



The Hollins School Newsletter

01.03.2024

Today is the first night that we will see the sun set after 6pm at night so we know spring is coming. But with Spring comes the promise of the start of exams for year 10 pupils and GCSEs for year 11s. The vast majority of pupils are working hard on their attitude and attainment and for that we thank you for your support as we cannot help your child achieve without parental input.

Being a parent is particularly difficult (the teenage years can be a rocky road to travel!) and we'd like to invite you to our very first "Living safely in East Lancashire" parental information session on Tuesday 5th March. If your child has a mobile phone then this event is relevant for you. If your child goes out independently in the local area then this event is relevant to you. Experts will be on hand to help you understand the potential issues facing our youngsters, along with support that you can access. All parents are warmly invited, refreshments will be available. Further information is in this newsletter.

With 4 weeks to go until the Easter break we are revving up to ensure that we are continuing to get the best out of your children, but I hope you enjoy reading about what we've been getting up to in the last 2 weeks.

With best wishes,

Mrs. S. Haydock

Headteacher

ENGLISH NEWS - ✨Stars of the Week ✨ February.

for January -

<u>WB: 15.01.24</u> Maddison C - 8I Callum Y - 10I Amy K - 10L Shamas S - 11S Alyia A - 9H Alfie J - 7I Jasmine H - 11O	<u>WB: 22.01.24</u> Liam J - 8I Azaan W Charlie-Mae M Cobi Broad - 11L Darci H - 8N
<u>WB: 29.01.24</u> Frazer P - 10I Afia A - 7N Abi D - 9O Billy R - 10S Jake M - 11N Finlay C - 7O Jayden C - 11L	<u>05.02.24</u> Aliyah K - 8I Kayleigh M - 9O Abigail G - 7O Hannah J - 10H Reyhan K - 7H Hollie M - 7L Safa H - 9I
<u>WB: 19.02.24</u> Haris H - 7S Umme-U H - 10H Laiba H - 11L Alicia S - 11O Leo W - 11T Niall N - 7I Makala R - 11I Alex O - 7N	

MFL NEWS

MFL Stars for January and February

This half term, the MFL Department has been really impressed with the following pupils. Well done and keep up the good work!



For French

7H – Kashaf K., Deakin M. and Jessica E.

7O – Finlay C, Logan D, Lucy B

7S – Sufyan K and Poppie B

8H – Ezra E, Charlie Hi, Robin M

8L – Darcie B, Faizan H, Alisha M

8O – Thomas E, Aoife K, Kara L

9L – Zakariya A, Lucy C, Charlotte E

9O – Edie W, Luke E, Abi D

9S – Olivia F and Zunaira J.

10A1 – Adam H. and Aisha Q.

10A2 – Alana J and Finlay P

11C1 – Emaan K and Laila S

11C2 – Sabiur R

For Spanish



7I – Rebecca H, Abi H and Alex C

7L – Sufyan A, Ethan L and Hibba Q

7N – Sienna G, Ayden M and Zakariya A

8I – Macie T. Lilly C. and Aiden W.

8N – Joe D., Chloe B. and Cameron B.

8S – Laiba M., Noah P. and Jack G.

9H – Abiyya I, Jack B and Lucy H

9I – Chloe N., Fatima Y. and Zarah N.

9N – Maria H., Zayaan A-W. and Sophie D.

10A – Abigail B., Perka S. and Naeem A.

11A – Freya S., Lola M. and Noor K.

Now the question is: Who are going to be our next MFL stars next time? Is it going to be you?

"MATILDA"

"Just Wow!" is what we all said about this year's show, Matilda. It was an extravaganza of singing, dancing and acting leaving the audiences absolutely spellbound and stunned at the professionalism of the performances. We always say that our children are extraordinary, but this was the living proof of this statement. Simply the best school show that has ever been performed at The Hollins. We cannot wait to see what next year brings...











































































































JUST SOME OF THE FANTASTIC REVIEWS FOR OUR MATILDA PERFORMANCE:

"I just wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for inviting our year 6 pupils to see your production of Matilda.

Both the children and staff were amazed by the talent of your pupils! The show was absolutely fantastic!

It was lovely to see how engaged in their roles each child was and was especially lovely to see some of our ex-pupils perform! Your pupils should be extremely proud of themselves. Thank you again for allowing us to come and watch your amazing show!"

"I think it was fantastic and the actors work really well to do all in sync.

My personal favourite was Matilda, I love her confidence and I would definitely recommend it."

"Literally the best show I've ever seen from a school production."

"The best thing I have seen."

"Absolutely loved Matilda last night, fab performances by everyone, well done. Can't wait for next year's school production."

"Truly amazing."

"Bravo to you all!!! Stand tall, stand proud, you are all remarkable. Way to go The Hollins."

"Awesome."

"Better than the touring production."

"I can't believe how good it was."

"What an amazing show. I would be there again tonight but I can't make it. Loved every minute of it!! I am so proud of each and everyone of the cast and crew. What a show."

"What a show! Everyone has worked so hard and that's evident...what a performance, very proud of everyone! Absolutely amazing standard! A must see!"

"Absolutely blown away by the talent absolutely amazing! Watching it again tonight! And I can't wait to re run it all again, well done to each and every one of you! xx." "I'm coming again tonight. I loved it that much."

100 for The Hollins

Staff have been raising funds throughout the month of February, by doing something linked to the number 100.

This has included running/walking 100km, doing 100 sit ups a day, and even eating 100 cakes (although we think Miss Crosland may have been joking about this!).

All funds raised will be split between 3 very worthwhile causes:

*YNOT ASPIRE, a local charity whose work centres around the young people of Hyndburn.

*Young Carers Link, who work hard to ensure that children who spend their time caring for others receive the support they need.

*The Hollins family fund. From time to time, we discover that some of our families may need a helping hand with essential items, and we use money raised by staff for this.

If you are impressed with these efforts and would like to make a donation, please follow the link:

[Click here for link](#)







DANCE COMPETITION WINNERS

Two of our year 9 pupils, Georgia S and Lexie W were trophy winners in a recent Dance competition at Alton Towers. They came 2nd in duos and both came 4th in quads and then 2nd in team U17s intermediate category. Dancers came from across the country and standard was unbelievably a high but The A Team did amazing. Well done girls!





INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Please only fill in if you have not already done so on our school app, Arbor!

Lancashire County Council School Bus Service Survey

Does your child currently use a school bus service contracted by Lancashire County Council?

If so please could you spare a few minutes to undertake a short survey to help the council understand what you may want from the service in the future.

The survey is open from 21st February 2024 and 28th March 2024 and the results will help the county council better understand service user needs and wants.

You can access the survey via the link below:

[Please click for link to survey](#)

Kind regards

School Transport Team

Lancashire County Council

SAFEGUARDING

Dear parent/carer,

Please find attached a letter outlining our first ever safeguarding forum. We are working together with many other agencies to ensure that as parents you have knowledge of how to keep your child(ren) safe as there are many dangers posed to children in the 21st Century. This session is relevant to **ALL** parents as the increased communication via mobile technology poses an ever-growing risk to our children. You will hear about what the specific threats to children's safety are in East Lancashire and what support is available for parents as we try our best to protect our children from harm.

The sessions are taking place here at school on **Tuesday 5th March 2024** from **4pm - 5.30pm** and **6pm - 7.30pm**. Please follow the link to register your attendance and to select your preferred session

[Please click to book.](#)



REMINDER ABOUT HOMEWORK

As we continue to nurture the academic growth and success of our pupils, we want to emphasise the crucial role that homework plays in their educational journey. Homework is not just an extension of classroom learning; it is an essential tool that helps pupils reinforce the concepts they have learned, develop self-discipline, enhance their thinking and memory and foster independent learning skills.

As a parent, could we please encourage you to support your child by:

- Doing learning activities at home – not necessarily helping with homework but keeping to homework routines and offering a hand where needed.
- Taking an interest and supporting learning at home.
- Keeping track of how well your child is doing and encouraging and supporting them to set their goals high enough to reach their full potential.

We understand that balancing homework with other responsibilities can be challenging for pupils, so we've structured our homework system to be clear and supportive. For English, Maths, and Science, homework will be set every Monday and will be due on a Sunday night. This schedule gives pupils a full week to complete their assignments, allowing them to manage their time effectively and seek help if needed.

However, to maintain a high standard of learning and ensure that all pupils keep up, we have implemented a system for those who do not complete their homework. If homework is not submitted by the due date, the pupil will be required to serve a one-hour detention on Tuesdays after school. This system is in place to encourage timely submission and highlight the importance of

regular practice in these core subjects. Any pupil absent or who failed to attend the Tuesday detention will have to stay behind on Fridays after school.

We also recognise that some pupils may need additional support with their homework. To address this, we have arranged for dedicated drop-in sessions:

Science Drop-In: Available any breaktime in room 42, staffed by our science teachers. They are there to help pupils with any part of the science homework they find challenging.

English Support: During their LRC lesson once a week pupils have the opportunity to get started with their English homework. This is a great chance to get guidance and tips from their teachers.

Maths Drop-In: Every Tuesday in rooms 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (maths classrooms) they can join and get help with their maths homework. Pupils should not hesitate to use this opportunity if they find themselves stuck with a problem.

We strongly encourage pupils to take advantage of these opportunities. Not only do they offer academic support, but they also foster a collaborative learning environment where pupils can engage with their peers and teachers outside the regular classroom setting.

Finally, we ask for your support in reinforcing the importance of homework and encouraging your child to utilise the resources available to them. Together, we can ensure that our pupils are well-equipped to achieve their academic goals.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Our Scholastic Book Club is up and running! Please go to the link below

[Please click for link](#)

- Every £1 spent on your order will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards for your school.***



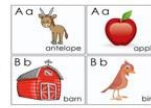
Revision Techniques

It's important for pupils to revise regularly and go back to previous learning in order for the brain to retain the information in the long term. Using revision techniques and then ensuring pupils test themselves are key.

Flashcards

For key information and facts. Your child can carry them around with her/him and test herself/himself anywhere.

Can be used to remind and test your child on; spellings lists, a sequence of simple events.



Read-Cover-Copy-Check

Read the information they want to remember. Cover it up, write out what they remember. Check to see how much they forgot.

Can be used to test your child on; spellings, lists, a sequence of simple events.

Post it notes

All around the house – put keywords in the toilet, bedroom wall, tv etc.

Key word cards

Include definitions on the back. Your child can test himself/herself on the definitions, sort them into scientifically relevant categories, put them into a sequence.



Describe or explain a process/scenario to someone who does not know it or a classmate.

You can ask questions to fill in any gaps your child missed and if they are revising with a classmate it may help them understand the work better.

Your child could be the teacher for you and explain to you what they have learnt.



Mind maps

Start with a central theme and organise the information from it, grouped into subtopics. Label the branches with the relationships.

To summarise a whole topic after revising it in detail. Only put in the key words, everything else should come to mind when you read it.

Online quizzes or revision guide exam questions

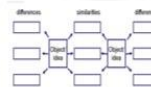
Your child answers the questions, note down their score, revise the topic some more, have another go at the questions later. Did they improve?

Use it to test themselves on; Simple scientific facts and processes



Graphic organisers

Your child decide if they are describing, analysing parts, comparing, analysing cause and effect, predicting or evaluating and display their arguments in a graphic organiser. Your child **uses it to;** looks at topics in more detail.



UNDERSTANDING ANGER

Understanding Anger: Yours & Theirs!



11th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour talk to parents (and teachers), explaining what anger is, why we have it and how to manage it.

Supporting Healthy Sleep

Are you or your children struggling to get a decent night's sleep?



5th March 7-9pm £24

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at FACE giving a two hour online talk on what interferes with healthy sleep and how we can make small changes to reduce insomnia and sleep disturbances.

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?

Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by

Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**

THURSDAY MARCH 7th. 7-9PM £24

Available to book now facefamilyadvice.co.uk



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FACE it!



Available to book now!

Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.

National Standards CPD accredited with certificate

Thursday
21 March

19:00 - 20:00

FREE



FREE SESSION

Understanding Addictive Behaviour - Screens, gaming, drugs and more

Tuesday
19 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



What is ACT?

An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Thursday
28 March

19:00 - 21:00

£24



Supporting a child with ADHD
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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CASTING SEARCH

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A YOUNG MALE FROM THE NORTH OF ENGLAND WITH A PLAYING AGE OF 13 TO PLAY A LEAD ROLE IN A TV DRAMA SERIES SHOOTING FROM MAY 2024

NO PREVIOUS ACTING EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED, BUT PLEASE NOTE WE WILL ALSO BE LOOKING AT PROFESSIONAL ACTORS FOR THIS ROLE.
IF YOU ARE SUCCESSFUL IN GAINING THE ROLE, YOU WILL BE PAID

TO APPLY:

Please email us at northdrama@shaheenbaigcasting.com with the below info:

FULL NAME
THEIR AGE, DOB & WHERE THEY ARE BASED
A RECENT PHOTOGRAPH
A SHORT DOWNLOADABLE VIDEO OF THEM TELLING US A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THEMSELVES

Applicants under 16 must include written or video parental/guardian permission in their email

WE CAN ONLY CONSIDER APPLICATIONS FROM THOSE AGED 13 OR OVER BY START MARCH 2024

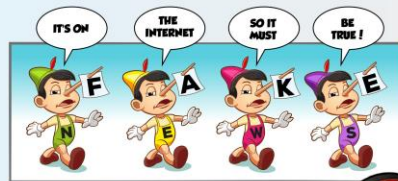
PARENTS / LEGAL GUARDIANS PLEASE GET IN TOUCH IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS WITH YOU

Those represented by agents please use normal channels for submissions

Shaheen Baig Casting have a history of casting people with no prior experience
You can find more details here: www.shaheenbaigcasting.com

We are committed to inclusive, diverse casting. For every role, please submit qualified performers without regard to age, ethnicity, mental or physical disability, race, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression or any other basis protected by law unless otherwise specifically indicated.

A Parent's Guide to Fake News



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



Don't believe everything you see online!

Young people can very easily be dragged into things without parental guidance and support.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Developed in partnership with



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www.skipssafetynet.org



NEW OPPORTUNITY



ARCHIVES COLLECTION VOLUNTEERS

KEEPING EAST LANCASHIRE IN THE PICTURE

Volunteer sessions are held at various times and locations:

Accrington Library:
- Monday & Tuesday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Burnley Library:
- Thursday & Friday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Colne Library:
- Tuesday & Friday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Nelson Library:
- Monday
9.30am-12.30pm / 1pm-4pm

Wednesday
1pm-4pm / 4pm-7pm

Can you help keep East Lancashire in the Picture?

Would you like to learn new skills and find out about your local heritage?

Keeping East Lancashire in the Picture is a new two-year Lancashire Archives and Local History project that will make the wonderful collections of historic photographs in East Lancashire Libraries more accessible.

We need volunteers to digitise old photographs so that people can enjoy them online, and at exhibitions and events. We also need help researching the images. Could you help identify people, places, and events?

If you are interested in this opportunity, contact us for an informal chat at archives@lancashire.gov.uk or on 01772 533039



Working in partnership



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Nelson Library Mon: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm Wed: 1-4pm, 4-7pm	Accrington Library Mon: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm Tues: 9.30am-12.30pm, 1-4pm

- Full training provided
- Ongoing support from project staff
- A friendly and relaxed approach
- A chance to meet new people

Interested?

For more information, including how to sign-up.

Email: archives@lancashire.gov.uk
Tel: 01772 533819



Pupil absences

Please can we remind all parents to ensure they contact school to report any pupil absences as early as possible. Also ensure pupils are on time for school at 8.40am prompt!

Thank you.

Arbor

Please make sure that you are all connected to Arbor. This enables you to keep up-to-date with the progress of your child(ren) in school including behaviour rewards/ sanctions and communications school. You can access Arbor both online or via the app. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school.

Amending Your Child's Contact Information

If you are moving home or you receive a new mobile phone, please would you update us by logging into the 'Arbor Parent App'.

Due to GDPR we require all amendments to students personal data to be completed using the 'Arbor Parent App', no telephone messages will be accepted when changing student personal details. This includes addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.

It is imperative that all contact data for your son/daughter is kept up to date, **accurate email and mobile phone details are essential** as these will be used for communication purposes by the school e.g. on school closure days. We ask for the information for a variety of reasons, including the safeguarding and well-being of your son/daughter.

Thank you for your continued support with keeping your son/daughter's contact information up to date.



Calendar dates

Iceland trip - 7th to 11th March

World Book Day - 7th March

Year 9 parents' evening - 14th March

CHARM awards - 21st March

Year 8 parents' evening - 27th March

School closes - 28th March at 1pm
