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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

November 2023

- * 23rd Open Day for prospective new parents 10.30
- * 24th Non-uniform day for the PTA
- * 30th open day for prospective new parents 5pm
- * 28th Parents' evening
- * 30th Parents' evening

December 2023

- * 4th Nursery & Reception Performances
- * 6th EYFS panto AM
- * 8th KS1 panto PM
- * 8th Christmas jumper day
- * 15th Christmas Dinner
- * 15th school closes at 3.30pm



I Stare Directly at the Sun...But Never in the Mirror.....!

This week has been friendship week at Ellenbrook and it's given us the chance to reflect on the importance of making a noise about bullying. As a school we prefer to use Anti-Bullying Week as a chance to celebrate friendship and we have been thinking, in our activities this week about standing up for ourselves and others and speaking out when we see things going on that we know are wrong. The children have had the chance to undertake some fantastic activities this week and they have also been given the time to reflect on the key messages which are standing up to others and speaking out when we see things that worry us. If you have any time over the weekend, please can I ask you to talk through what the children have been doing this week and more importantly how they feel about the things they have been discussing in class. Sometimes, despite the many opportunities they have in school, some children find it difficult to open up to an adult about things that are going on at school. If anything does come up from your discussions. Please do let your child's teacher know.

As if this wasn't a busy enough week, we also had our SALS inspection this week which is a school lead system of improvement I have mentioned before. In a year when we know we will have a full Ofsted inspection, this is fantastic preparation for what lies ahead and is also a really good opportunity for us to reflect on all of the positive changes we have made over the last few months since our last visit. I am very fortunate to be working with such amazing heads in the SALS programme who are supportive and passionate about school improvement in the same way we are.

The festive season is very rapidly approaching and as you will have seen from the WEDUC messages this week, we are in full prep for the Christmas plays which are rapidly approaching. As usual, tickets will be limited due to capacity and we would ask you to use the Whatsapp groups you are in should you need more tickets.

Lastly, have a fab weekend and I will catch up with you all next Friday!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.9%

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023



Thoughtful time

This week we have been thinking about...the importance of standing up!

1. Have you ever spoken up for someone who has been bullied?

No because I have never been in a situation like that and I have never seen someone getting bullied.

2. Why is saying something so important?

Saying something is so important because if you don't stand up for yourself or for one of your friends then the bully will keep doing it again and again and it will become worse.

3. Why do you think people bully each other?

Maybe the bully has experienced being bullied by someone and they are expressing their feelings to people so they can feel what the other person feels like.

Year 5, Peel

1. Have you ever spoken up for someone who has been bullied?

No but if I did see it I would stand up for anyone even my enemies

2. Why is saying something so important?

Because if you don't then it might carry on for ages but if you stand up it probably won't carry on.

3. Why do you think people bully each other?

Because maybe they are jealous or getting bullied themselves.

Year 4, Lowry

1. Have you ever spoken up for someone who has been bullied?

I don't like people bullying others because it is being very mean. I won't be mean to them but I'd say treat people how you want to be treated.

2. Why is saying something so important?

Because if you say something you can tell them to be more kind next time.

3. Why do you think people bully each other?

Because they are mean people

Year 3, Ellesmere



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.

HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1988	1856	2002	1935

The winner of this weeks' house point challenge was.....

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...

- ⇒ Year 6 waistcoat info
- ⇒ Nursery costumes
- ⇒ Christmas performance details
- ⇒ Year 1 maths
- ⇒ Nursery toy week



Lost Property

Ok seriously....this is getting to be a very desperate situation now.....the amount of lost property at school is really disheartening as you can see from the picture.

Nothing in this blue bin has a name on it and there are some expensive items of clothing in there too. Please can we ask you to check at home and see if anything in here belongs to your child.



Staying Warm

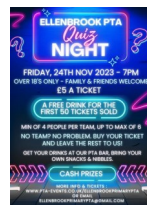
With winter now very much with us, can we please ask you to ensure your child comes to school with an appropriate outdoor coat.

We always try our best to make sure the children get outside as much as possible but they can't go out in cold weather without a coat.



PTA Quiz

Unfortunately, due to the limited number of tickets sold, the PTA have had to cancel the quiz night that was scheduled for 24th November. Everyone that bought a ticket, has been contacted by the PTA and refund processed



PTA Christmas Fare & Non Uniform day

I am delighted to announce the PTA have set the date for this years' Christmas fair.

The fair will take place on Friday 1st December from 3.30pm—5.30pm with lots of fantastic stalls on off as well as Santa's grotto!

We will be having a non-uniform day on the 24th November and are asking parents to supply items for our chocolate tom-bola on that day. Merry Christmas!

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Today's rhyme for [#EllenbrookNursery](#) was Miss Polly had a Dolly. We talked about how we can help look after our friends. We had lots of drs in the classroom helping to look after the dollies & played a game of hide dolly to practice our positional language - in, on top, behind....

Reception

Today we sang 'You've got a friend in me' from Toy Story. We rolled a ball to a chosen friend and said what makes them a good friend. Then we wrote all of our ideas on to a friendship flower [#receptionhazel](#) [#Ellenbrookfriendshipweek2023](#) Today [#receptionjuniper](#) have started our [#friendshipweek](#) celebrations. We have created friendship bracelets, counting the number of beads and matching it to the numicon and numeral. We drew pictures of our friends, created Play-Doh friendship flowers and hand printed hearts

Year 1!

[#YearOneFir](#) have been thinking about ways to 'shout out' and make a noise for friendship week. We talked about how we can help our friends if they upset by someone's words or actions and how we can help ourselves too. [#friendship-week2023](#) [#AntiBullyingWeek2023](#)

Year 2!

[#year2birch](#) have done a fab job comparing two narrative stories about the Great Fire of London !

Year 3!

In year 3 cedar we are making a 'bantometer' for friendship week. We are looking at when banter can turn into bullying. [#friendshipweek](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 Maple are creating Bantometers to understand the difference between bullying and banter this afternoon as part of Friendship Week 2023 [#Makeanoise](#) [#Year4Maple](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5oak](#) are creating their own Peter Thorpe inspired abstract art

Year 6!

Year 6 are learning all about samba instruments used in the Rio carnival today. We can't wait to try some for ourselves!

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YR 1&2	TUESDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Games
YR 1&2	WEDNESDAY (8-8.45am)	Dodgeball
YR 3&4	THURSDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Dodgeball
YR 5&6	FRIDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Dance