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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

March 2024

- * 25th Y4 Ironbridge parents meeting
- * 25th Nursery and Hazel Parents evening
- * 26th Year 6 class assembly
- * 27th Parents Evening
- * 28th School closes 3.30

April 2024

- * 15th School re-opens
- * 22nd Year 5 Police museum trip
- * 30th-4th Y4 Ironbridge

We All Need A Little Recognition Don't We.....?

We have been thinking about recognition as our theme for the week this week and it has really got me thinking about whether we do enough as a school to recognise the amazing things we do and also whether we recognise the things we still need to work on. I have been at the Salford Headteacher's conference this week and it's been great to chat to other Heads about school and what's going on across the LA in general. It is one of the few things I do each year which really helps me to reflect on what's passed in the last 12 months and what's to come. We have been working really hard this year to adapt our teaching and the curriculum to better match the needs of all of our learners and recently we have been seeing the results of the changes we have made. You will hear first hand from the teachers next week during parents' evening about the children's progress and the way they have been working this year and I hope you will be as impressed as we have been!

Talking of recognition, we currently have a really important survey running to get your feedback on how we communicate with you and your thoughts on our recent book week. Getting your views is so important to us and it genuinely does help shape our strategy as a school even if we aren't able to implement all of the suggestions you put forward. The link for the survey is included on page 2 of this newsletter and will literally only take you a couple of minutes to fill it in :)

I wanted to give a shout out to the PTA this week who managed two very well supported events. Sadly I wasn't there but heard the disco was fab this week and there was also the Bag2School collection earlier in the week. I have written a little piece on the on the back of the newsletter but I wanted to thank the PTA for organising these events and also thank you for supporting them so well. The money the PTA provides is invaluable to the school and really allows us to do some amazing things

I hope you all have a fab weekend...

Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

96.8%

Be Your Best!
 'DON'T WORK FOR RECOGNITION - BUT DO WORK WORTHY OF RECOGNITION'
 H JACKSON BROWN JR
Recognition

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...recognition!

1. Who is the person you admire the most?

Me because I admire my own special qualities

2. What should you be recognised for?

Im recognised through football and being a goalkeeper

3. Why is being recognised so important to people?

If you're not recognised by a quality you won't be unique

Year 4 Ellesmere

1. Who is the person you admire the most?

I admire myself because I push myself to my goals

2. What should you be recognised for?

People should recognise me for my improvements in swimming so people can also improve and be recognised

3. Why is being recognised so important to people?

Because people don't recognise them they will just give up on their dreams

Year 4 Lowry

1. Who is the person you admire the most?

My Daddy because he saves people

2. What should you be recognised for?

Your talent

3. Why is being recognised so important to people?

Because if you don't you will be left out

Year 2 Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1484	1471	1374	1412

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

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...

- ⇒ Year 4 Coding Club
- ⇒ Summer 2 activities
- ⇒ EYFS Easter Bonnet
- ⇒ Survey



PTA Disco

A huge thank you to the PTA for organising another fab disco! The children had an excellent time and enjoyed an evening of dancing, eating sweets and of course the mandatory glow sticks!

Parental Survey

You will have seen on WEDUC this week that we have launched a mini survey around communication from the office as well as feedback on our recent book week. We are very keen to get your feedback on both of these areas so please can we ask you to complete the survey (link below). <https://www.surveyhero.com/c/yqzkiz3z>

Bag2school

A massive thank you to everyone who donated some unwanted clothes for our Bag2School collection this week. It was a very impressive pile and we had over 500kg of donated items which raised over £230! Thank you all for your support!

Tesco Tokens

I mentioned a while ago in the newsletter that we had been picked as one of the community causes in Tesco. I understand we are still in the running for winning the blue token challenge. If you shop in Tesco, please can you pop the token in the box for us! :)

Swimming Gala

Earlier this week we took a team to the Worsley swimming gala. It was a very competitive competition as usual and the children who represented the school did an amazing job. A huge well done to all of the children who took part and did a fantastic job in representing the school. We have been thinking about the value of recognition this week in assembly and this fits perfectly with saying well done to our swim team who did an amazing job!

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have been fantastic storytellers today. They worked as a team to order the story pages of "We're Going on a Bear Hunt" and then used language from the text to retell it. [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

Reception

[#receptionhazel](#) were so excited to find their dinosaur egg back in its nest. We are now busy finding out dinosaur facts using the iPads so we are prepared for when the egg finally hatches [#Ellenbrookcomputing](#) [#Understandingtheworld](#). [#receptionjuniper](#) were shocked to find our dinosaur egg was missing this morning! Mrs Hall received an email which showed a dinosaur had been walking around our classroom and had taken it!



Year 1!

A super computing lesson for [#year1ash](#)! The children made a pictogram to show how many animals were in the zoo. [#ellenbrookcomputing](#)

Year 2!

[#year2birch](#) are admiring their flowers, we planted the bulbs so well and have been taking great care of them and it is really paying off!

Year 3!

Year 3 Cedar enjoyed researching the advantages and disadvantages of living in mountain ranges this afternoon! [#geography](#) [#computing](#)

Year 4!

A super PE lesson with Year 4 Maple - hopping, skipping and jumping as part of our Fundamentals unit.

Year 5!

[#Year5Oak](#) have had a superb afternoon in Music, creating loop Melodie's and PE, working on overhead forehand. Year 5 Elm have been learning about plant reproduction by dissecting daffodils! Ask us about stigma, style and anthers!

Year 6!

Year 6 have been learning the rhythm to The Young Persons Guide to the Orchestra. [#year6discoverers](#)

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