



Northenden News

The weekly newsletter for Northenden Community School

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Issue 5



Important Diary Dates

May

15th May— New Parents Meeting (Nursery and Reception)

23rd May— Parrs Wood High staff in to see Year 6

24th May—School closes for Half term

June

3rd June—Inset Day

4th June—School Re-Opens for children

18th June—Photographs

(Sports Day dates to be added soon)

July

12th July— Pupil Reports to Parents

19th July— Year 6 Leavers' Assembly—School closes for the Summer holidays!

Weekly Attendance

School aim 96% or above

92.5%

Wow, what another busy week that was! This week a focus has been the Year 6 SATs. I have spent each morning in Year 6 administering the assessments. I have to say again how incredibly proud we are of all the children— I have also really enjoyed getting to know them! They all worked so hard and were so focussed all week. Their attitude has been exemplary. They definitely deserved their Dominoes (other pizza establishments are available) treat this afternoon!

Please read the message from the PTA at the bottom of the page. If you have the time I am sure the PTA would value any support you can give. The PTA is a voluntary organisation and won't be able to run in the future without new members. As I have said previously , funding in schools is challenging, so extra streams of capital such as those from the PTA are invaluable for school improvement projects.

I have been working on the school vision and values this week. It has been really fulfilling putting together all the wishes and suggestions from our stakeholder meeting a couple of weeks ago. The purpose of the values and guiding principles taken from this meeting is to galvanise everyone working towards a common purpose. We are still in an early stage of setting the school strategy and School Development Plan but I am now in a position to share our initial work on our values and guiding principles. The values emerging are **determination, ambition and equality**. These values are something we will implement consistently with the children throughout the weeks to come. The following 'guiding principles' will be the backbone and driving force in delivering the best possible outcomes for all children. These are: **Solid Foundations, Identify Challenge and Inequality, Community and a Culture of Safety**.

I will share the strategy and school development plan with you as soon as it has been completed with the school governors.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Marks

A message from the PTA

We are letting you know that the date of the next PTA AGM will be **Wednesday 12th June from 6.30pm** at school. There will be refreshments available and it would be great to see as many parents there as possible. The AGM is where we review the past year, committee members stand down and new members are elected and importantly we talk about the events and activities in the new academic year and how to spend the PTA funds. At this AGM we know that there are a number of committee members who will be standing down. We can't run a PTA unless these roles are filled and so if you're interested in taking on a role, please do come along. If you want to contact the PTA before the AGM to find out more about the roles available then please do drop us an email friends@northenden.manchester.sch.uk.

Updates from the Office....

- Please inform the school office when your child is absent . When no contact or no reason for absence is given, this will be marked as unauthorised
- 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.

The Before and After School Club

Please be advised that the club are now based in the old Early Years building. Please can parents pick up and drop off again from the white side door. Thank you for your understanding and support over the past few weeks.

In need of school uniform....

Join Northenden School Uniform Recycle Facebook Group.

Up to 1.4 million school uniforms, many of which could be reused, are thrown away every year.

Help items of uniform find their next owner. You can donate, request or sell items of uniform.

Non-Uniform Day for Cedar!

For winning last half term’s House Point Competition– all members of **Cedar** are welcome to come in non-school uniform on Friday 24th May. Please remember shoes/trainers need to be sensible and safe!

PUPIL PREMIUM GRANT



ACTION REQUIRED FOR ALL FAMILIES!

PLEASE HELP US TO ENSURE THAT THE CHILDREN OF NORTHENDEN RECEIVE THE FUNDING THEY ARE ENTITLED TO.

We would like every family to check eligibility regardless of income, by going to this website and entering a few simple details:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk>



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery have really enjoyed exploring their new classroom and have settled in very well. There have been some very excited faces!”

Reception have been having a great time being pirates in our PE lessons. We've learnt to climb the rig, walk the plank and even scrub the decks.

Year 1 have been working really hard in Phonics - they have been amazing recapping and revising our sounds and spotting them in words! We have also been looking at flight and, in particular, looking at popular travel destinations from Manchester Airport. Year 1 have been brilliant at reading maps and exploring how long it would fly to different places in the world.

Year 2 have had a great time conducting an investigation in science. This term we've been looking at humans and other animals, including what humans and other animals need to survive. Our investigation focused on the effect of exercise on heart rate. We discussed our predictions, what we've noticed happens to our body when we exercise, and how that connects to our investigation. After that we completed different exercises and recorded our heart rate after each one. Next week we will combine our hard work in science with maths to create block diagrams to show our results!

Year 3 we were finally able to make the most of the good weather and venture outside to develop our footwork and balancing skills in PE. We did min-squats (on one leg!) and even held some of our balances for nearly two minutes! We then played some games from our new PE scheme to show off our increasing agility and control whilst working with a partner. In Music, all of us enjoyed playing a glockenspiel to good effect accompanying a disco song - Watch out Euro-vision!

Year 4 have been on an exciting journey through all different kinds of poetry as we prepare to create our final pieces for the Young Writers UK competition. The level of creativity has been amazing and the children can't wait to send off their entries. We have also been exploring pagodas in D&T, and over the next week we will be designing and building our old scale model pagodas. Finally, it was great to see how much progress the children have made in swimming this week. Well done everyone!

Year 5 have been busy writing their scripts for our class assembly after the half term break. We are really excited to share our learning with our parents and the rest of the school. In maths this week, we have started a new unit on decimals - we have been adding and subtraction decimals less than, and greater than one using different strategies. Our French lessons this half term, we have been learning how to describe the clothing that we wear for different occasions or weather.

Year 6 have completed their end of Key Stage Assessments - SATs - this week. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of each and every one of them. Today, we celebrated by having a fun day of games, music and pizza.

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
Year 1 & 2	Wednesday	Multisport
Year 3 & 4	Thursday	Multisport
Year 5 & 6	Friday	Multisport