

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-March 08 2024



### Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 25 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



With the improving weather this week we've managed a full allocation of outside playtimes. The mixture of fresh air and warm sunshine has been welcomed by us all. It's been coats off and wonderfully imaginative play activities. Old favourites have returned and the children have devised new games too. It's great that we've got sports leaders on the playground to support ball and hoop sports and the skill levels I notice are a joy to see. We certainly work hard at Holland Moor but we play well too.

### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



It was superb to see our older children in year five and year six reading to the younger members of the Holland Moor community on Wednesday as children from our reception year, year one and year two visited the KS2b classrooms. The classrooms had been meticulously prepared to be the most wonderful reading dens with blankets, cushions and cuddlies. The readers read with precision and verve and the listeners were spellbound. It was a joy to witness.

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



Class 6S have been working exceptionally hard this week in preparation for the upcoming SATs tests in May but the standout moment relates to World Book Day. Not only did the children write thought-provoking, descriptive narratives based on the book, 'The Tear Thief', they also showed a great deal of maturity and kindness when the class was visited by the Year 2 pupils of Class 20. The Year 6s applied all their reading skills while reading a selection of stories to the younger children and asked them thoughtful comprehension questions. It was amazing to see how well the older children adapted their behaviour and explanations in order for the younger ones to understand and enjoy this

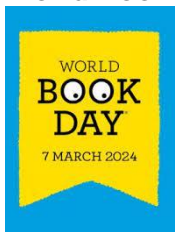
experience. To top it all off, Class 6S's pupils were also able to serve the Year 2 children with juice and biscuits which made everyone smile.

### **Our Phone System**



We are still relying on a couple of phone lines into schools and the three phones in the office as we search for an effective whole-school replacement system. You will still be able to speak to a human from 6.45am until 6pm but occasionally the phone slips to the answerphone before it's picked up. If that does happen, just phone back as we are genuinely never far from the phone.

### **World Book Day**



Children in our Nursery 2 class were inspired by the book *The Dot* written by Peter H Reynolds. They created their own dot inspired paintings using sponge printing, dot drawings in pastels and colourful dotty pompom collages to celebrate this inspiring book that shows there is a creative spirit in all of us.

Our reception children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story of *Little Red Riding Hood*. They solved problems, measures basket items and asked some very demanding and perceptive questions to the wolf. We think the puppet show was the highlight of the day.

Key Stage 1 children enjoyed following *Shapeless Lee* on his journeys. They wrote super character descriptions about how he felt useless and totally deflated because he didn't fit with anyone or anything. Then he met Sun, who encouraged *Shapeless Lee* to follow him for the day, to see what or who he might find. The children wrote excellent conversations between the two characters and enjoyed acting them out. They were thrilled when we reached the end of the story and *Shapeless Lee* found another shape just like him. Together, they fitted perfectly in the shape of a love heart. To finish our World Book Day celebrations, the children solved tangram puzzles by putting the shapes together to make their very own shape. They thoroughly enjoyed the story.

Children in Years 3 and 4 participated in a wealth of activities to celebrate World Book Day! They wrote a repetitive poem from the perspective of *The Tear Thief*, after reading the book of the same name by Carol Ann Duffy; created beautiful bookmarks and listened to audiobooks about the Ancient Egyptians. Later, the children found their Zen with some 'Bubble Mindfulness' and revisited *The Tear Thief* to inspire their emotion-themed artwork. They ended the day relaxed to the max as they curled up with a good book, a hot chocolate and some biscuits.

The children in Year 5 & 6 took part in a variety of activities for World Book Day. The year groups were introduced to the book *The Tear Thief* which is a book about a fairy who travels around searching for upset children to steal their tears away. Our children wrote excellent continuations of the story which involved creating a reason for a child to be upset and then showed how after the tears had gone, the child felt much better. Once the children had written their own adaptations, they then painted a background in the style of the book and wrote their own version on it. The children produced some beautiful work.

## Comic Relief/Red Nose Day-Friday March 15



We'll be celebrating Red Nose Day in school next Friday with a range of fun activities. The children do not need to wear any special clothing but we'd like to see as much red as possible. It will be a non-uniform day with a small donation requested for the comic relief funds.

## British Science Week at Holland Moor



Holland Moor have been busy behind the scenes preparing for what is going to be an exhilarating science week, all children throughout school will participate in one-off science lessons which have been carefully selected to make them say, "WOW!" Here is a small taste of what can be expected: reception will be making raisins dance while Year 1 and 2 will take part in a WOW science assembly with many practical experiments, additionally, the juniors will be collaborating together for a 'smelly worm' project.

## Easter Raffle



## New prize added – An Alexa POP

Prizes include Easter Sharing Hampers, an Amazon Fire Tablet, 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 tarnish, coincidence, clamber, evict and tycoon

## Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning March 04



Linked to our theme	wealth
Linked to our phonics sound	storm
An object /objects	compass
An action	grumbling
A feeling	confident

## Attendance



Our attendance this week was a magnificent 95.7% - one of our best scores this academic year.

### Sports Events at Holland Moor



The Holland Moor netball team played a local friendly against a very good St Richards team. Both teams showed excellent passing and shooting skills Throughout the game both teams showed great sportsmanship and played an excellent match. Holland Moor was the clear winner.

### Dates



Thursday March 14	Little SHARES at Holland Moor-845am to 1030am
Friday March 15	Holland Moor celebrates Red Nose/Comic Relief Day
Monday March 18	Reception classes – Piracy 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
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 11 to March 15

Monday March 11	Pepperoni Pizza with Curly Fries	Beef Chilli with Noodles
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Hot Chocolate Sponge Cake and Ice Cream	Berry Crumble and Custard

Tuesday March 12	Meat and Potato Pie with Red Cabbage and Beetroot	Chicken Korma Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread.
	Quorn Korma Curry with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread.	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Oat and Raisin Cookies
Wednesday March 13	Chicken Burger with Oven Chips	Veggie Burger with Oven Chips
	Salmon Fish Cakes with Oven Chips	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Decorated Jellies	Flapjack
Thursday March 14	All Day Breakfast	Chicken Supreme with Steamed Rice
	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Arctic Roll and Peaches	Cherry Shortcake
Friday March 15	Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake	Cottage Pie
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuits	Cornflake Tart and Custard

Wishing all our families a pleasant weekend.

MIKE BEALE