

Important Diary Dates

September

3rd September— School re-opens for the Autumn Term

18th September—PTA meeting

26th September— European Day of Languages

October

1st October—Black History Month

10th— World Mental Health Day

11th October—PTA Disco

18th October—End of half term

Wow, what a term it's been! Since starting at Northenden Community School in April, I've been overwhelmed by the incredible welcome from everyone. From the friendly smiles at the school gate to the supportive messages from parents, it's clear this is a special community. Thank you all for making me feel right at home. I am committed to making NCS a place where every child feels that school is unmissable. We're determined to continue to build a culture rooted in trust and mutual support, where children, families and staff alike can thrive.

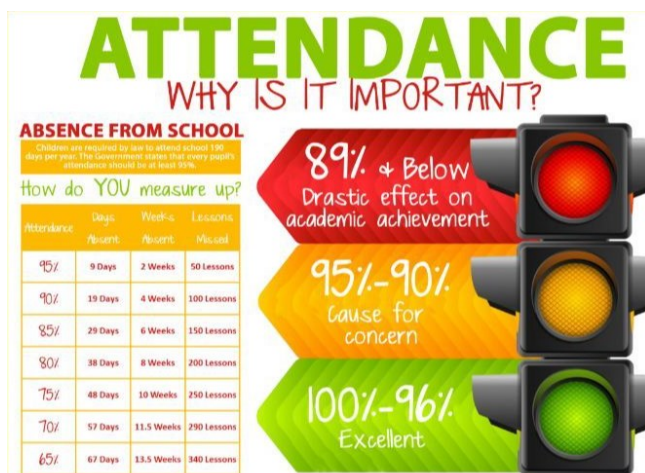
Wednesday this week really encapsulated the potential and vision I have for our children at Northenden. During the day the children enjoyed cricket taster sessions from a professional (female) cricketer and in the afternoon we had the amazing music celebration assembly. I was truly blown away by some of the incredible musical talent we have here at NCS. It was so uplifting to see the children's dedication pay off with some beautiful performances. Wednesday really was a perfect blend of some of the opportunities we owe our children in the years to come.

Another big, and emotional, highlight this term was our fantastic Year 6 Leaver's Assembly. It was a bittersweet moment, celebrating the achievements and growth of our oldest students while knowing they're moving on to new adventures. The assembly was filled with laughter, stories, and a few tears and really demonstrated what a truly special group of young people they are. We are so proud of our Year 6 pupils and all they've accomplished. As they head off to secondary school, we wish them every success and happiness. We know they'll carry the Northenden spirit of community and togetherness with them wherever they go.


Thank you again for your warm welcome and ongoing support. It's been an incredible start, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for us all. Enjoy the summer break, and I look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for another amazing term in September!

Mr Marks and the NCS team.

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Updates from the Office....

- Please inform the school office when your child is absent . 
- Just so you are aware. If your child accrues 5 unauthorised absences then statutory action (a Penalty Notice) may be taken. Please do not book family holidays during term time.
- Please remember to order your child's lunch on School Hub.
- Please provide appointment letters/emails/texts when your child has an appointment during school time

Letters sent this week.....

All reports have been sent this week

Music Letter

After school sports clubs letter

Safeguarding

Designated Safeguarding Leaders in school take lead responsibility for safeguarding and child protection. They act as the point of contact for safeguarding partners and act as source of support, advice and expertise for staff.

The **Designated Safeguarding Leaders** (DSLs) at Northenden Community School are:

Peter Marks (head@northenden.manchester.sch.uk)

Andrea Gray (a.gray@northenden.manchester.sch.uk)

Sports Day

We finally did it– the weather gods were kind and we enjoyed our Key Stage One and Two Sports Day on Monday. All the children had a fantastic time and did brilliantly! Congratulations to Pine the winners in KS1 and Sycamore who won the KS2 events overall. A big thank to Mr Mallinson for organizing the events.



Manchester– A Child Friendly City

This year on National Play Day (Wednesday 7th August) as a city we will celebrate Children's Right to Play (Article 31) bigger and better than ever before. There will be over 100 different events and activities taking place across the city, at Parks, Libraries, Galleries, Museums, in Neighbourhoods and at holiday playschemes.

National play day is a celebration of children's right to play and the vital benefits of play on Children's health, happiness and creativity.

More information can be found on:

<https://loadstodo.co.uk/guides/play-day/>

In the classroom this week.....

This week Nursery have enjoyed reading aloud the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' using actions to bring the story alive. They then took the story into continuous provision using small world figures, materials and pictures to enact the story themselves. In Mathematics we have been making repeating patterns on sandcastles using coloured 2D shapes. Thank you for a lovely year Nursery and good luck in Reception.

Reception had a magnificent week exploring the dressing up boxes, inventing characters and creating stories with our friends. We also had our first game of football on the field and the children showed great skill and team spirit!

Year 1 had an amazing time on sports day and enjoyed cheering on their friends and house groups! Thank you, Year 1, for not only an amazing last week but an incredible year - Well done for all your hard work!

Year 2 had a fantastic time at sports day! All the children tried their best and did an excellent job. I was really proud of their fantastic team spirit. We also said a final goodbye to our butterfly friends and set them free. We have also been writing recounts this week of our school trip to Quarry Bank Mill. The children have showed fantastic recall of the historic facts we learnt and should be very proud!

In year 3, we had a fantastic day at sports day and showed great team work! In English we wrote our own performance poems called 'No word of a lie' and then we performed them in front of the class. In science, we completed our work on plants and in maths we learnt about polygons. We were also treated to a fantastic performance from some of our musicians who have made great progress with their instrument!

Year 4 we have been working on the classic Wind In Willows during reading lessons, and the children really enjoyed the story. We've also had a very active week, with the long awaited sports day taking place! We also had the chance to play cricket with Lancashire cricket club. It was brilliant to see so many children trying the sport for the first time. Finally, I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank the children for all their hard work this year! They have been a pleasure to work with and I can't wait for Year 5.

Year 5 enjoyed playing cricket with the cricket coach this week - we have some superb fielders in Year 5! We also learnt about the changes that our bodies go through as we grow, and how to keep ourselves clean and healthy. Have a great summer break Year 5

Year 6 have had a busy week with rehearsals, an awesome party and lots of fun in class. On Thursday we performed our leavers assembly for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and today we have performed it for Key Stage 2 and our parents. The singing, dancing and acting were fantastic! We have had a brilliant year together and Mrs Boardman, Mr Arkell and I are so proud of each and every one of you. Thank you for working so hard, for all the laughs and for the memories. Now go and do great things with your life...but make sure you come back and say hello if you are passing!

MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

Mondays 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Starting in September
Contact the School office to book!

MARTIAL ARTS CLUB

Tuesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm

Starting in September
Contact the School office to book!

STREET DANCE CLUB

Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm

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Contact the School office to book!

GYMNASTICS CLUB

Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm

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