



9th February 2024

# Holden Clough Newsletter

## This week in 1DH

### Dates to remember

**09.02.24** -  
School closes for  
Half Term.

**19.02.24** -  
School opens for  
Spring Term 2.

**20.02.24** - In-  
stalment 3 due  
for year 6 trip to  
London.

**22.02.24** - PTA  
Valentines Disco



In 1DH we have been exploring materials as part of our science learning. We have learnt lots of new vocabulary such as flexible, rigid, transparent and opaque. We used the story of 'The Princess and the pea' to help us investigate the materials further. We explored which material would make the best pillow and which material would be best to block the light from her window. Thanks to our brilliant science learning we were able to help the Princess get a good night sleep!

FRIENDS OF HOLDEN CLOUGH  
ARE HOSTING A

# Valentine's Disco

Thursday 22nd Feb

6-7.30

£5 a ticket

TICKET INCLUDES ENTRY TO THE DISCO AND A TREAT BAG FILLED  
WITH GOODIES

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH PARENT PAY ON FRIDAY  
9TH FEBRUARY.

THERE ARE 150 SPACES SO IT IS FIRST COME FIRST SERVED.

IT IS FOR RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 CHILDREN.

1 PARENT OF RECEPTION AND KS1 CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO  
STAY.



# After School Clubs - Spring Term 2

Please find below, the list of the new after school clubs that will be running when we return after the February Half Term Holiday for Spring Term 2.

**The clubs start the week commencing Monday 19th February** and will run for 6 weeks with the last session being in the week commencing 25th March.

Clubs will be on ParentPay after 3.30pm on Monday 5th February.

All of the clubs finish at 4.10pm and are £15.00 for the 6 weeks with the exception of the Performing Arts Club which is £18.00.

**Booking is by ParentPay only. Please provide the following information in the NOTES SECTION on ParentPay:**

- *emergency contact details*
- *whether your child will be collected, going to school buddies or walking home (walking home - years 5 & 6 only)*

Due to the reduced available space in school at the moment and the unpredictable weather conditions, after school clubs will be limited to the selection below:

## Monday

- Football with Curzon Ashton – Years 5 & 6
- Performing Arts - Year 4, 5 & 6 - **Full**

## Tuesday

- Lego - Years 2, 3, 4 & 5 - **Full**

## Wednesday

- Craft Club - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 - **Full**

## Thursday

- Football with Curzon Ashton – Years 3 & 4
- ICT – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6



## Ashton girl's festive fundraising in memory of her nan

**An enthusiastic girl made Christmas tree decorations to raise a fantastic amount for Willow Wood Hospice, which supported her nan.**

Ava Knott crafted her own Gonks, which she sold at the Christmas Market and one of the Garden of Lights celebration evenings at the Hospice with her mum Cheryl.

The 10-year-old from Ashton-under-Lyne made around 85 in total – some of them even travelled as far as France!

The Holden Clough Primary School pupil raised £201.60, which will make a difference to patients with any life-limiting illness from Tameside and Glossop in Willow Wood's care.

Ava's mum Cheryl said: "We also sold them to family and friends, and even friends of friends as other people heard about what she was doing and wanted to support her. We've done so many orders!

"We suggested a donation of £2 for one, but some people donated as much as £6."

Helping the Hospice based in Ashton-under-Lyne is important to Ava's family, and making the Gonks was a creative way for Ava to show her own support.

Cheryl explained: "We lost my mum, Ava's nan Lynn Elizabeth Knott, in October 2022 so Ava knows how much this has meant to us as a family. The Hospice supported us when we needed it.

"It started off when my sister, Ava's auntie Michaela, came around one day and, as the weather was bad outside, she suggested making some Gonks.

"We got some wool out and then she said all we needed was a toilet roll holder. That's how they started to make them.

"Ava then carried on making them and then she asked me if we could sell them as we had been saying how good they were. She then came up with the idea of giving the money she raised to Willow Wood.

"I put a Facebook post on with a picture of three of the Gonks, saying that Ava was thinking about selling these to raise money for Willow Wood in memory of her nan and before we knew it, orders were coming in. Every day, people were messaging asking for a particular colour.

"She made a variety of colours and I helped her out with the gluing part but she's done it mainly on her own, in her own time after school and at weekends. She's been very enthusiastic about it."

Selling the festive-themed Gonks has encouraged Ava to think about more fundraising ideas for the Hospice.

Cheryl said: "We've got Valentine's Day and Mother's Day coming up and she's been thinking about what she can do for those, so she'll be busy over the next few weeks!"

Ava is grateful for all of the support she has received so far.

The youngster told us: "I want to thank my mum and my auntie Michaela for helping me and giving me the idea. My grandad Allan has also been very supportive."

If you would like to join Ava in helping to raise funds for Willow Wood Hospice in any way, you can contact our Fundraising Team by emailing [fundraising@willowwood.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@willowwood.org.uk) or call 0161 330 7788.



## Mr Kordemir's VIP's

The following children have been chosen this week to have lunch with Mr Kordemir for displaying exemplary behaviour during breaks and lunchtimes, following the school rules, and for being kind and helpful to others:

Aayra 1DH  
 Emilia 1/2GE  
 Hanna 2SP  
 Rowan 3DL  
 Emelia 3LD  
 Adam 4GG  
 Isaac 4ST  
 Mckenzie 5CH  
 Ariz 5NH  
 Grace 6AH  
 Kornel 6JH



## New School Meals Menu

Thank you to everyone that has returned their child's dinner sheet for the new menu. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

If you haven't returned the sheet, we will assumed that your child will be bringing a packed lunch from home when we return after half term.

# Reporting Absence

If your child is absent from school please ensure you report their absence to the school office as soon as possible on the **first day and each day thereafter detailing the reason for their absence.**

There is a facility to report pupil absence via our switchboard 0161 330 5248.

Alternatively, you can send an email to

[attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@holdenclough.tameside.sch.uk).

**Please do not use Class Dojo to report an absence.**

Any unreported absences will be recorded as UNAUTHORISED until an acceptable reason for the absence is provided. We are only able to authorise 3 days leave due to illness without medical evidence.



## Attendance

Please see below the winners for week commencing 29th January 2024

1st - 1/2GE 100%

2nd - 6JH 98.33%

3rd - 6AH 98.00%



We hope you all have a restful half term  
break & we will see you all on

**Monday 19th February**

