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Northenden Community School

Determination Ambition Equality

NEW BEGINNINGS

FEEL ALL YOUR EMOTIONS



Welcome to the new academic year! September is about new beginnings and fresh starts and as everyone gets to know their new teachers, it's an important time to make connections and set new goals. To begin the new year, everyone across the school will be involved in a whole school project based on the themes from 'Inside Out'. The aim of the project is to create a positive, purposeful start that helps all children feel understood and supported-while also embedding key learning behaviours, emotional literacy, and regulation strategies. We will showcase the work from this project on Friday 19th September.

MEET THE TEACHER

After school on Wednesday, you are invited to come and meet your child's class teacher. This is an informal drop in, to forge stronger relationships between home and school. There are no timings, so families with siblings are free to go from one class to another. This is an opportunity to meet the teacher and ask any questions. Key information about the year ahead will be emailed to you by the end of September and supportive curriculum subject events will be held throughout the year.

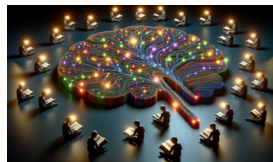
READING

Why bother?

- Reading enhances brain functions, reduces the risk of memory decline, and boosts intelligence, making it a crucial activity for mental health and ageing.
- Engaging with books fosters emotional intelligence, empathy, and communication skills, which are essential for personal and professional development.
- Regular reading can improve mental health by reducing stress,

enhancing sleep quality, and even increasing lifespan through its calming effects.

- There is a strong link between a child's reading ability and their academic performance at GSCE. Therefore, we urge everyone, no matter what your child's reading ability, to invest time creating positive reading habits with their child this year.



Read to them, read with them, read to friends and family, it really doesn't matter. But what will make a huge difference to the rest of their lives is prioritising your time to support your child learn to read to give them the best chance in life. Just squeezing in a few minutes a day: in the car before school, when you first get home, after dinner or before bedtime is all it takes to start to build positive reading habits that will benefit your child for the rest of their lives.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



'Languages open hearts and minds' To celebrate the various languages spoken in our school, we would

like to invite our families who speak another language to share their expertise. Parents and carers are invited to come and read a story in their first language and/or talk about their cultural traditions. Children are invited to teach their class how to say a simple phrase. If you are interested, please speak with your child's class teacher.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

'This year's theme is 'Standing firm in Power and Pride'. In October, we will be learning the many ways we can be an ally to students from black, South Asian and mixed heritage backgrounds through the exploration of black history, heritage, culture and achievements.

This will culminate in a whole school exhibition, which will be displayed in the hall during our parent consultation evenings after the half term holiday.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- Wednesday 10th Sept** - Meet the teacher 3.20pm in classrooms
- Friday 19th Sept** - 'Feel all your emotions' project showcase
- Friday 26th Sept** - European Day of Languages
- October** - Black History Month
- Friday 10th October** - World Mental Health Day
- Wednesday 15th October** - Individual & Sibling photographs
- Thursday 23rd October** - School Closes for the Half Term Holiday
- Friday 24th October** - School Closed - INSET day
- Monday 3rd November** - School opens for Autumn 2



All key dates for the whole school and each class can be found on our [Website Calendar](#) and on the [reachmoreparents](#) app calendar.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On 10th October the whole school will be talking about mental health to show everyone that mental health matters. Talking about our mental health can help us cope better with life's ups and downs. We will be holding a tea and chat coffee morning for our families and the children will be given time to 'chat & snack' in school. For useful resources follow this [Link](#)



PLEA FOR RESOURCES!

It is essential children still have the opportunity to investigate and explore beyond Early Years, therefore we are developing these opportunities in Key Stage 1, preferably without the £££££ price tag! Therefore, we would be extremely grateful for even the smallest of donations of any of the resources shown below to make this possible.



ATTENDANCE

This year, our whole school is committed to making our school attendance the best yet. Please remember schools are only allowed to authorise an absence for exceptional circumstances.

If you need support with your child's attendance, or have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher. They have a wealth of resources to support your family and want to help in what ever way they can.



CONNECT ALLIANCE TRUST

On the 1st of September, Northenden Community School officially became part of the newly formed Connect Alliance Trust.

We are excited to be part of this strong family of schools, which include Barlow Hall Primary School, Beaver Road Primary School, Brookburn Community School, Cavendish Community Primary School.

We are looking forward to working together and providing the best education possible for your children.

