



Northenden News

The weekly newsletter for Northenden Community School

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Issue 6



Important Diary Dates

May

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

94.3%

Well, where has the time gone?! I can't believe that I have been at Northenden for half a term already. I have reflected a lot on the past six weeks and all I can say is it seems that I have been here a lot longer than just one half term. That's because you have all made me feel so welcome into the Northenden Community and I thank you for that. Already, there have been lots of achievements: we have moved and integrated Nursery and Reception over into the main building; started a review of each curriculum subject, began training on a new phonics scheme (more information to come) and invested in a new approach to whole class reading comprehension. That's not to mention all the existing good practice; the effort and commitment the Year 6s demonstrated in SATs week, the wonderful Reception Class Assembly and our budding Year 3 climbers!

You will also hopefully have noticed that we have removed the condemned playground equipment, as well as the ever-growing buddleias from the school roof, and also installed a new sign in system. These changes are just the start of our exciting journey and I can't wait to see what next half term holds! With that said, please read the back of the newsletter which includes information about a parental survey consulting on the future of the school. Your views and feedback are very important to all of us in school, which leads me on to thank those parents who attended the RSE consultation this week. The feedback was very useful in redrafting policy, and considering how we share information around what the children learn with parents. When the new guidance has completed the consultation period and governors have approved any policy change then we will be in a position to provide further updates.

I hope you all have a lovely, restful half term break and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 4th June.

Mr Marks

Sports Days!

We would like to welcome you to our 2024 Sports Days. Weather permitting (!) these will be on:

Thursday 13th June: 9.30am– 11.30am Nursery and Reception

Friday 14th June : 9.30am-11.30am : Key Stage One

Friday 14th June: 1.00pm– 3.00pm Key Stage Two



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.
- Year 5 - Please visit Parent Pay and give permission for your child to attend the trip to Tatton Park for the Victorian Experience Day by 08/05/2024

Letters sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- Year 1 Trip to Manchester Airport
- Term Dates for 2024/2025
- Year 5 Assembly reminder

Parent Survey

As I have said previously, you as parents have a key role in any change or developments we want as a school. We really value your opinions and it is through continued feedback that we can review and respond with school policy, procedures and future development. With that in mind, please take 10 minutes this half term to complete the parental linked below. Your responses will be confidential and will help us build a strategy for the future.

Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/CzY1KZczWkz8i8xZ7>



Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks. Tell your child what they should do if something goes wrong while using it. This could be to turn off the screen and tell an adult.



Think about the location of the games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know; and encouraging them to come to you with any worries.



Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the games console itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

E-Safety tips for parents
Games Consoles

Tennis Camps this half term

5-8 yrs **INDOOR**
MINI TENNIS CAMPS
Tues 28th May — Fri 31st May
Email reception@thenorthern.co.uk to book your place

9-16 yrs **NEW FOR 2024!**
JUNIOR RACKETS CAMPS
Tues 28th May - Fri 31st May
Email reception@thenorthern.co.uk to book your place

- Early drop off at request
- Indoor court availability

In the classroom this week.....

Reception children have done a great job making books about 'Our World'. We have been learning about children all around the world. The languages they speak, the food they eat and all the festivals we celebrate

Year 1 have continued to enjoy exploring the book 'The Rabbit Problem'. They have written amazing recounts of Lonely Rabbits adventures. They included adjectives and similies to make their writing really exciting! We also conducted a Science experiment focusing on finding the most suitable material for an umbrella - perfect timing for this week's rain!

Year 2 we have been finishing off our own sequels to our class text Flotsam. The children have been writing their own version of the story titled 'Jetsam'! We sketched pictures of mysterious and intriguing underwater pictures that could be found on an ancient, barnacle-encrusted camera found washed up on the beach. The children produced some fabulously creative stories!

Year 3 has become quite green fingered this week! We have been investigating what plants need to grow well and each child has taken home a broad bean plant. We have left a few pots in the classroom to see if they will survive the half term holiday! Remember to water them folks!

Year 4 have started exploring the history of the UK's beautiful national parks and have been learning about Benny Rothmna, an unsung hero who campaigned for our rights to freely access the natural environments around us. We have also reached the end of our work on balance in PE, and it has been brilliant to see everyones skills progressing over the last six weeks. After half term, we will be thinking about the upcoming Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. The class are confident in their skills and I would like to thank all parents and carers for supporting their children so wonderfully with times tables this year.

Year 6 have been very busy this week. In English we wrote and then edited and in Geography we investigated the similarities and differences between the North of Brazil and the North West of England. We also became critical consumers in PSHE and learned about financial risk and value for money. Staff from Parrswood High School visited those children who will be attending there in September, to talk about the school and answer the many questions that they had.

CLUBS

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