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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### December 2023

- \* 8th KS1 panto PM
- \* 8th Christmas jumper day
- \* 14th Y3 & 4 carols on the playground 9.30-10
- \* 14th Y5 & 6 carols on the playground 1.30-2
- \* 11th Christmas Party Day in school
- \* 15th Christmas Dinner
- \* 15th school closes at 3.30pm (No EBASC or clubs in the afternoon)

#### January 2024

- \* 3rd school re-opens

### What a Performance.....!

It's been an incredible week at Ellenbrook and one filled with the magic of Christmas! I know the vast majority of you reading this newsletter (if anyone does!) will have been to a performance this week and hopefully been blown away by the standard the children have reached yet again. I was not able to see all of the performances this year but the ones I did see were amazing and a testament to the incredible hard work and dedication of the staff at Ellenbrook and your amazing support as parents. It's to see the children pull out such professional performances and it was impossible not to feel full of the Christmas spirit by the end. I also wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated money at the performance and bought tea and coffee on the day because that money will go directly to providing resources for next years' performances.

We also had our Christmas jumper day today which was fabulously well supported as usual by our children. Save the Children is such an important charity and again, your very generous donations will mean all children facing poverty in this country will be better supported in the coming year. If you're not aware, the statistics for child poverty are heart-breaking with just under 250,000 children in Greater Manchester alone. That's far too many and your donations will really help groups and causes that does vital work with children in poverty. An important message came out today about Christmas jumpers too so please keep your eyes peeled for that!

I also want to thank the PTA for their wonderful Christmas fayre last week. As you will see on the reverse of this newsletter, they raised over £2,000 and that could not happen without your support as parents.

Lastly, for those of you who are Tesco shoppers, the school has been successful in its application to be a TESCO Stronger Start school meaning you can drop your blue coin in the box at the Walkden Tesco. We are raising money for an outdoor equipment project! So if you shop there please drop a coin for us! Have a good weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 96%



### 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...celebrating success!

#### 1. What has been your biggest success so far?

Being able to ride a bike because when I was born I had something wrong with my legs

#### 2. Who is the most successful person you know?

My sister because she was scared to drive a car and passed last week

#### 3. Why is success so important to people?

Because if you don't achieve anything you wont believe in yourself  
Year 6, Peel

#### 1. What has been your biggest success so far?

Finishing a hike without giving up as I am just nine

#### 2. Who is the most successful person you know?

My littlest sister because she has grown up to be so intelligent

#### 3. Why is success so important to people?

Success is important to people because then they know if they are happy  
Year 5, Peel

#### 1. What has been your biggest success so far?

I used to be really scared of dogs now I can go in my uncles doggy cage and play with him

#### 2. Who is the most successful person you know?

My friend Charlotte because she doesn't give up and tries until she gets it right

#### 3. Why is success so important to people?

Other wise people would get really sad when they have tried for ages  
Year 3, Bridgewater



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER

ELLESMERE

LOWRY

PEEL

The house points are now on hold! Until next Friday's big reveal

## BRIDGEWATER - LOWRY - 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...



- ⇒ KS2 Carols on the Playground
- ⇒ EBASC Spring 1 invoices
- ⇒ Spring 1 After school activities
- ⇒ Young Voices tickets
- ⇒ Christmas Party Info

### PTA Christmas Fayre Money

The PTA Christmas fayre last week was amazing and I wanted to thank you all for attending the event and supporting the school. The amazing PTA raised over £2,000 thanks to your generosity!

### Christmas Jumper Donation

Thank you all for supporting our XMAS jumper day today. Here's the link for donations should you need it. [Roger Blackburn - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)

### Message from Salford

As we go into winter, common illnesses can keep children and teenagers away from their classmates and studies. One of the best things we can all do to avoid illness is to practice good hand hygiene.

Good hand hygiene helps stop infections from spreading, which means less disrupted learning time.

Teach your child to wash hands properly for 20 seconds and stay away from others when sick. The [e-bug resources](#) for all ages can help you to explain and discuss hygiene habits – and why they are important - to your child or teenager.

To avoid catching bugs or passing it on to others wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water. This is most important following an episode of diarrhoea or vomiting, after using the toilet, before eating or preparing food, after changing nappies, as well as cleaning up vomit or diarrhoea. Alcohol-based hand sanitisers are not effective against some infections.

Anyone who has diarrhoea and/or vomiting should stay at home. Do not return to work or send children to school until 48 hours after the symptoms have stopped and do not visit your GP or hospital while symptomatic. If you are concerned about your symptoms, talk to your GP by phone, contact NHS 111 or visit the [NHS web pages](#). For useful handwashing tips please have a look at the [following NHS video](#)

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

#### Nursery!

Today Nursery have been retelling the story of The First Christmas and making giant sized baubles [#Ellenbrooknursery](#) Our Nursery superstars after their amazing performance had a quieter afternoon of drawing themselves in the show and identifying the initial sound their part began with [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

#### Reception!

[#ReceptionHazel](#) have been busy writing their letters to Santa today! Have a look in our classroom window this afternoon to see our wonderful writing... Today [#receptionjuniper](#) have been following instructions to make Christmas sparkle. We added oats, glitter and a tag to our bag ready for Christmas Eve!

#### [#YearOneFir](#)

#### Year 1!

We could not be prouder of our superstars! What another AMAZING performance [#YearOneAsh](#) [#YearOneFir](#)

#### Year 2!

[#year2birch](#) are debating in role of historians this afternoon! What would you have done after The Great Fire of London if you were king? It's all about materials in science today in [#year2Willow](#)

#### Year 3!

Year 3 really enjoyed their maths lesson this afternoon. We were timing our friends completing different activities using a stopwatch. [#maths](#) [#time](#) [#year3cedar](#) [#year3pine](#)

#### Year 4!

[#Year4Maple](#) are persuading people to visit Greece based on their geographical understanding of the country.

#### Year 5!

What a fantastic debate by [#Year5Oak](#) about whether the moon landing is real or fake [#English](#) In Year 5 Elm we have started to gather evidence about if the moon landing was real or a hoax! [#year5elm](#)

#### Year 6!

[#year6voyagers](#) waistcoats are coming along nicely. [#EllenbrookDT](#) Year 6 have written some beautiful poems in RE this afternoon, sharing their own thoughts and questions on what happens after death. [#year6discoverers](#)

## 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