

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



### Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 11 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website [www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk](http://www.holland.lancsnqfl.ac.uk)

### A Message from Our Sponsor



Everyone will be aware of how proud I am of the wide and diverse art curriculum we teach at Holland Moor, exemplified by the wonderful corridor displays around the school. This half-term we have tried something rather different by studying the Bennett Art Collection which is a collection of the most beautiful portraits you could ever wish to see, Classes have been amazed by what they have viewed. Each class has studied specific portraiture techniques, examined the way different artists create portraits and gone on to produce their own pieces in a range of styles. The results are superb.

### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week – All our Remembrance Day Activities



Children in Nursery 2 sponge painted a poppy book mark that they took home after discussing what the poppy represents.

Both Reception classes were filled with 'red' activities for the children to explore today. A brief speaking and listening session helped them understand the significance of Remembrance Day and why it matters to us. During their Friday assembly the children watched a video of a parade, and discussed the concept of 'paying our respects,' sharing examples of how people do this.

In Year 1 and Year 2, the children explored the significance of honouring those who served, discussing why we wear poppies and the values of respect and gratitude. Each child crafted their own bright red poppy, these were then combined to create beautiful, heartfelt wreaths. These wreaths are now proudly displayed in the school's front entrance, serving as a thoughtful reminder of remembrance and our children's commitment to honouring this tradition. It was a wonderful, hands-on way for classes to connect with history and show respect.

Each class in Year 3 and Year 4 learnt that Remembrance is the act of stopping to remember the people affected by war and to hope for a peaceful future. They then looked at who we remember and how we remember them before participating in two minutes of silence. To give the children the opportunity to thank people who have served the country, they worked with their learning partners to

write a message of thanks or recognition. These heartfelt messages were added to a silhouette of a soldier and displayed at the front of school for others to read.

Year 5 and Year 6 marked Remembrance Day by learning about the final journey of ED603 (a WW2 Lancaster Bomber) which crashed on its way to Germany. All of the crew died but three of the seven airmen were never found and the children learned who these men were and marked the sacrifice they made. The children also took part in a live Remembrance assembly which gave them an opportunity to learn about remembrance and take part in a minute's silence to show respect.

### School Choir



Our next choir concert with accompanying poets and instrumentalists will be on Wednesday November 20<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm. I'll be sending out invitation letters early next week.

### Children in Need



Our children will be taking part in Children In Need activities on November 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be a –dress as you please day - with children making a financial donation of 20p plus for this privilege. One of the ideas this year is for children to participate in a class challenge and the very special challenges are

Nursery 2	The Megga Block Construction Challenge
Reception Classes	The Bikeathon Challenge
Year 1 and Year 2	The Danceathon Challenge
Year 3	The Bucket Filling Challenge
Class 4J	The Nature Trail Challenge
Class 4C	The Jigsaw Puzzle Challenge
Class 5C	The Hula-Hoop Challenge
Class 5M	The Hula-Hoop Challenge and the Keepie-Uppie Challenge
Year 6	The Bingo Challenge

### Christmas Raffle



Tickets can be ordered and paid for on ParentPay and we'll be sending out paper booking forms too.

Raffle prizes include a Meta Quest 35 (All in One Reality Headset), an Amazon Fire Tablet, an Amazon Echo Pop Speaker, a £10 Amazon Voucher, three bottles of prosecco, fifteen assorted Christmas hats, twelve soak and sleep sets and two scotch whisky gift sets.

Additional Prizes this week include a Flake Away Body Polish set, two tubs of playdough, a Wet Skin Beauty Pack and four more bottles of prosecco

## Christmas at Holland Moor – The Wonderland Grotto



Visits can be booked online at  
<https://parents-booking.co.uk/hollandmoor>

### Class of the Week. This week it's Class 20



Class 20 have been very busy learning how historical photographs help us ask and answer questions about the past. In Computing, they've been improving their knowledge of how to send, and reply to, an e-mail using Purple Mash. The children especially enjoyed Art, where they studied portraits from the Bennett Collection, and created their own versions using pastels and charcoal. They are now looking forward to our Children in Need activities. Miss Oldfield is very proud of all that they have achieved this week!

### Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning November 11



Our words are irate, patient, peril, ricochet and saunter

We'll be revising the words evolve, admire, bombard, crave and deliberate.

### Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning November 11

#### Vocabulary

Linked to our theme	occasion
Linked to our phonics sound	fox
An object /objects	well
An action	celebrations
A feeling	giddy

### Attendance.



Another satisfactory week – 95.5%

Under new regulations I must make direct contact with parents of children who are classed as persistent absentees. I will start this process, which can involve fines and referrals to the legal team, by sending out an attendance statement for all children with less than 90% attendance. I will do this early next week.

## Sports at Holland Moor



Holland Moor took two teams to participate in the Shares Dodgeball tournament. Both teams showed excellent throwing and catching skills during each game.

The Year 3 and 4 football team played an intense friendly match against St Thomas's. Both teams played some fantastic football throughout the entire game. Holland Moor showcased their tremendous skills and won the game 6-2.

## Dates



Friday November 15	Children in Need activities.
Wednesday November 20	School Choir concert
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 – November 11 to November 15



Monday November 11	Pork Sausages served with Gravy and Vegetables	Vegetarian Sausages served with Vegetarian Gravy and Vegetables
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	Gluten Free Sausages	Minced Beef served with Yorkshire Puddings and Gravy
		Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wrap	
	Arctic Roll with Raspberry Sauce	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard
Tuesday November 12	Chicken Burger served with Tortilla Chips	Vegetarian Burger served with Tortilla Chips
	Gluten Free Chicken Burger served with Tortilla Chips	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Fairy Cakes	Buddies Flapjack
Wednesday November 13	Harry Ramsden Baked Fish served with Chips	Gluten Free Fish Fingers served with Chips
	Chicken Pasta served with a Mild Arrabiata Sauce	Vegetarian Pasta served with a Mild Arrabiata Sauce
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Syrup Cookies	Bananas and Custard
Thursday November 14	Beef Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Vegetarian Lasagne served with Garlic Bread
	Gluten / Dairy Free Lasagne served with Garlic Bread	Assorted Paninis with Coleslaw and Savoury Rice
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Chocolate Sponge Cake and Custard	Jam Puffs
Friday November 15	Hot Dogs in a Roll served with Herby Potatoes	Vegetarian Hot Dogs in a Roll served with Herby Potatoes
	Chicken Casserole	Vegetable Casserole
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potato, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Iced Sponge Cakes	Lemon Butter Biscuits

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE