

NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER – 3rd May 2024



Headteacher's Weekly Awards - WELL DONE TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

All the children get a special mention in the Achievement assembly on Friday and will bring home a certificate detailing the reason for their award.

| Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Ella Lily | Whole class | Rosie Nico | Harrison Zara | Romeo Daniela | Piper Jason | Mason Vivian | Lola Toby |



WORLD BEE DAY - Monday 20th May 2024. Dust off your BEEly Boppers!

Children are invited to support us to raise much needed awareness on how important bees are to our local bio - diversity and to help our School.

TO SAVE THE BEES!

School Council would like to invite you to attend school in your own clothes for a £1.00 donation you are welcome to wear black, brown, yellow, orange or anything brightly coloured and flowery! (Please to not go out purchasing clothes especially for this.)

Your donation will support us to brighten up our school grounds with, our planned pollinator paradise gardens, herb tyres and wild flower meadows.

We would also welcome donations of any old useable watering cans, bee loving herbs that can be planted outdoors or the odd marigold plants that you may have spare.

We thank you all for your support in advance it is truly appreciated.

Mrs Seddon, and the North Walkden School Councillors

Chair of Governors: After serving for many years as the Chair of Governors at North Walkden Primary School, Mr Shaw's term of office has come to an end and he has made the decision to step down from Chair and hand the reigns over to somebody else!

However, Mr Shaw will continue to be a member of the governing board as a co-opted governor and will continue to be a regular visitor to school.

On behalf of staff, children and parents, I would like to thank Mr Shaw for his support, dedication and commitment he has shown to North Walkden during his time as Chair of Governors.

Mrs Lisa Carter has been successfully voted as new Chair of Governors at North Walkden with effect from 30th April 2024. Mrs Carter has been vice chair for some time and is very much looking forward to the role.

Staffing: This week we have said goodbye to Miss Robinson, who joined North Walkden as a Welfare assissyntant then also supported as a Teaching Assistant part time. We wish Miss Robinson all the best and thank her fo al her hard work dutring her time at North Walken.



Children should be in school by 8.45am if you arrive after this time you are late!

Well done to Reception and Year 2 who all achieved the attendance target this week!

Punctuality and Attendance

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

Last week's attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%

| | Nursery | Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 | Whole School |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Class attendance award | 93 | 96 | 91 | 96 | 89 | 94 | 88 | 90 | 92 |
| Late arrivals | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 13 | |

Online Safety: We have some helpful advice below about online safety and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.



Suggested Apps and Games For 7-11 YEARS



Learning



MAGIC PIANO BY SMILE

While Magic Piano doesn't strictly teach you how to play the piano, it does teach hand-eye coordination and can help spark creativity in young minds. Users can play along to a variety of popular songs on a range of difficulty levels in an attempt to get through the song with as few mistakes as possible, increasing dexterity and reaction times. Free on iOS & Android, the game does contain some ads and in-app purchases, so be sure to check these out before letting younger players unleash their musical side. Magic Piano is PEGI 3 rated but requires slightly more nimble hands to master so older kids will get the most from this.



AZOOMEE

Azoomee houses over 1,000 games, videos and activities for kids of all ages to play, have fun and most importantly, develop their key skills in. The app is award winning, BAFTA nominated, supported by the NSPCC (according to the description on their app page) and comes with a suite of parental controls built in. As well as educational games, activities and kid's favourite TV shows, the app also has a built-in chat feature where they can talk to their friends safely. A nice little touch is that if you buy a subscription to Azoomee for unlimited premium content for £4.99 a month, a portion of the money raised goes towards supporting the NSPCC. The app is available on iOS, Android and Amazon.



POLY BRIDGE

While Poly Bridge could be easily enjoyed solely as a game, it's actually an incredibly clever way to learn critical thinking and engineering skills in a kid friendly way. It's set in a colourful, cartoony world and has extremely simple gameplay. In Poly Bridge, it's your task to get cars, buses, trucks, boats and more safely to their destination by designing bridges that are safe and practical. How those bridges are created is entirely up to you. With over 100 levels, a sandbox mode and almost infinite playability, Poly Bridge is available on PC, Android, iOS and Nintendo Switch at various price points, so be sure to check which is the best option for you.



CROSSWORD PUZZLES (WUBU APPS LTD)

Crossword puzzles might not immediately seem like a learning game for younger kids, but they're incredibly effective at building strong word skills and problem solving. This one by Wubu Apps Limited is exclusive to iOS and constantly changes its roster of daily crosswords and challenges, although there are a whole bunch of apps available out there which do similar things. The app is rated 4+ but would likely be suited to kids a little older as the crosswords are designed for adults as well. As mentioned, Crossword Puzzles is only available on iOS devices and is free to download but does contain in-app purchases.



SCRIBBLENAUTS UNLIMITED

Scribblenauts is a game like few others in that it actively encourages children to use their intuition to solve a variety of puzzles. Armed only with their imagination, players must complete levels by conjuring potentially useful items for main character Maxwell to collect the Starites and achieve his goal. The game helps create strong vocabulary and word association to a fun 2D backdrop. While any version of Scribblenauts is good, Unlimited is the most readily available, being released on Wii U, PC, Nintendo 3DS, iOS and Android devices, PS4, Xbox One and Nintendo Switch.



SUPER MARIO ODYSSEY

Widely regarded as one of the greatest games Nintendo have ever made, Super Mario Odyssey provides family friendly fun and a challenging environment for kids to learn new skills in a video game. Rated PEGI 7, Odyssey can be enjoyed by almost any age range, even those who are young at heart. The caveat is that the game is only available on Nintendo Switch, so some investment will need to be made, but the console boasts a host of other child-safe titles and the ability to play on the go as well as at home.



NETFLIX

As obvious as it may sound, Netflix's children's section is ideal for keeping young ones and toddlers out of trouble on long journeys or at home. The specific profile for kids allows them to only view content appropriate for younger audiences which lets you and them watch their favourite shows and movies anywhere, at any time. Curated playlists, easy navigation through TV series and movies, and no-hassle auto-play means a stress-free guarantee. The only downside to the app is that it requires a Netflix subscription in order to use it but if you're happy to pay the monthly cost, it's an absolute must for any parent.



MINECRAFT

Minecraft is one of those rare, timeless classics that can be enjoyed by every age group. Coming in both a console version and a pocket edition for mobile devices, the sandbox world-building fun in Minecraft can be an amazing place to let your imagination run wild. The game can be played online with friends and supports cross-play, meaning that no matter what device everybody has, it can be played together. While the game isn't free, it will undoubtedly provide hours and hours of fun for the whole family so it's worth the investment of a one-time purchase. As one of the most popular games ever released, it inspires critical thinking, problem solving and above all, fun.



LEGO MOVIE MAKER 2

The LEGO Movie Maker 2 app lets users create their own stop-motion movies and upload them for others to watch online. Kids can create a short LEGO movie in whatever genre they like using a range of easy to use tools and are able to add in sounds and visual effects to make the videos look super realistic. All movies are moderated before they make it online so you can be sure no sensitive information is uploaded or viewed by third parties. The app is free to download on both iOS and Android devices but does require creation of a LEGO account to upload videos. The only information needed for an account is the country you live in, your email address and date of birth. While it's rated for 4+, kids of 8 and up will get the most out of this one.



ADVENTURES OF POCO ECO: LOST SOUNDS

If something more slow-paced and chilled out is on your radar, Adventures of Poco Eco should be able to scratch that itch. With an emphasis on creating a rich and inviting musical soundscape over hardcore gameplay, the puzzle action is perfect for unwinding young minds, as opposed to challenging them. The single-player game is available on all iOS and Android devices, as well as the Amazon Kindle Store and you can also nab yourself a free copy of the soundtrack with the purchase.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



School communication: Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

Contacting School: If you wish to contact school then you can email us on NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

DIARY DATES: Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

| DATE | ACTIVITY/EVENT | TIME | CLASS |
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| FRIDAY 10 TH MAY | NON UNIFORM DAY – in exchange for a bottle donation for the summer fair – please send in a bottle any day this week before Friday | ALL DAY | ALL |
| WEEK BEG 13 TH MAY | YEAR 6 SATS WEEK | ALL WEEK | YEAR 6 |
| THURSDAY 16 TH MAY | YEAR ONE CLASS VISITING CHURCH | 1.30PM | YEAR ONE CLASS |
| MONDAY 20 TH MAY | WORLD BEE DAY BY SCHOOL COUNCIL £1 DONATION | ALL DAY | ALL |
| TUESDAY 21 ST MAY | WORLSEY SWIMMING GALA – We will be asking for consent and support wc 7 th May 2024 | 9AM | YEAR 4,5 & 6 – SELECTED CHILDREN |
| TUESDAY 21 ST MAY | WORSLEY SPORTS EVENT – INFORMATION WILL BE SENT HOME WC 7 TH MAY | 4PM | YEAR 3,4,5&6 SELECTED CHILDREN |
| THURSDAY 23 RD MAY | YEAR TWO LAST SWIMMING SESSION | 1.30PM | YEAR 2 |
| THURSDAY 23 RD MAY | SINGING SHOWCASE FOR YEARS 1-6 | 1.15PM | YEARS 1-6- CHILDREN ONLY |
| THURSDAY 23 RD MAY | GAMES SESSION – children can bring in a non-electronic game to play in exchange for donations for the summer fair colour stall. Donations can be sent in any day in the week before Thursday. Classes should try to bring an item in the following colours. Nursery – pink Reception – green Year 1 – yellow Year 2 – blue Year 3 – red Year 4 – white Year 5 – brown Year 6 – purple Donations can be, toiletries, jewellery, chocolates, vouchers, hand bags, make-up, wine, bubble bath or any other gift. Thank you | PM | ALL |
| THURSDAY 23 RD MAY | BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM | 3.15PM | ALL CLASSES |

MAY HALF TERM

| DATE | ACTIVITY/EVENT | TIME | CLASS |
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| TUESDAY 4 TH JUNE | SCHOOL RE-OPENS | 8.45AM | WHOLE SCHOOL |
| WEDNESDAY 5 TH JUNE | CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS | 9-11AM | NURSERY TO YEAR 6 |
| FRIDAY 7 TH JUNE | Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE | ALL DAY | YEAR 5 |
| WEEK BEGINNING 10 TH JUNE | PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK | ALL WEEK | YEARS 1 AND 2 |
| WEDNESDAY 12 TH JUNE | GOVERNORS OPEN DAY | 9-3PM DROP IN | GOVERNORS |

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| WEDNESDAY 12 TH JUNE | YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP | 9-10AM | YEAR 5 PARENTS |
| THURSDAY 13 TH JUNE | YEAR 3 SUMMER TRIP TO THE LAKE DISTRICT- PROVISIONAL DATE | 8-5 | YEAR 3 CLASS- MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| THURSDAY 13 TH JUNE | NURSERY STAY AND PLAY | 9-9.45 AM | NURSERY PARENTS |
| THURSDAY 13 TH JUNE | YEAR 2 VISITING CHURCH | 1.30PM | YEAR 2 CHILDREN |
| FRIDAY 14 TH JUNE | CHOCOLATE DONATION FOR EXTRA PLAY IN THE AFTERNOON | PM | ALL |
| FRIDAY 14 TH JUNE | Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE | ALL DAY | YEAR 5 |
| WEEK BEGINNING 17 TH JUNE | POLLINATOR WEEK LED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL | ALL WEEK | DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| WEEK BEGINNING 17 TH JUNE | WHOLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT WEEK | ALL WEEK | YEARS 1-5 |
| FRIDAY 21 ST JUNE | Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE | ALL DAY | YEAR 5 |
| SATURDAY 22 ND JUNE | SUMMER FAIR – please bring along friends and family | 11-1 | EVERYBODY WELCOME |
| MONDAY 24 TH JUNE | NEW NURSERY PARENTS MEETING | 5PM | NEW NURSERY PARENTS |
| TUESDAY 25 TH JUNE | NEW RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING | 5PM | NEW RECEPTION PARENTS |
| WEDNESDAY 26 TH JUNE | FRONT ROW CONCERT – children who have guitar lessons at lunch will perform for the whole school and parents of those performing | 2.45pm | Whole school and parents of those performing |
| THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 27 TH AND 28 TH JUNE | YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS TO HIGH SCHOOL | HIGH SCHOOLS TO ARRANGE | YEAR 6 CHILDREN |
| MONDAY 1 ST JULY | NEW TO NURSERY PHONECALLS TO PARENTS | TIME TBC | NEW NURSERY PARENTS |
| TUESDAY 2 ND JULY | NEW TO NURSERY PHONE CALLS TO PARENTS CONTINUED | TIME TBC | NEW NURSERY PARENTS |
| WEDNESDAY 3 RD JULY | RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY | 9AM | RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME |
| THURSDAY 4 TH JULY | YEAR 6 CHURCH VISIT | 1.30PM | YEAR 6 CLASS |
| FRIDAY 5 TH JULY | SUMMER HAMPER DONATION IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY | EXTRA PLAY | WHOLE SCHOOL |
| MONDAY 8 TH JULY | SUMMER HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE | 9AM | ON SALE TO ALL FAMILIES |
| MONDAY 8 TH JULY | NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS | 9.15- 10.15AM | NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| TUESDAY 9 TH JULY | NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS | 9.15- 10.15AM | NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| TUESDAY 9 TH JULY | NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN PHONECALLS | TIME TBC | PARENTS OF NEW TO RECEPTION CLASS |
| THURSDAY 11 TH JULY | NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT DAY | 9.15 – 11.15 | CHILDREN ONLY |

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| FRIDAY 12 TH JULY | SCHOOL REPORTS ISSUED TO PARENTS | 3.30PM | WHOLE SCHOOL |
| WEEK BEGINNING 15 TH JULY | OLYMPICS WEEK | ALL WEEK DETAILS TO FOLLOW | WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES |
| MONDAY 15 TH JULY | MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS REGARDING REPORTS IF REQUESTED | ALL WEEK | OPEN TO ALL PARENTS |
| MONDAY 15 TH JULY | YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW- DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL | 10AM | WHOLE SCHOOL TO WATCH |
| TUESDAY 16 TH JULY | YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS | 2PM | YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME |
| WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY | KEY STAGE 1 BUMP AND BOUNCE FUN TIME | ALL DAY IN GROUPS | KEY STAGE 1` |
| WEDNESDAY 17 TH JULY | YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS | 5.30PM | YEAR 6 PARENTS |
| THURSDAY 18 TH JULY | KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS MORNING – OLYMPIC THEME | 9.15AM- 10.30 APPROX | KEY STAGE ONE CHILDREN – PARENTS INVITED TO WATCH |
| THURSDAY 18 TH JULY | KEY STAGE 2 WATER PLAY FUN | 1.30-3PM | KEY STAGE 2 |
| FRIDAY 19 TH JULY | EYFS SPORTS MORNING | 9.15AM- 10.15 APPROX | EYFS CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH |
| FRIDAY 19 TH JULY | KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS AFTERNOON – OLYMPIC THEME | 1.30PM TO 3PM | KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH |
| MONDAY 22 ND JULY | CHILDREN MOVE UPTO NEW CLASSES | 9.15- 10.30AM | YEARS N TO YEAR 5 |
| MONDAY 22 ND JULY | KEY STAGE 2 TALENT SHOW | 1.30PM | OPEN TO ALL KEY STAGE 2 WHO WISH TO SHOWCASE A TALENT! |
| MONDAY 22 ND JULY | YEAR 6 LEAVERS MEAL | 5PM- RESTAUR ANT TBC | YEAR 6 CHILDREN |
| TUESDAY 23 RD JULY | SUMMER HAMPER DRAW | 2PM | |
| TUESDAY 23 RD JULY | SPONSORED COLOUR RUN EVENT | 1PM DETAILS TO FOLLOW | WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW |
| WEDNESDAY 24 TH JULY | LEAVERS ASSEMBLY | 9AM | YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME |
| WEDNESDAY 24 TH JULY | SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR SUMMER | 2PM | WHOLE SCHOOL |

More dates may be added so please keep your eye on the diary dates each week.

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton