Easter Raffle



Our first list of prizes (but we'll be adding more) includes an Amazon, Fire Tablet, a Fitness Smart Watch, Family Tickets to Martin Mere, Four Easter sharing hampers, many superb and stylish Easter eggs and some stunning stationery. We'll email out some raffle ticket request forms and probably send a hard copy home too. Payment will be available by parentpay if this helps. Thank you as always for your support with our various fund-raising activities. Any donation of extra prizes will be greatly received.

Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning February 26



Our words are hideous, strategy, contrast, traipse and opulent

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning February 26



Linked to our theme	Caribbean
Linked to our phonics sound	wooden
An object /objects	cutlass
An action	disguised
A feeling	fooled

Attendance



Our attendance this week was a slightly better than usual 94.3%

Sports Events at Holland Moor



Dates



Monday February 26	Bikeability classes start.
Tuesday February 27	Consultation Evening
Wednesday February 28	Consultation Evening
Thursday February 29	Consultation Evening
Thursday February 29	Little SHARES at Holland Moor-845am to 1030am
Thursday March 07	Little SHARES at Holland Moor-845am to 1030am
Thursday March 07	Holland Moor celebrates World Book Day
Friday March 08	Science week activities
Thursday March 14	Little SHARES at Holland Moor-845am to 1030am
Friday March 15	Holland Moor celebrates Red Nose/Comic Relief Day
Thursday March 28	Last day of Spring Term
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

Lunch Menu – February 26 to March 01

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Monday February 26	Chicken Nuggets with Oven Chips	Quorn Nuggets with Oven Chips
	Tempura Fish Goujons with Oven Chips	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Rice Pudding and Jam	Custard Creams
Tuesday February 27	Chicken Pie with Potato Wedges and Gravy	Vegan Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate and Vanilla Cookies	Fruit Cocktail and Ice Cream
Wednesday February 29	Roast Chicken with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Quorn with Mashed Potato and Gravy
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Arctic Roll and Strawberry Sauce	Apple Pie and Cream
Thursday February 29	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Fried Rice
	Veggie Fried Rice	Cauliflower Cheese
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Buddies Flapjack	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard
Friday March 01	Margaritta Pizza with Potato Wedges	Hot Dog with Potato Wedges
	Veggie Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Jam and Cream Scones	Honey and Banana Cake and Custard

Wishing all our families a pleasant weekend.

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