

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor-October 18 2024



### Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 08 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website [www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk](http://www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk)

### A Message from Our Sponsor



The first seven weeks of the new academic year 2024-2025 have passed extremely quickly. I've been very pleased with how well the new classes have settled and how they work so cooperatively together. I have particularly enjoyed my lesson observations this term, seeing so much best practice and motivating teaching. I am delighted with the number of clubs we offer and I am specifically pleased with the numbers attending each club. Our next half term will be equally, and perhaps even more exciting. Thanks to the many parents and carers who attended any of our class consultation evenings this week. If you missed the opportunity and wish to chat to your child's class teacher please contact the school office

### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week

#### HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

Thursday was a very wet day and none of our classes got to play outside. Class 3T seized the opportunity to practise our October Song of the Month and it was fantastic to be invited to their classroom to hear Abel sing the song as a solo. He sang with perfect pitch, great intonation and helped the melody wonderfully well. It was a magical moment we all appreciated.

### Christmas Raffle



We have many big prizes lined up for the Holland Moor Grand Christmas Raffle. Tickets will be available in early November. We are always looking out to add to our prize list so, as usual, any donations of prizes would be most welcome.

### Christmas at Holland Moor – The Wonderland Grotto



We will be running our very popular meet Santa events in December. We'll make the booking form freely available online soon after we return to school after the half-term break.

## School Photographs



Photo Day

Please note that our individual pupil photographs will be taken on the first day back in school after the half-term break (Monday October 28). Family and group photographs take place on the Tuesday (Tuesday October 29).



The school councillors attended their second and third meetings this week. The delegates discussed how we could allocate some funding to each class. They were then tasked with finding out how each class would wish to 'sensibly' spend the £50 awarded on a classroom activity, item or items. The councillors used different methods to collect the ideas but all used the democratic process to discover the most popular. Suggestions included, new reading books, highlighter pens and class sets of art pastels.

## Halloween Discos



We have had to make some adjustments to the dates / times of the parties / discos due to children attending other events or being out in the neighbourhood. The new dates and times are

Reception	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	330pm to 430pm
Year 1 and Year 2	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	430pm to 530pm
Year 3 and Year 4	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	430pm to 6pm
Year 5 and Year 6	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	430pm to 6pm

## Class of the Week. This week it's Class 4J



This week, Class 4J showed superb determination and perseverance during our swimming lesson. They worked so hard to improve and it was heartening to see children encouraging and praising their classmates for their efforts. It was fabulous to read the children's wonderful diary entries based on a beautiful book called 'The Winter's Child' by Angela McAllister. They all wrote with a great understanding of the character and used the correct style for a diary. As always, Class 4J put great emphasis on the importance of looking after our mental health. They joined in with balloon and square breathing exercises to help us think more clearly and regulate our emotions.

### **Music Waiting List**



Unfortunately, the waiting list for instrumental tuition is getting longer and the school budget doesn't stretch to booking any more teaching hours from Mr McArdle. As spaces become available we will organise more group teaching sessions to create better coverage.

### **Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning October 28**



Our words are evolve, admire, bombard, crave and deliberate

We'll be revising the words suppose, worn, patter, rebound and wisdom.

### **Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning October 28**

#### **Vocabulary**

Linked to our theme	broomstick
Linked to our phonics sound	puff
An object /objects	decoration
An action	shivering
A feeling	angry

### **Attendance.**



Our attendance figure this week was 93.2% with an absence figure of 6.8%. This is made up of 2.5% holidays, 3.5% illness and 0.8% other.

### **Sports at Holland Moor**



In a thrilling tournament, our Y5 and Y6 girls' team fought valiantly to secure the runner-up position, showcasing skill and determination at every turn. The team played well in every match. They unfortunately lost on penalties in the final. The team were unbeaten in each match until then. Well done to the girls for their amazing effort.

The Holland Moor girls' team also played a thrilling match against St Thomas. The team played some great passing sequences and scored fantastic goals. The girls beat St Thomas 8-0. Well done to the team.

## Dates



Monday October 28	Pupils start school after half-term holiday
Monday October 28	School Photographs-Individuals-a new company
Tuesday October 29	School Photographs-family groups-a new company
Friday November 15	Children in Need activities.
Monday December 09	Christmas Production –Class 2M
Tuesday December 10	Christmas Production – Class 2O
Wednesday December 11	Christmas Production – Class 1C
Thursday December 12	Christmas Production – Class 1R
Friday December 13	Christmas Production – Class RK
Monday December 16	Christmas Production – Class RB
Tuesday December 17	Christmas Production – N2
Tuesday December 17	Christmas Concert
Wednesday December 18	Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 19	Christmas Parties
Friday December 20	Last Day of Term

This list will be updated each week.

## Lunch Menu – October 28 to November 01



Monday October 28	Barbecue Chicken served with Steamed Rice.	Barbecue Quorn served with Steamed Rice
	Gluten Free Barbecued Chicken served with Steamed Rice	Beed Scouse served with Crusty Bread and Red Cabbage

	Quorn Scouse served with Crusty Bread and Red Cabbage	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Orange Cookies
Tuesday October 29	Roast Chicken Dinner served with Gravy	Quorn Roast Dinner served with Vegetarian Gravy
	Gammon Roast Dinner served with Gravy	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	
	Victoria Sponge	Chocolate Cookies
Wednesday October 30	Beef Bolognese	Quorn Bolognese
	Bacon and Potato Cheesy Bake	Vegetarian Brunch
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Apple Crumble and Custard	Jam and Cream Scones
Thursday October 31	Fish Fingers served with Oven Chips	Pizza Slice served with Oven Chips
	Vegetarian Pizza served with Oven Chips	Gluten Free Pizza served with Oven Chips
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Spooky Halloween Treats	
Friday November 01	Pork Meatballs served with Tomato Sauce	Vegetarian Meatballs served with Tomato Sauce
	Gluten Free Meatballs served with Tomato Sauce	Cheese Pie with Jacket Potato
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Carrot and Orange Cake	Flapjack

Here's wishing you a great half-term break.

MIKE BEALE

