

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

It looks like we made it....

It has been another fantastic week at Northenden Community School. This week, I had the pleasure of attending our first school council meeting, and I was incredibly impressed by the children's enthusiasm and maturity and how well they listened to each other. Their ideas for improving school lunchtimes and playtimes were very interesting and we will work hard to achieve most of their contributions (!). I was particularly impressed by the suggestions of a nature and sensory garden, reading den and of course a brand new obstacle course! It's wonderful to see such leadership skills developing in children and I look forward to seeing how their ideas come to life throughout the year. We also decided, after a lengthy discussion, that children who take part in After School Sports Club should bring in sports clothing to get changed into for their clubs.

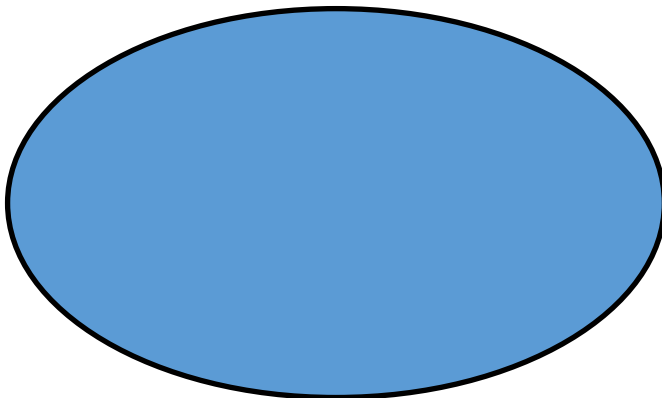
As we approach the end of this busy half term, I must recognise all the children for their hard work and positive attitudes this half term. I have really enjoyed the time I spend in classrooms and seeing how focussed and dedicated they are to their work. Their consistently good attitude to their work is a credit to you as parents in partnership with our brilliant teaching team.

On a personal note, I wanted to thank everyone for the well wishes regarding the upcoming arrival of our baby. The due date is early November, and while I fully intend to return after half term, we all know that sometimes babies have their own plans! I am sure I will see you all on the first day back alongside the new interim Headteacher Ruth Byrne.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Marks

Value of the Week Award Winners



This week the Value was Ambition

Ambition: noun. a strong wish to achieve something

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

- **Message about Y6 Watkin Walk**
- **Flu Vaccinations**
- **After School Sports Club**
- **Year 1 Workshop on Parent Pay**
- **Year 6 Workshop on Parent Pay**
- **Year 3 Workshop on Parent Pay**

Run Mr Mallinson, Run!

Our amazing Mr Mallinson is running 100 kilometers for **Diabetes UK** this month. If you would like to support this very worthwhile cause please scan the Just Giving QR code below:



Attendance

This weeks' attendance:

96.8%!

Well done to Year 6– this week's attendance champions!



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery have been having a wonderful time with the stories "Dear Zoo" and "Monkey and Me." Our little builders have been hard at work creating roads, bridges, and car parks in the construction area. We have been learning about kindness and the importance of sharing. In the home corner, the children have started to explore the similarities and differences between the dolls. Nursery have been enjoying the beautiful autumn leaves! The children have loved throwing them high into the air and painting them in vibrant autumn colours. It has been a joyful week of learning and fun!

Reception have had a fabulous time this week celebrating Diwali. As it is the festival of light, we made Diwali candles and cards as presents for home. We even had a visit from Mrs Singh (Year 1) who told us all about going to the temple and how she celebrates Diwali with everyone in her family.

Year 1 have enjoyed writing a non-chronological report about the seasons; we explored the different features and shared lots of facts about each season. In Science, we have created a weather diary and have observed the weather each day. Year 1 have had a brilliant half-term and worked really hard - well done!

Year 2 have had a fantastic time this week learning about input and output systems in computing. We discussed how simple computers take information in as inputs and produce an output. We discussed different types of everyday technology and had lots of fun taking part in a role play where the class worked together to become a supermarket checkout! We also completed a very special non-chronological report about Emmeline Pankurst. The children had a great time learning more about the Manchester hero who the class is named after. The children were inspired by Emmeline's bravery and courage in her fight to win the right to vote for women.

Wow! This half term has gone so quickly and we have achieved so much in **Year 3!** This week in English we have been writing a report about Humphrey Chetham, the important person from Manchester whom our class is named after. We had some fantastic pieces of writing detailing his life. In art we have been creating large scale abstract compositions based on flowers. We used a viewfinder to identify parts and then scaled them up. In computing we have been learning about the role of a router and in geography we looked at earthquakes and where they occur. We then designed our own earthquake proof building!

Year 4 had an unforgettable trip to Chester Zoo this week, where students got up close with a variety of fascinating animals and learned about wildlife conservation. From the majestic elephants to the playful penguins, the children were captivated by the sights and sounds of the zoo. They also participated in an educational workshop about the rainforests, exploring the importance of protecting endangered species and habitats. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students to extend their classroom learning in a fun and engaging environment, sparking curiosity about the natural world. Everyone left with great memories and a newfound appreciation for wildlife! We both wish Year 4 a very happy half term holiday. See you all soon!

Year 5 has been very creative! We have been using printing techniques to create a background for our space themed art, inspired by Ties Albers' beautiful 'Moonwalk'. The children then used the printed backgrounds to layer illustrations of an astronaut over the top in collage. It's been so much fun using different techniques and mediums, and the creativity and uniqueness of each of the children's pieces is wonderful. We have also been researching and writing about the amazing life of Eleanor Sykes, after whom our class is named. !

Year 6 have worked so hard and have shown how sensible, responsible and mature they are. In Maths this week, we started to learn long division. It was tricky at first, but we soon got the hang of it. In English, we wrote a biography about Sir Edward Watkin to be displayed in our classroom and in Art we used a technique called Chiaroscuro to create a final piece of work which shared a positive message. You will be able to see these in the corridor outside our classroom at Parents Evening - they are really impressive!

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
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