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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

January 2024

- * 3rd school re-opens
- * 8th Year 2 Stair case house
- * 10th Reception Vison Screen
- * 11th Prospective Parents Tour
- * 19th Year 3 Tatton Park

February 2024

Merry Christmas Everyone.....!

It's been a fantastic term at Ellenbrook and one where we have seen some amazing work from the children across the board. They are ready from a break now and day by day we are seeing how tired the children are looking and I know the excitement of Christmas will liven them up when we break up. It seems an odd time to end the school year with a week before Christmas considering how late we finished last year but it's also nice to have a week before the big day to get things organised and to see loved ones.

This week saw the Key Stage 2 carol concerts and if you were able to attend, you will have seen what a fabulous job they did. It was great to see the children so engaged with their singing and to pull a performance together with everything else that's going on is a credit to them! We also had the final of Ellenbrook's Got Talent which saw some amazing performances from the children across Key Stage 1 & 2. Huge congratulations to our two winners, Imogen from Key Stage 1 and Felicity from Key Stage 2, they did an amazing job and helped make the final house totals a lot closer!

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff at Ellenbrook for their incredible commitment to the children's learning this term. They do so much and care so much for the children and it's not often they get the recognition they deserve, so a massive thank you to them for everything they've done this year. Whilst we are on thank yous, I want to say a huge thank you to the PTA for an amazing year of events. They have packed so much into 2023 and it has taken a huge amount of organising which they have done in their own time. It really is much appreciated by everyone at the school as they have provided the children with resources and experiences we simply couldn't have afforded without them. With that said, I also want to thank everyone of you who has supported a PTA event this year. Your very generous support for our events has ensured the PTA has had its most successful year since my time as Headteacher and we hope it continues next year!

Lastly, from all of us at Ellenbrook, we hope you have a fantastic Christmas and amazing New Year!



Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.9%



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 won't 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
3187	3353	23298	3524

The winner of this terms' house point competition is

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...

- ⇒ Y6 Crucial crew
- ⇒ Art Club Years 3-6
- ⇒ Choir



Parking

This week I have had a few parents raise some serious concerns about the way cars have been parked on the streets and roads around the school. I know I mention this a lot in my newsletter (often with little effect!) but I am concerned about some of the ways cars are parked and believe it would take little effort to change the situation.

Cars are often parked like they have been abandoned and it's a common occurrence for them to be blocking areas of the pavement which impacts pedestrians as well as across corners and drop curbs.

Please can I ask you all to try a little harder when we return in January to park a little more respectfully of others and ensure the pathways are safe for pedestrians.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Jingle All The Way.....Nursery have loved making their own jingle sticks to perform Jingle Bells [#EllenbrookNursery](#) [#music](#)

Reception!

[#receptionjuniper](#) have had a fantastic afternoon at their Christmas party. We played pass the parcel, ate lots of party food, danced in the hall and even got a visit from Father Christmas!

Year 1!

What a wonderful party day we have had! We played party games and danced in the hall, enjoyed all the yummy food and drinks and finished the afternoon with a visit from Father Christmas himself! Thank you for all your kind donations for our party [#YearOneFir](#)

Year 2!

A great lesson in Geography this morning, [#year2birch](#) are creating aerial plan view maps of London and Manchester which will form a postcard so we can write about our chosen City too!

Year 3!

We are loving the Christmas songs in Year 3 Cedar! We had some fabulous performances from our musicians this afternoon, with more to come on Friday! [#music](#) [#christmas](#)

Year 4!

Today Year 4 Beech observed how chocolate changes state when heated. We recorded the time it took to melt and the temperature using a thermometer

Year 5!

[#Year5Oak](#) are comparing a region of the UK and North America. One comparison is the population [#geography](#)

Year 6!

It's party time for [#year6voyagers](#) An afternoon of dancing, games and singing! Everyone has enjoyed their party food (thank you for all your contributions) too. We have even had some quiet time - eating a fruit pastille without chewing it! [#Christmas2023](#)



Next Term

Just a reminder that there will be an INSET day on the first day of term next year. We will welcome the children back on Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at the usual time.

School Uniform

Just a reminder about school uniform in advance of the Spring term start in January.

There are a number of children who are not wearing the correct uniform with different coloured tights, trainers as opposed to school shoes, jewellery, etc. Please can we ask that all children are in the correct school uniform when we return after Christmas.

Christmas Jumper Donation

Thank you all for supporting our XMAS jumper day last week.

Just to let you know that had you not made a donation you can still do so using the link below

[Roger Blackburn - Christmas Jumper Day is raising money for Save The Children!](#)



CLUBS

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