

Important Diary Dates

September

3rd September– School re-opens for the Autumn Term
 16th– Year 2 Meet the Teacher
 17th–Year 4 Meet the Teacher
 18th–Year 3 Meet the Teacher
 18th September—PTA meeting
 20th September– Reception Meet the Teacher
 23rd September—Year 5 Meet the Teacher
 24th September– Year 6 Meet the Teacher
 26th September– European Day of Languages
 26th September– Year 1 Meet the Teacher
 27th September– Nursery Meet the Teacher
 27th September– Macmillan Coffee Morning

October

1st October—Black History Month
 3rd October– National Poetry Day
 8th October– Maths Parents' Workshop
 10th– World Mental Health Day
 11th October—PTA Disco
 18th October– Diwali celebrations
 18th October—End of half term

I hope this newsletter finds you all well and refreshed after what I trust was a restful summer break. It's been a fantastic first week back here at Northenden Community School, and we're delighted to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm and energy. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined us this year – we look forward to getting to know you and working together for a great school year ahead.

This term, we're also thrilled to be working closely with some fantastic external partners to support our continued development. We've recently teamed up with the National Institute of Teaching (NIOT) to help them deliver training and support the next generation of teaching staff. I believe that developing new teachers is every school and Headteachers duty and we are delighted to welcome two apprentice teachers to our school (one of which you already know) to help support our children. This morning I met with a wonderful Literacy consultant who will be helping us to refine our teaching strategies and ensure that we're providing the very best writing education for all of our pupils. Their expertise will be invaluable in further strengthening our reading, writing, and overall teaching approaches across the school.

Keep an eye out over the next few weeks as work begins on an exciting development in our school playground. The aim is to create an even more stimulating and enjoyable space for our children to play, learn, and interact with one another. We'll share more details soon, but we can't wait to see our pupils enjoying the new equipment .

As you can see from the dates section we are beginning to build an enriching calendar of events for the children. By the end of September we will write to you with each classes trips and enrichment experiences through the year, this will include a list of class assemblies.

Finally, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all of you for your ongoing support. It's been wonderful to see how smoothly the first week has gone, and I'm confident that this year will be a successful and enjoyable one for everyone involved. As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or suggestions.


Mr Marks

Meet the Teacher

From the week beginning 16th September we will be holding 'Meet the teacher' sessions for each class. This will be an opportunity for you to come into the classroom and meet your child's teacher who will share important information about the year ahead. The sessions are different days for each class to cater for parents with siblings. Please come into the classroom at 3.05pm. We will release further information next week:

Class	Date
Nursery	Friday 27th September
Reception	Friday 20th September
Year 1	Thursday 26th September
Year 2	Monday 16th September
Year 3	Wednesday 18th September
Year 4	Tuesday 17th September
Year 5	Monday 23rd September
Year 6	Tuesday 24th September

Updates from the Office....

- Please inform the school office when your child is absent .
- 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
- Look out for information regarding our new after school sports clubs next week from the school office

Letters sent this week:

- ⇒ **Updates from Mr Marks**
- ⇒ **Club letters to those attending**

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:

Attendance

Why regular attendance matters. Consistent school attendance allows your child to:

- Fully engage in learning and make academic progress
- Develop critical social skills by interacting with their friends and teachers
- Grow in confidence in a supportive and nurturing school environment
- Build a sense of routine and responsibility, essential for future success

In the classroom this week.....

Reception: What a fantastic first week it's been for our Reception class! The children have settled in beautifully, and we couldn't be prouder of how well they've adapted to their new routine. From big smiles to lots of play, it's been a week of exciting firsts and happy learning. Also, a huge welcome to our new children in Early Years. It has been lovely seeing you making new friends and can't wait to see your children continue to grow and learn in the coming weeks.

Year 1 have had an amazing week and settled into the new routines really well! This week in maths we have explored numbers to 10 and represented them using pictures, numerals, objects. In writing, we have enjoyed looking at the book 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and have written about what we enjoy and what we would like to get better at this year. We have also had fun exploring the pulse in music, drawing and collaboratively creating a class charter. Well done, Year 1, I am so impressed with how you have embraced the start of the new year and I'm excited for the year ahead!

Year 2 are settling in nicely and I have been so impressed with the excellent start all pupils have made this week. We have been busy in maths learning about place value of 10s and 1s, in writing recapping the buildings blocks of a good sentence, and finding the 4 countries of the United Kingdom in geography. We have also been thinking about and discussing what we want our classroom to be like this year. Using the UN convention on the rights of the child we have written our own class charter to set out the expectations for children and adults in our classroom. The children engaged brilliantly with our work on child rights and took part in some supportive and thoughtful discussions. Well done Year 2!

Year 3 have had a great start to the year. It has been a busy week and we have got used to lots of new routines! In English we have been looking at the book 'Tuesday' by David Weisner and using evidence to predict what the story might be about. In Maths we have been partitioning two digit numbers and in Geography we have been learning about the four layers that make up the Earth. In PSHE, we looked at the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child to write our own class charter. All the children had input into what they wanted our classroom to be like and how we should behave towards each other.

Year 4 have all made a super start to the school year. It's great to see such enthusiasm. We have had a busy week looking at place value and beginning our expedition to the Amazon and researching rainforests and biomes! We still have a long way to go on our journey! We have looked back at the highlights of the summer holidays and looked forward to how we would like our class charter to work and how we would like to be treated by others and also how we will treat others with respect, kindness, tolerance and support. We are also loving our class reader – we didn't know dragons were allowed into school to help teach!

Year 5 have made a brilliant start to the new academic year. I'm amazed by how much some of them have grown over the summer break, and impressed by some new haircuts! This week the class worked collaboratively on a class charter, and it was lovely to hear them share their ideas for what school life should be like. We have also been learning about the Alps this week, and have been exploring retrofuturism in Art by looking at 1950s and 60s visions of what the future might have been like.

Year 6 have all made a fantastic start to the school year. It is great to teach the class again and to see how much they have matured and progressed. We have had a busy week - working with numbers up to 10,000,000 in Maths, researching animals in preparation for writing a non-chronological report in English and learning about the world's changing population in Geography. Most importantly, we worked together to create a Class Charter using the UN Convention on Rights of a Child. This gave all children the chance to have an input as to what they wanted our classroom to be like and what we should expect of each other.

After School Sports Clubs



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
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STREET DANCE CLUB
Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm
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GYMNASTICS CLUB
Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm
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