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# The Ellenbrook News

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## Important Diary Dates

### October

- \* 17th Y6 Bikeability
- \* 19th Y6 art showcase

### November

- \* 2nd Year 2 trip to Smithills farm
- \* 14-18th Friendship week
- \* 16th New nasal flu vaccination date

### December

- \* 21st —School closes for the Christmas holidays

### January 2023

- \* 4th - School opens for pupils

## An Unwelcome Visitor Has Re-Appeared.....?

It's been a very challenging week this week as sickness and Covid in particular, have made an appearance. Please can we ask you to be extra vigilant if your child is displaying one of the Covid symptoms, as the last thing we want is the children to be off school due to covid. We know we have to learn to live with this virus but we also don't want to spoil anyone's plans of going away for half term particularly if you are visiting someone you haven't seen in a long time.

This term has simply flown by and I can't believe we are at half term at the end of next week. We then have the fantastic run up to Christmas and I am really looking forward to a hopefully back to normal Christmas which would make a nice change. There are also a lot of events coming up, starting with our Harvest celebrations which are on Friday (21st October) next week. It would be great to see you there as we are having the services outside this year.

This week we have been thinking about being miserable as our thought for the week. Of course we didn't focus on being miserable but more on what brings us joy and also what can deflate us. The Thoughtful Times were very good as usual and the children are so good at articulating how they are feeling about different topics. We currently have a Place2be councillor in school who is with us one day a week and this has proved to be incredibly beneficial for the children who are seeing her. It was our Hello Yellow day on Monday this week where we all wore yellow as a reminder of the importance of our mental health so everything has come together nicely.



Lastly, we launched our new and improved website this week which Mr Marks would really love your feedback on. If you have seen it since the re-brand please let Mr Marks know your thoughts and if any improvements are needed. Have a great weekend!.....

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Events for Next Week

It's Year 6 Bikeability course starting Monday 17th

Harvest Festival Assembly 21st



## Updates from the Office....

- ⇒ When a child comes into school through the office if they are either late or have been to an appointment you **MUST** sign them in with a reason.
- ⇒ **Parents please can we remind you that you MUST inform the office if your child is unwell and not attending school. This can be done either via Weduc Absence reporting or the Telephone Absence Line**
- ⇒ Please make sure that if your child has any medicines/inhalers which are kept in school that they are up to date and you have completed a medical permission form for this academic year.
- ⇒ Any letters, slips or forms can be posted in the white post box attached to the wall outside the school office. This box is checked regularly during the day.
- ⇒ If your child is attending an independent school for an entrance exam can we ask that you complete a leave of absence form and return it to the office. This absence will be authorised by the school.

## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about...being miserable and joy!

### 1. Who do you know who is joyful?

My friend because he is always happy

### 2. Can you always be joyful?

Not always because sometimes your family dies and its sad

### 3. When have you been crushed like a can??

Right now because I have been moved to a CB and I used to be a RW and I feel disappointed

Year 3, Beech

### 1. Who do you know who is joyful?

My Friends and my mum

### 2. Can you always be joyful?

No, because there is always one thing that makes you feel sad like pain or someones death

### 3. When have you been crushed like a can??

When my sisters best friend moved to Australia seeing her upset really made me sad and that's when I felt crushed

Year 5 Ellesmere



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER

ELLESMERE

LOWRY

PEEL

1346

1167

1458

1517

The winner of this weeks' assembly challenge was.....

**ELLESMERE & LOWRY**

### Things to Remember ....

- Please can you let the office know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up. Can we also ask you to make sure they are aware of the school's collection arrangements.
- Please remember we need two weeks notice if your child is changing from school meals to packed lunch and vice versa. Please do not change without informing the office.



### Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- Autumn 2 Sports Club
- Harvest Assembly – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October
- Harvest Appeal
- Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Reception to Year 6) –
- Launch of new website
- Young Voices 2023 – Tickets & T-shirts
- Year 2 Trip to Smithills Farm



### Gate reminder

Discussions have continued this week on the gate about opening times and I wanted to just clarify the school's policy on gate closure.

The gate next to my office closes at 8.55am. At that point, classroom doors are also closed and that's why the children need to enter school via the office.

I had a couple of parents ask this week why the times have changed and the gate was closed at an earlier time than normal which they weren't, the time each day is 8.55am

### Hello Yellow!

A huge thank you to all of you for supporting our Hello Yellow day on Monday. It was so great to see so many children wearing yellow for a really important cause :)

### Football

A huge well done to our footballers who played this week, at home against Christ the King. Miss Bagdagi said they performed brilliantly and ran out 4-0 winners which was a fantastic result.

We are so proud of the children who played and look forward to their future matches!



### In the classroom this week.....

#### Nursery!

The Gruffalo left nursery his recipe for Autumn Soup today so we got busy in the mud kitchen carefully counting the correct amounts to make it [#EllenbrookNursery](#) [#maths](#)

#### Reception!

[#ReceptionAsh](#) love retelling their helicopter stories so much we had to make some more time this afternoon for them to act them out! Our stage has been transformed into many amazing places with wonderful characters [#amazingimagination](#) [#superstarstorytellers](#)

#### Year 1!

In maths this week in [#Year1Birch](#) we have been exploring number bonds. We have looked at number bonds within 10 and number bonds to 10. Look at our super work !

#### Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) are working so hard using time adverbials and ed verbs in their recount for Whiffy Wilson's bath! Year 2 Cedar are working hard to read, spell, decode and blend in their Guided Reading session today

#### Year 3!

[#year3maple](#) are using a thesaurus to find synonyms. We have found some amazing vocabulary to help us write our recounts tomorrow! [#thefireworkmakersdaughter](#) [#english](#)

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Oak are planning their non-chronological reports. [#year4oak](#)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Voyagers](#) are busing building their toys and designing their characters [#DT](#)

#### Year 6!

What would [#year6amazons](#) perfect worlds look like? They've been considering their values in RE and created some commandments if they could create their own world. [#year6swallows](#) have been thinking, talking and acting like scientists this

### CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Lacrosse
YR 5 & 6	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Basketball
YR 3 & 4	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Hockey
EBASC Attendees	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Football
KS1 (YR 1 & 2)	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Frisbee
YR 3 & 4	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Football