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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

November

- * 14-18th Friendship week
- * 14th class photos
- * 16th New nasal flu vaccination date
- * 18th CIN Spotacular

December

- * 21st —School closes for the Christmas holidays

January 2023

- * 4th - School opens for pupils

Well That Went in A Flash!

Did you have a fabulous half term holiday? Didn't it go very very quickly, it felt like a complete blur to me. The children have returned really well to school and settled back to their topics. The run up to Christmas is fantastic but it is also a very busy time and there will be lots of upcoming events for you to be involved in so please keep checking WEDUC for messages regarding events and activities. We are going to be releasing the schedule of Christmas events next week so please keep a look out for that on WEDUC too. As usual, your child's class teacher or the office are your first port of call should you need additional information on any school event.

At the end of last term we had a fantastic day of services for Harvest and I just wanted to reflect on what had been a very good day. I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who donated items for Salford loaves and fishes which is the foodbank we have supported for the last couple of years. Your donations will literally be the difference between families eating and not, so I just wanted to remind you all how important your kindness is to others who have a lot less than we have.

This week we have had a few requests from parents about older children collecting younger children from Ellenbrook. The school's policy on this is clear, in that we don't allow younger high school children to collect siblings from school. A couple of parents have asked us to re-think this policy and the staff and I will be doing that over the next couple of weeks. If we were to make this change it would have to be restricted to siblings collecting children and not wider family members and you would have to provide a letter stating that you take responsibility for this happening. As soon as we have decided our policy on this I will write to you all to explain the procedure.



Lastly, just a reminder to please have a very safe and enjoyable bonfire night. I love firework night and I hope you all have a wonderful evening!
Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Events for Next Week

Reception Fir—Forest School Tuesday

Cross Country training—Wednesday 8AM



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...feeling sick!

1. How do you stop yourself from feeling sick?

Give them positive energy, tell them jokes and make them laugh

2. When have you felt really sick in your life?

When I had Covid on my friends birthday party and she had it on mine and I felt sad she wasn't there

3. How do you really feel alive?

When I get off the plane on holiday and the heat hits me making my worries fade away.

Year 6 Swallows , Ellesmere

1. How do you stop yourself from feeling sick?

I drink juice and water, when I am mentally sick I listen to music and bake

2. When have you felt really sick in your life?

I had a temperature so bad I had 5 days off.

3. How do you really feel alive?

When there is a holiday or something coming up like birthdays, Easter, Christmas and Halloween

Year 6 Amazons , Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1927	1931	2202	2323

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

PEEL

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...

- ⇒ Place2Be survey
- ⇒ Reception Vision Screening
- ⇒ PTA date for November
- ⇒ Y6 D&T
- ⇒ Data Collection Sheets
- ⇒ Y6 Lledr Hall Trip– deposit reminder



School Lunch Menu

This week you will have received the updated school lunch menu. I just wanted to make you all aware that we now have a number of vegan options for the children should they want them. They are indicated with a V on the menu.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Today is all about fireworks we have been making our firework movements on paper whilst listening to music. We talked about the colours and noises as we worked. Just look at our amazing firework display [#grossmotor](#) [#Ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception

[#ReceptionAsh](#) loved watching the fireworks this afternoon. We heard lots of different sounds including whizz, bang, crackle and whee! We learnt all about how to be safe whilst watching them - ask us what we have learnt! [#staysafethisweekend](#) [#ReceptionFir](#) have been learning all about Diwali this week. They have learnt that it is the 'Festival of Light' & enjoyed creating their own diva lamps with clay!

Year 1!

[#Year1Birch](#) really enjoyed the fireworks this afternoon.

Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) are having fun locating countries and capital cities of Great Britain.

Year 3!

Year 3 Beech have been busy learning about inputs and outputs in ICT. [#computing](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 Oak are busy writing persuasion letters to their crayons to come back. [#year4oak](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Voyagers](#) are researching different states in America and their famous landmarks [#Goegraphy](#) [#NorthAmerica](#)

Year 6!

[#year6swallows](#) are taking part in a treasure hunt to identify how barcodes and QR codes work. [#ellenbrookcomputing](#)

PTA Meeting Next Week

As I mentioned before half term the PTA are always on the hunt for new members. They are having their first Autumn term meeting on Thursday (10th November) at 6.30pm in the Boundary Stone pub. It would be great to see some more parents attend so please pop along if you can :)

DO YOU KNOW THE SIGNS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES?

TOILET
THIRSTY
TIRED
THINNER

We call them the 4Ts. If you or your child are weeing more often, constantly thirsty, more tired than usual, or losing weight for no reason, it could be a symptom of type 1 diabetes. If left undiagnosed, type 1 diabetes can be fatal. If you're experiencing any of the 4Ts, ask your doctor for a test immediately.



Scan the QR code or visit diabetes.org.uk/the4Ts

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CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Multi Sports
YR 5&6	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Hockey
YR 3&4	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Archery
EBASC Attendees	WEDNESDAY KS1 -3.30 – 4.15pm WEDNESDAY KS2 4.15 – 5.00pm	Multi Sports Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Handball
YR 1 & 2	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Hockey
YR 5 & 6	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Netball