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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

April 2024

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

May 2024

- * 6th Bank Holiday
- * 7th Y6 Newby Whiske parents meeting
- * 13th-16th Y6 SATs week
- * 27th—31st Half Term

June 2024

- * 3rd Inset Day— school closed to pupils
- * 4th-7th Citizenship Week

It's Getting Better Man.....!

Did you clock that the title of this weeks' newsletter was a famous Oasis song? This week we have been thinking about our whole school values which are confidence, respect, independence, consideration & resilience. It was nice to get some feedback from the children on these values and it's clear that we are really making progress with the children understanding the values and also embodying them...hence the it's getting better man heading. We have also been thinking a lot about Ofsted, which we are expecting in early May, and what they will see in terms of our values. We think our current curriculum has really developed this academic year and there are many more opportunities for the children to develop their academic as well as social abilities and we are, as usual, always reviewing what we do to make improvements where we can.

A huge thank you to those parents who completed our current feedback survey which we opened last week and will close when we return to school next term. It's been a very interesting and useful read and I am pleased that so many of you feel there are a lot of things we are getting right. There are also a lot of suggestions on what we can do to make positive changes and I will be writing to you in more detail next term about the changes we will be making following your feedback. A link to the survey is also on the back page of this newsletter if you haven't had the opportunity to complete the survey yet.

We had our Spring term parents' evening last night which was very well attended by you, so thank you very much to everyone who came. I recently had a chat with a fellow Headteacher who said they hadn't gone back to face to face appointments and were still doing parents' evenings online. This term, we trialled a one night approach which has gone down well with the staff and some of the parents I spoke to last night. If you have a firm view on this either way, please don't hesitate to mention it to Mrs Baird or me when you drop off and pick up.



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.4%



Happy Easter!

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



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
1632	1571	1722	1788

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

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...

- ⇒ Art Table Summer 1
- ⇒ Parental Survey



Parental Survey

Just a reminder that last week we 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>

One Way System

This week I have had to speak to a number of parents about the one way system around school. Let me start by saying, I know it's unpopular with some parents, but the one way system is an important measure for us to ease traffic flow around the school and even if you don't agree with it, I would ask you to respect it. I have been challenged a number of times this academic year about the one way system but it is still currently procedure that all parents use it. Please can we also ask that people who may be unfamiliar with our collection system are told in advance about the one way system.

PTA

I just wanted to give a big shout out to our wonderful PTA team at Ellenbrook. The committee does an amazing job in organising and running a number of events which are very well supported by the children.

The PTA are always on the look out for new members and helpers at events so if you are able to volunteer to spend some time supporting events please let them know via their socials (link on the bottom of the newsletter).

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Yum yum! Today Nursery made Easter nests. Our magic number was 3, we had to count out 3 scoops of mixture and put on 3 eggs [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

Reception

Here are some of [#receptionjunipers](#) Easter activities today. We have been playing sleeping little bunnies, carrot tricky word writing, Easter list writing, pasta Easter egg patterns and a double number Easter hunt! [#easter2024](#). [#receptionhazel](#) have explored doubling today adding various resources to our play dough eggs to help us solve the answer to the doubling number sentences. We even wrote some doubling number sentences [#Eastermaths](#) [#Ellenbrookmaths](#)

Year 1!

[#year1ash](#) practising for the Spelling Bee competition tomorrow! They worked hard in their houses to spell common exception words. [#teamwork](#). You can hear a pin drop in [#YearOneFir](#) this morning. The children are so focused whilst writing their mixed up fairy tales into their books. [#bud-dingauthors](#)

Year 2!

The Bad Seed has struck in [#year2birch](#) and his outrageous behaviour has inspired some very angry letters!

Year 3!

Year 3 Pine are learning how to play a drone in music today.

Year 4!

RSE in Year 4 this morning - looking at online adverts versus factual consent

Year 5!

[#Year5Oak](#) have been busy cooking spaghetti bolognaise today [#DT](#)

Year 6!

[#year6voyagers](#) have been thinking about taking action for climate change with an enquiry: how can we make our school more sustainable? From recycling to pollinator gardens, [#year6voyagers](#) have had some great ideas. [#EllenbrookGeography](#). In [#year6discoverers](#), we are taking action for climate change with an enquiry: how can we make our school more sustainable? Year 6 are taking action including writing to Mr Blackburn, asking the PTA for money and making signs for light switches. The future is in good hands!

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days
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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?

BE SMART BE THERE!

Percentages based on 190 academic days

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