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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

January 2024

- * 16th Y 2 class assembly
- * 19th Year 3 Tatton Park

February 2024

- * 2nd Y1 Blackpool Zoo
- * 5th-9th Childrens Mental Health Week
- * 6th Y5 Class Assembly
- * 7th Young Voices
- * 13th Class photos
- * 16th school closes
- * 26th school re-opens

March 2024

- * 7th Year 6 Crucial Crew Event
- * 7th Year 5 Chester Zoo

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.6%

Be Your Best!

'KNOWING YOURSELF IS THE BEGINNING OF ALL WISDOM'
ARISTOTLE

Resilience



Thoughtful time

This week we have been thinking about...Resilience!

1. Are you a resilient person?

Yes because I sometimes struggle with a word in my book

2. Who is the most resilient person you know?

My mum because she does most of the work

3. Why is being resilient important?

Because if you are not now you will never be it

Year 2, Ellesmere

1. Are you a resilient person?

I think I am a resilient person because I try to have a positive, can-do attitude even when things don't go my way.

2. Who is the most resilient person you know?

I think that one of my best friends is the most resilient people I know because she never worries about things and brushes it off.

3. Why is being resilient important?

If we didn't have resilience we wouldn't achieve anything in life and we'd stay at the same point forever, but because we have resilience we can achieve our goals and learn things

Year 6, Peel

1. Are you a resilient person?

Sometimes I give up because I get tired and sometimes I don't like when I broke something and made it again

2. Who is the most resilient person you know?

My best friend Maria because she never gives up

3. Why is being resilient important?

Because there wouldn't be any trust and if there wasn't any trust we wouldn't be here

Year 3, Ellesmere



Easy to Say.....!

This week we have been dealing with a few issues in school related to social media and the problems it can cause in the real world. In general, I think our children are very responsible in their media use and I know Heads in other places in the country who have a real problem with social media and it's a constant issue which luckily we don't have. With that said, this week there have been comments made on a class WhatsApp group which have led to some upset which has then been brought into school. I have written a bit more about this on the reverse of the newsletter which I would encourage you all to read as it maybe a good time to have a discussion with your child about their social media use and how they feel about conversations they are part of.

The new academic year has really started with a bang and if you're following the school's X (formerly Twitter) account you will see a number of posts about the exciting activities the children are undertaking in class. This is a great way of keeping in touch with what's going on at Ellenbrook so if you haven't registered to follow our feed, you can do that via the school office. This is always a funny time of year in schools with the excitement and expectation of Christmas in the past and the weather not quite being at the stage where the children can get out much. It's also a super short term this year which means we need to pack a lot in before the end of March. As always, your support with the children's learning will really help them to develop over the course of the term and a key part of that is hearing the children read at home. I know this can sometimes be very difficult to fit in what can be very busy evenings at home but it is important the children read as frequently as they can and that their reading diaries are also filled in so the school staff can see what they've read and how they have read it. Reading is the key to so much of the learning in school and this term we really want to focus on raising the profile of reading at Ellenbrook!

Lastly, just a reminder to keep checking WEDUC for all of this term's essential dates as there is a lot going on! Have a fantastic weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



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
85	83	97	107

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

ELLESMERE

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 1 Blackpool Zoo
- ⇒ Key Dates for 2024
- ⇒ EBASC Spring 1 overdue invoices
- ⇒ Reception Homework
- ⇒ EYFS Dragon dance workshop

Parking

This week I have again had discussions with a number of parents, grandparents and residents about the parking situation outside school. Whilst talking to a resident, I saw a number of parents park their cars on the zig zag lines at the front of school and drop their children off. This temporarily blocked the road and is also illegal and it was disappointing to see so many people doing it.

Please can I ask you not to block roads, or park inconsiderately when dropping off or picking up.

Dogs

Please can I remind you that dogs are not allowed on the school property for any reason. This is a rule that applies to all Salford schools not just Ellenbrook.

Social Media

This week we have been dealing with a couple of issues in Year 5 and 6 which have been started on social media and brought into school. This is always a tricky balance for a school as what goes on outside it is not really in our remit but the exception to that is when issues which start in WhatsApp groups or on social media are then brought into school.

Please can we ask you all to take some time to speak to your children about their social media use particularly if they are in Year 5 or 6. If there are any issues please let your child's class teacher or myself know as quickly as possible.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	<h2>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</h2> <p>WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?</p> <p>BE SMART BE THERE!</p> <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	142 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Today Nursery have been busy in the outdoors using clay and natural materials to make winter clay faces. It was great for building the muscles and control in our hands and fingers [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

Reception

In guided reading [#receptionhazel](#) followed instructions to make winter bird feeders. We then hung them outside so the birds won't go hungry [#Ellenbrookliteracy](#) [#physicaldevelopment](#) Some of [#receptionjunipers](#) other activities this week.

We practised our formation in winter flour, painted winter trees and in maths we have been working on counting things you cannot touch. We listened to the number of beats on a drum and then formed the number in salt.

Year 1!

[#YearOneFir](#) and [#YearOneAsh](#) have worked together during our PE session discussing how exercise can make us feel good! Ask us about what we learnt!

Year 2!

Exploring spelling patterns and looking at consonants and vowels in [#year2birch](#)

Year 3!

Year 3 Pine really enjoyed their PE lesson this morning, with Miss Jancy. They practiced using and holding a tennis racket [#PE](#) [#ballskills](#)

Year 4!

In Art, Year 4 Beech compared the Artist Lowry to Nigel walker. We discussed the buildings, colours and people.

Year 5!

Great tennis skills by [#Year5Oak](#) this week [#PE](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 had a fantastic debate today all about who we think is the most responsible for King Duncan's death.

Ask us who we think it is and why!

[#year6discoverers](#)



CLUBS

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