

Important Diary Dates

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

28th October— Year 3 Stone Age Day
4th November— Year 6 Lowry Artist in school
6th November— Parent's Evening
7th November— Parent's Evening
7th November— Lancashire Cricket club in school
8th November— Year 5 Jodrell Bank
11th November— Remembrance
11th November— Anti-Bullying Week
14th November— Lancashire Cricket Club in school
15th November— Children in Need
19th November— Parent Reading and Phonics Workshop
22nd November— INSET Day
29th November— PTA Quiz

I hope this newsletter finds you well at the end of a very busy week at Northenden Community School.

First, I wanted to take a moment to share some insights from our recent Quality Assurance visit from the Local Authority. The feedback was generally very positive, it primarily served to validate and support our self-evaluation of both our strengths and areas for development. It's reassuring to know we're on the right track, and I truly appreciate your ongoing support as we strive for excellence in our school.

As we move forward this year, we will be placing a strong emphasis on the science of learning in our lessons: a focus of teacher professional development this year. By gaining a deeper understanding of how children learn best, we can refine our teaching methods to enhance engagement and deepen their understanding of the subjects we cover. The main element is knowledge retrieval and how we use this prior learning to build and cement new learning. Our teachers are eager to implement these new strategies in their classrooms, and I am excited to see the positive impact this will have on our children's learning experiences. Together, we can create an environment that fosters curiosity and a love for learning. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education.

In addition to our focus on continuous improvement, I'm thrilled to report that last Friday's cake sale for Macmillan was a resounding success! Thanks to the generosity of our families, we raised an impressive £271. This wonderful contribution will help provide vital services for those affected by cancer. It was heartwarming to see our community come together for such an important cause, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the staff who baked, bought, and supported this event.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Mr Marks

PTA Disco

A reminder that the PTA Disco is
Friday 11th October.

5.20pm: Reception children only to arrive

5.30-6.30pm: Reception and Key Stage One Disco

6.45pm-8.00pm: Key Stage Two Disco

Please see Parent Pay for tickets and volunteering options.



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
- Please send an email to the school admin address if you haven't already if your year 5 or year 6 child is allowed to



Letters out this week:

- Year 1 Letter to parents
- Harvest Letter
- Attendance Policy Summary
- Homework letter

Bazley Road



To ensure the safety of all our children, please refrain from dropping off children outside the school gates on Bazley Road. This area can become congested, increasing the risk for our young ones. Additionally, we kindly ask that you avoid driving down Bazley Road during pick up and drop offs to minimise the number of cars using the road.

Your cooperation is vital in helping us maintain a safe environment for our children. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Asda Cashpot

Asda has introduced a new scheme to support schools. The Asda Rewards Cashpot for Schools, gives chosen schools £1 for each customer that selects them, plus 0.5% of their total spend until the end of November 2024.

So if you shop at Asda and have Asda Rewards it's really easy to select Northenden Community Primary School on the app.

Attendance

This weeks' attendance:

94.2%

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery has settled into the school routine exceptionally well! The children have been busy making new friends and learning each other's names. They've also been practicing their fine motor skills by spreading butter on toast and enjoying wonderful stories like 'The Gruffalo's Child' and 'We're All Going on a Bear Hunt'!

Reception have been busy this week learning all about Autumn. We went for a nature walk to look at the trees and fallen leaves. We saw squirrels collecting nuts and found some beautiful red leaves. The children also had a go at reading 'My Little Book of Autumn', following the words with their 'reading finger' and sounding out words. Everyone in reception agreed that the most exciting thing about Autumn is fireworks, bobble hats and finding conkers.

Year 2 have started work on a new book in writing. We are reading a re-telling of Hansel and Gretel from the witch's perspective. The children have enjoyed thinking about the characterisation of the witch and have started to plan their own version of the story reinventing the ending!

Year 3 have really enjoyed writing their explanation texts about their own machine this week. Lots of the machines were very intricate and involved sweets and chocolates! In art, we have been learning about a technique called 'frottage' which involved taking a rubbing from a textured surface and then using the rubbings to create a picture. We created some very detailed art pieces of flowers. In geography we have been looking at the effects of a volcanic eruption and the positive and negatives of living near a volcano.

Year 4 have had a super week writing their own diaries as if they had been in a rainforest. Lots of powerful verbs and time connectives were used as well as their own fantastic imagination. In Maths, we have started to look at addition and subtraction and reminded ourselves about setting out our work using correct place value. We have also been finding out about the importance of teamwork in PE and Computing this week and how by collaborating together we can produce great results. We are still enjoying our swimming lessons too and lots of children have earned their 25 metres badge. Well done, Year 4!

Year 5 have had a fantastic time celebrating National Poetry Day. The children came up with some wonderfully creative poems about strange creatures, nature and school life. It was brilliant to see them so enthusiastic about writing and poetry. We have also started to explore the classic novel War Of The Worlds and then children really enjoyed creating images of the invading aliens based on H.G Wells' vivid descriptions. In PE this week we started saw some advanced tactics in play during our games of 'endball', and the children clearly enjoyed playing some fast paced and competitive games.

Year 6 have had another great week. In English we read a thought-provoking book called Zoo. We spent time discussing the book and next week we are going to use it to write a discursive text based on the question "Should animals be kept in captivity?" In Music this week, we looked at different pieces of Art and decided what type of music would go perfectly with them and in PSHE we talked about the word responsibility and what different responsibilities we would have as we got older.

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
Contact the School office to book!

STREET DANCE CLUB
Wednesdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Starting in September
Contact the School office to book!

GYMNASTICS CLUB
Thursdays 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Starting in September
Contact the School office to book!