

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-February 09 2024



Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 22 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



Wow those five weeks passed quickly. I can hardly believe it's the half-term holiday next week. We have been focusing on many positive mental health activities during the past week including how important it is to have both good memories and good things to look forward to. With that in mind, enjoy reading about our fantastically busy and rewarding week in school and then look at the dates list to notice that the next five weeks will be even more exciting.

Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I still thoroughly enjoy telling and reading stories to children so I seized such an opportunity in Class 1R on Tuesday. After watching their My Happy Mind lesson I usurped Miss Ryan's end of the day activity by reading a wonderful book called Joy. The class are great listeners but they also joined in reading with me, making choral responses and teaching me some special actions they matched to the vocabulary. I certainly enjoyed the experience and I think they did too.

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



Class RK had an incredible week. They showed their exceptional talents in writing and are extending their understanding of sentence construction. The class explored the ideas of hibernating animals and enthusiastically designed a snail habitat for their saltdough snails so they can rest during the winter months.

An Author at Holland Moor



This morning Holland Moor had the pleasure of a visit from local author Susan Brownrigg. The children's author delivered a forty-five minute presentation on what it is like to live the life of an author and she also discussed the books she has written to date. Ms Brownrigg had the pleasure of presenting Faye Crowley with her award for winning the Skelmersdale About the Town Magazine's young writers' competition. The children enjoyed the presentation and were proud to be able to congratulate Faye on her award.

Easter Raffle



We will be running our very popular and successful Easter raffle during the next half-term. As always we accompany this early notice with a request for any prizes that families and friends of Holland Moor might be ready to donate. Big thanks in advance.

Young Voices



On Tuesday most Year 4 children and many staff travelled to Manchester Arena to take part in the Young Voices 2024 choir. As always, the experience for our children, singing with a live orchestra and almost 9000 other young people was spectacular. Seeing the children's faces light up when they saw Andy from Urban Stride come on stage was a sight to behold; not believing their eyes that this was the same person who came into their classrooms via video to teach them all the dance moves. Our children were truly inspired by 13 year old Nandi Bushell with her outstanding performance on the drums. The two pop medleys Moanna and Crazy What Love Can Do were the favourites of the evening. A fabulous, memorable occasion enjoyed by all.

Valentine's Discos



Our Reception children had a great time at their Valentine's Disco. They danced to a range of songs, played pass the parcel and ate some delicious food. After a group dance they left with a pack of Love Hearts and with a big smile on their faces.

The Year 1 and 2 Valentine's Disco was a heart-warming event which the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed. The hall was filled with fun and laughter as the children danced together and played party games. The highlight of the evening was undoubtedly the talent show, where our young performers showcased their amazing singing and dancing. It was a super evening.

Year 3 and Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their Valentine's disco, dancing and playing a range of games non-stop before they settled to their party food. The games of corners, using appropriate loved-filled names was as popular as ever but the pledging of undying love to Mr Pacheco seemed to be the highlight of the event.

The Year 5 and Year 6 Valentine's themed disco was well attended and the children had a thoroughly enjoyable time. With great enthusiasm, the children took part in dancing competitions, a game of corners, a balloon relay and musical statues. The games were accompanied by hot dogs, juice and a choc-ice.

Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning February 19



Our words are nurture, ghost, doom, ripple and thwart

Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning February 19

Vocabulary

Linked to our theme	dragon
Linked to our phonics sound	zooming
An object /objects	lucky envelope
An action	wishing
A feeling	hopeful

Attendance



Our attendance this week was 93.1

Sports Events at Holland Moor



The Holland Moor girls' dodgeball team took part in the SHARES all-girls dodgeball tournament on Tuesday evening. The girls showed off their fantastic throwing and dodging skills against some very good opposition teams. Our young group played some marvellous matches and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Dates



Saturday February 10 to Sunday February 18	– half term holiday
Monday February 19	First day after half-term holiday
Tuesday February 27	Consultation Evening-including N2
Wednesday February 28	Consultation Evening-not N2
Thursday February 29	Consultation Evening-just N2
Thursday March 07	Holland Moor celebrates World Book Day
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 19 to February 23

Monday February 19	Pepperoni Pizza with Curly Fries	Beef Chilli with Noodles
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate Crispie Slice	Berry Crumble and Custard
Tuesday February 20	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
	Decorated Fairy Cakes	Jam Tarts
Wednesday February 21	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	

	Paris Sandwich Slice and Custard	Flaked Macaroons
Thursday February 22	All Day Breakfast	Chicken Supreme with Steamed Rice
	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Decorated Jelly	Victoria Sponge Cake
Friday December 24	Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake	Cottage Pie
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Chocolate Sponge and Peppermint Sauce	Shortbread Biscuits

Wishing all our families a rewarding half-term break.

Please remember we return to school on Monday February 19th.

MIKE BEALE