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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

February 2024

- * 16th school closes
- * 26th school re-opens

March 2024

- * 4th Book Week
- * 7th Year 6 Crucial Crew Event
- * 7th Year 5 Chester Zoo
- * 11th Mothers Day stay & play, Nursery & Reception
- * 15th Inset Day—School closed
- * 28th School closes 3,30

April 2024

- * 30th-4th Y4 Ironbridge

In A Flash.....!

Well that certainly went quickly...it feels like only yesterday I was welcoming you back from the Christmas holidays and now I am saying 'have a great half term.' I have reflected a lot on this half term and the things that have happened. We have had some fantastic moments and we have also had some things happen which remind us all that we can easily get complacent if we aren't looking in the places we should be looking in, more often. This is even more important as we know that Ofsted will be back at some point before the end of the academic year and as staff we want to make sure we are being as proactive as possible when it comes to the children at Ellenbrook. We know how proud the children are of their school and even in my limited teaching time I can see how keen the children are to learn. As we move into the very short second half of next term, there will be a lot of things we need to work on and I know we can rely on your support as parents.

Over the last two weeks, we have had a number of parents arriving before the end of the school day to collect their children early. I just want to be very clear that although this does not go against your child in terms of their attendance, it does go against them in terms of their learning. Any minutes lost from school have an impact and routinely being collected early means across a week or half term the children are missing a lot of learning time. Please can we ask that children are only collected if it is an emergency as opposed to making family organisation a little easier.

Last week we did get things slightly confused with mental health week and the upcoming break the rules day. This was explained to the children but a couple of parents did query with me what they could wear and it's obvious there was confusion with the discussions the children had in their class about break the rules day and the dress to express day which we can only apologise for.

We all hope you have a fantastic half term and that you find 5 minutes to talk to your child about their learning this half term. Have a great break! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.5%

Be Your Best!

'SUCCESS IS HOW HIGH YOU BOUNCE
WHEN YOU HIT ROCK BOTTOM'
GENERAL GEORGE S PATTEN



Aspiration



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...bouncing back.....

1. When have you needed to bounce back?

When I went roller skating for the first time because I was falling over all of the time but in the end I could do it.

2. What helped you do it?

My dad because he was saying I could do it and he said I was doing good.

3. Why is being able to bounce back important?

It is important because you will be proud of yourself or others will be proud of you.

Year 5 Ellesmere

1. When have you needed to bounce back?

When my hamster died I was really upset.

2. What helped you do it?

I went to place to be and talked about it with a friend and that really helped.

3. Why is being able to bounce back important?

Because if you don't, when you get more bad news it will be harder to bounce back.

Year 6 Bridgewater

1. When have you needed to bounce back?

When my brother was annoying me (always). He ruined my drawing and I went off screaming into my pillow (this time I didn't punch him as I normally would).

2. What helped you do it?

The breathing I learnt in mental health week last week.

3. Why is being able to bounce back important?

Because if you don't bounce back you will feel very sad.

Year 4 Ellesmere



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
872	813	815	833

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

BRIDGEWATER

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...

- ⇒ PTA Bag2School
- ⇒ ParentPay balances
- ⇒ EBASC and clubs invoices



Ballers!

The girls football team were in action again yesterday and did a fantastic job against St Peter's, St Phillip's and Broadoak.

Although results did not go their way, each of the games were very close and the girls played really well against some very stiff competition from the other schools.

We are so proud of all of our sports teams and it's fantastic that we are able to have a girls team this year :)

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have also been rolling, shaping and flipping pan-cakes! [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

Reception

Today [#receptionjuniper](#) have been exploring a piece of art titled 'concentric circles' by Kandinsky. We created our own heart version for Valentine's Day [#Valentine2024](#) [#receptionhazel](#) have been discussing who loves and cares for us and what kind things they do So as a thank you on Valentines Day we have made Heart jam tarts to share with our families. We hope you all enjoy them [#valentinesday2024](#)

Year 1!

[#YearOneFir](#) have been testing out the best materials to make an umbrella . We tested different materials to see if they were waterproof, strong and light. [#ellenbrookscience](#).

Year 2!

In [#year2birch](#) we chose the Zen Den as a strategy from mental health week that we want to continue weekly! [#bethetpond](#) [#dontbethetfish](#)

Year 3!

This morning in RSE, Year 3 Cedar are deciding whether films and games are suitable for children in Year 3. [#RSE](#)

Year 4!

Great effort from Maple in making their torches for our DT project!

Year 5!

[#Year5Oak](#) had a fantastic [#PE](#) lesson playing tennis

Year 6!

This morning, [#year6voyagers](#) were entertained by Macbeth's Three Weird Sisters



who were kindly brought in by Mrs Foster. [#EllenbrookEnglish](#) [#Macbeth](#) Year 6 Discoverers are working hard to sort the commitments of Muslims, Hindu and Christians. [#year6discoverers](#) [#ellenbrookRE](#)

SALFORD PARENT CARER FORUM **FREE entry**



SALFORD SEND INFORMATION DAY

Services attending will include SIASS, the Local Offer, Gaddum, Healthwatch Salford, SEND team Learning Support, CAMHS

More to be announced soon.

Free parking Facepainters Saturday 9th March 24
Fully accessible Balloon artists 11 am till 3pm
Sensory/quiet areas Arts and crafts Hospitality Suites, AJ Bell Stadium,
Stadium Way, Eccles. M30 7EY

For more information email: info@salfordpcf.com

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
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