

## A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- March 14 2025



### Welcome and some technical information

Welcome to Newsletter - number 27 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



We've been working hard recently to make the outside area at the front of school a little more welcoming. We've tidied up the car-park area, added some flowers to the beds and have even started taking responsibility for the grassed areas just outside the perimeter fence – having persuaded the school gardeners to do a little extra work. I think such attention to detail is very important and gives a subtle indication of our stance on overall standards at Holland Moor.

### Mr Beale's Highlight of the Week



I must say just our chatty, friendly and welcoming our Nursery 2 children are. I was made to feel very special when I spent time with them yesterday morning. I was very impressed with their ability to select an activity and see it through, in a genuinely purposeful way. Incredibly when they were called to the carpet, they tidied efficiently and were able to apply the Holland Moor teaching and learning policy precisely-sitting down, SLANT positions and tracking the teacher. Superb.

### Easter Raffle



All the Easter hampers are now on display and we are adding to the prizes each week. Tickets are available from the school office and there are many payment options. Thanks to everyone for their continuing support.

### British Science Week



This week, our school transformed into a hub of discovery as students across all year groups took part in a thrilling Science Week, filled with hands-on experiments and mind-blowing investigations! One of the standout activities was creating edible water bottles using a type of seaweed—an exciting exploration of sustainable packaging that had students fascinated by the potential of science in reducing plastic waste. Meanwhile, budding chemists dived into polymer science, testing the impacts of cross-linkers and discovering how custard, when handled correctly, can bounce like a rubber ball! Elsewhere, students experimented with bubble science to craft incredible bubble snakes that stretched far beyond expectations, while others explored the magic of liquid density by making homemade lava lamps with mesmerising blobs that moved in vibrant colours. However, the fun isn't over yet as our KS1 learners are in for a treat with an upcoming Mad Science Assembly. Keep a look out on our school's Facebook page for picture and video updates.

### **Clothes Collection**



Our collecting of old clothes etc. continues all week right up until next Friday – March 21<sup>st</sup>. Last time we raised nearly £200 so we are hoping to raise even more this time Bags of clothes can be left in the school entrance foyer.

### **Parent Information Meetings**



It was great to see parents and carers in Class RK this morning learning all about our phonics approach to teaching reading. Look out for other such classes.

### **Language Explorers Club**



Miss Oldfield is changing World Club to Language Explorers Club. The new club will be for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 pupils. There will be more of an emphasis on learning some vocabulary from a foreign language and utilising the Holland Moor Pocketalk in the Club. It will start on Monday 17th March.

### **Our Scarecrow Week/Comic Relief and Red Nose Day**



Next week is the Holland Moor 'make a scarecrow week' starting on Monday. Each class will be making a scarecrow to be displayed outside school next Friday – RED NOSE/COMIC RELIEF day. We are also encouraging as many children and adults as possible to come to school on the same day dressed as a scarecrow or looking generally scruffy and dirty. We are asking for a contribution of 20p as a donation to the Comic Relief Charity. There will be many other Fun events taking place throughout the day.

## Class of the Week. This week it's Class 2M



Class 2M has had an exciting and engaging week, filled with a mix of learning and creativity! They've been tackling division problems in fun ways, exploring both sharing and grouping to find solutions. In art, they used tracing paper to create impressive rubbings of different textures, bringing the world of art and science together. Their history lesson took them on a journey through time, as they explored castles and put them in order from earliest to latest, expanding their knowledge of the past. They also researched wolves using books and iPads, then turned their fascinating findings into amazing facts to share. In PSHE, Class 2M got creative by designing eye-catching posters to highlight the importance of handwashing. PE was a blast as they danced to traditional stories and honed their throwing skills in fun games. It's been a week full of learning, creativity, and teamwork for Class 2M!

## Our Ninja Words of the Week for Week Beginning March 17



Our words are feeble, extend, glance, limit and imitate

We'll be revising the words envious, fortnight, exhale, sceptical and habit

## Reception Year Words of the Week for Week Beginning March 17

### Vocabulary

Linked to our theme	horizon
Linked to our phonics sound	starving
An object /objects	barnacle
An action	bathe
A feeling	exhausted

## Attendance.



Our attendance this week was a reasonable 95.4%

## Sports at Holland Moor



In the Year 3 and Year 4 handball competition, our players had the opportunity to showcase their skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The competition was intense, with each school bringing their best players to the court. The young athletes demonstrated impressive

coordination and strategy, working together to pass, defend, and score goals. Many thanks to everyone who represented the school so well.

## Dates



Monday March 17	Start of the HM Scarecrow Festival
Friday March 21	HM celebrates Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Friday March 21	Clothes collection – all contributions welcome
Friday March 28	Pirate Day for the reception year – RB and RK
Friday April 04	School closes for Easter
Wednesday April 23	School reopens
Thursday May 01	Class photographs
Monday May 05	School closed for the Bank Holiday
Thursday May 15	Year 5 to the Science Festival in Preston
Friday May 23	School closes for half-term
Monday June 02	School reopens
Tuesday June 10	Year 1 and HUB to Skipton Castle
Wednesday June 11	Year 2 to Skipton Castle
Friday July 18	School closes for the Summer Break

## Lunch Menu – March 17 to March 21

Monday March 17	Chicken Burger served with Oven Chips	Gluten Free Chicken Burger served with Oven Chips
	Vegetarian Burger served with Oven Chips	Cheese and Egg Flan served with Oven Chips
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts	Oat and Raisin Cookies
Tuesday March 18	Beef Bolognese served with Spaghetti	Gluten Free and Dairy Free Beef Bolognese served with Spaghetti
	Quorn Tikka Masala served with Steamed Rice	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Chocolate and Vanilla Cookies	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Wednesday March 19	Chicken Roast and Gravy	Gluten Free Chicken Roast and Gravy

	Ravioli in Tomato Sauce	
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Strawberry Mousse	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Thursday March 20	Hot Dog in a Roll served with Curly Fries or Oven Chips	Gluten Free Hot Dog in a Roll served with Curly Fries or Oven Chips
	Vegetarian Chilli and Egg Noodles	
	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps	Vegetables of the Day
	Assorted Flapjacks	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts
Friday March 21	Pork Meatballs served with Pasta	Gluten Free Meatballs served with Pasta
	Vegetarian 'Meatballs' served with Pasta	Vegetarian Lasagne served with Garlic Bread
	Vegetables of the Day	Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Wholemeal Sandwiches and Wraps
	Red Nose Day Desserts	Cheese and Crackers Fresh Fruit Assorted Jellies Assorted Yoghurts

Here's wishing you a great weekend.

MIKE BEALE