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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

April 2024

- * 22nd Year 5 Police museum trip
- * 30th-3rd Y4 Ironbridge

May 2024

- * 6th Bank Holiday
- * 7th Year 6 Newby Whiske parents meeting
- * 13-16th SATs week
- * 22nd Year 6 Bury Fusilier Museum
- * 24th School closes at 3.30 for Half Term

You Know You're Right.....!

Can you believe this is newsletter number 180...time has flown and it's hard to believe I have been here since 2018! So much has happened in that time, and this week I have been reflecting a lot on the changes we have made as a school and the impact those changes have had. As a school we believe very strongly in educating the whole child and if you have been reading the newsletters for a while you will know I have often referenced the importance of teaching the whole child, not just the academic. In our curriculum, life skills run alongside academic ones and our assembly themes are always focused on emphasising those. Hopefully, we will help the children to develop all aspects of their personality and achieve their potential and we can only do that with your support which we know we can rely on :)

This week we also advertised our new Assistant Head Teacher post which is a slight change from the structure of leadership we had when Mr. Marks was at Ellenbrook. We are recruiting another Assistant Head Teacher to work in partnership with Mrs. Baird and this new structure will enable us to further develop all of the leadership roles in school. I know some parents have asked to be informed when the job advert went live so if you know anyone who is interested in the post, the recent WEDUC message included the link to the advert.

Next week sees Year 4 make their way to Ironbridge and apart from being my favourite school trip ever.....it's such an amazing trip for the children where they are able to see history of the past mixed with the living history of the Victorian visit at Bliss Hill. We are all very excited as trips like this are such a fundamental part of the children's education. As always, we will be posting on X as regularly as internet connection allows :)

Lastly, just a reminder that there are lots of events coming up over the next few weeks and to keep checking WEDUC messages sent out by the office.

Have a fab weekend...

Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.4%

ME, MYSELF & I!
Thought for the Week
DO YOU KNOW HOW GOOD YOU ARE?

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...the real us!

1. Who would you say is your best friend?

I'm a flagger (obsessed with flags) and I also like space and maths too! But I don't know my real self or the person I'll be in the future! I know I'm a good person though :)

2. What makes a good friend?

I do.....but I can't explain it though :(

3. Would you say you are a good friend to others?

Sharing my knowledge with others, being kind to others, showing respect and treating people the way I would like to be treated
Year 4 Ellesmere

1. Who would you say is your best friend?

I know the real me because deep down in my heart I know I made the right choices in my life and I make my friends feel safe to tell me their secrets and their worries.

2. What makes a good friend?

Yes, I like the person in me because I treat people how I would like to be treated but I am also not perfect and I do make mistakes...we all do!

3. Would you say you are a good friend to others?

I try to offer respect and be polite because I have a warm, melted marshmallow smile !
Year 5 Ellesmere

1. Who would you say is your best friend?

Yes, because I am kind, funny and lots of other things and I am very proud of that!

2. What makes a good friend?

Yes, because I really like the person I see but I'm not perfect.....yet!

3. Would you say you are a good friend to others?

I can offer kindness, trustworthiness and helpfulness
Year 5 Ellesmere



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
145	118	133	190

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

BRIDGEWATER & 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...

- ⇒ Nursery Smithills Farm
- ⇒ EBASC Summer 1 payment reminder
- ⇒ Equality & Diversity
- ⇒ Key Dates update



Cycling

Just a couple of reminders about bike use at Ellenbrook now that the weather is hopefully improving!

We do ask that all children who cycle to school wear a helmet. This is so important, even if you are walking with them, as things can happen in the blink of an eye.

Can we also ask that children dismount their bikes and push them as soon as they come through the gate. The area outside the office is for pedestrians only.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Our maths challenge this week has been problem solving by taking away. The children put a set number of eggs into an egg box. Miss Bradley then took away some eggs and they had to draw how many they thought were left [#Ellenbrook-Nursery](#)

Reception

This afternoon [#receptionjuniper](#) have enjoyed reading one of our Think Equal stories 'Faisal's Not Himself'. We spoke about the different emotions of anger, frustration and sadness. We made a list of the things that make us feel this way and the different people we can talk to. [#receptionhazel](#) have been using the Mighty Writer board to create 'Whatever Next' story maps. We worked in our mini beast groups to sequence the pictures, add labels and sentences to match [#Ellenbrook-literacy](#) [#sentencesuperstars](#)

Year 1!

[#year1ash](#) are using printing techniques from their last art session to imitate Paul Klee's 'Castle and Sun' painting. [#ellenbrookart](#)

Year 2!

Some fantastic bird characters today from [#year2birch](#)

Year 3!

A fantastic singing lesson in Year 3 Pine

Year 4!

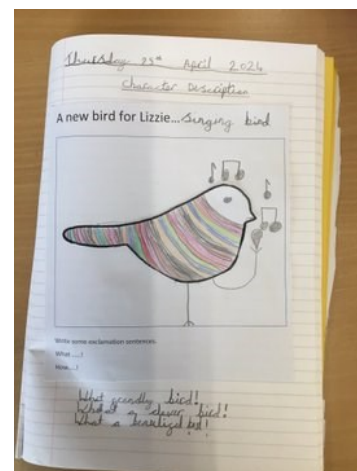
Tough decisions around budgeting this morning in [#year4maple](#). Monitoring their budgets do they spend or save?

Year 5!

Today in maths, Year 5 Elm are comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000,000! [#Year5Oak](#) have been using place value counters in maths today

Year 6!

In RSE this morning, [#year6voyagers](#) are discussing the importance of our school values: confidence, respect, independence, consideration and resilience. [#Ellenbrookvalues](#)



COOL & CALM CHECKLIST

REVISION SET-UP

- ✓ Get your books and pencils/pens ready
- ✓ Sit in a comfy chair or find a cozy spot to revise in
- ✓ Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths in and out

TOP TIP!

Imagine your belly is a balloon
BREATHE IN! Through your nose filling your belly with air like a balloon
HOLD! For a couple of seconds
BREATHE OUT! Slowly through your mouth
REPEAT Three times

REVISION BREAK

- ✓ Stretch your arms and legs, wiggle around, and take a few deep breaths
- ✓ Drink some water to stay hydrated and focused.
- ✓ Have a mindful moment, close your eyes and imagine yourself doing something that makes you happy

END OF REVISION TIME

- ✓ Congratulate yourself on your work, you did great!
- ✓ Say to yourself, "I did my best, and that's all that matters."
- ✓ Before you go to bed, think about something good that happened today

How are you feeling today?

Happy Tired
 Worried Confident
 Energetic Relaxed
 Okay Overwhelmed
 Anxious

What are 3 things you are grateful for?

(Circle your answers)

Friends	Kindness	Sunshine
School	Animals	Teachers
Food	Books	Music
Nature	Home	Family

THINGS TO TELL MYSELF...

I will do my best, and that is always enough.
 I am prepared, I am capable, I am ready to shine.
 I am proud of the effort I've put in, no matter the outcome.

Remember... It's important to take breaks, stay positive, and be kind to yourself during revision time.

YOU'RE DOING GREAT!
 #SATS2024
 @fifthmovement

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YEARS 3&4	TUESDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Cricket
YEARS 1&2	WEDNESDAY (8-8.45am)	Dance
YEARS 1&2	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Cricket