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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### May 2024

- \* 13-16th SATs week
- \* 13th Nursery to Smithills Farm
- \* 22nd Year 6 Bury Fusilier Museum
- \* 24th School closes at 3.30 for Half Term

#### June 2024

- \* 4-6th Sports Days (see key dates)
- \* 6th Year 6 to RHS
- \* 10th Year 3 to RHS
- \* 10th Year 1 to Kenyon Hall Farm

### Do the Right Thing.....!

It's been a very full on week at Ellenbrook and one in which we have been blessed with some beautiful weather at last! We had a fab week away with Year 4 last week and I then spent the weekend attending the National Association of Head Teachers conference at Celtic Manor in Newport. You may have heard that we had Her Majesty's Chief Inspector as our main speaker and I was thinking, whilst listening to him, how hard it can be sometimes to get messages we don't want to hear. The adage of 'you can't keep everyone happy all of the time' has never been felt more than it has recently in terms of education. For us, as we run up to our own inspection, the key is ensuring the children are kept happy, safe and of course challenged. One of my colleagues from another region said to me on Saturday that working in a school is the best job in the world and I have to say I really agree with him wholeheartedly.

We have been thinking about right and wrong, and as you will see from our Thoughtful Times this week, there is a clear understanding from nearly all of the children that they know the difference between the two but there was also a very mature appreciation that even though they may know it, they don't always follow the correct path. I really enjoyed reading Thoughtful Times this week and it made me feel very proud that our children are able to have such well rounded views on not only their behaviour but also the behaviour of others around them. They did a fab job!

Speaking of right and wrong, as we have started to use the field again this week we have noticed that a small group of children have forgotten the correct way to play properly. I spoke to the boys in Year 5 & 6 about their responsibilities in terms of the younger year groups in the school and I would appreciate it if you could support this message in your discussion at home. It's so important the children understand what the rules are and actively follow them to ensure all of the children are able to enjoy their playtimes and lunchtimes.

Have a fab weekend...

Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 95.5%

ME, MYSELF & !!  
Thought for the Week  
DO YOU KNOW WHAT  
IS RIGHT?

### 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...doing the right thing!

#### 1. Is it hard to do the right thing?

Yes because you might not notice if you are or not. You might think that you are doing the right thing

#### 2. Why should you do the right thing, if others don't?

Because you really don't want to join others that are doing wrong thing because you will join them and it will expand. The more people join, the more trouble they get.

#### 3. Why is doing the right thing so difficult sometimes?

Because you might be so tempted to do something you might forget

Year 2, Peel

#### 1. Is it hard to do the right thing?

Sometimes because you might not know what the right thing is

#### 2. Why should you do the right thing, if others don't?

If they jumped off a cliff would you do it, don't let others set an example for you if its not a good one

#### 3. Why is doing the right thing so difficult sometimes?

Because you could get tricked and if you don't realise your mistake soon then you will have to face the consequences

Year 4 Lowry



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
248	188	217	269

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

**BRIDGEWATER ELLESMERE LOWRY 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...

- ⇒ Summer 2 Activities
- ⇒ Year 4 Coding Club
- ⇒ EBASC requirements for 24/25
- ⇒ Y6 & Y2 SATs



### **Other People Collecting**

This week I have had to direct a number of adults around the building to collect children. If you know a new adult is coming to collect your child, please can you make sure the Office is informed so the staff at the door can know and can you also explain to them where your child's classroom is

I would also greatly appreciate it if you could explain the one way system! :)

### **Runners**

Huge well done to our running team who took part in the Worsley Cross Country relay.

Miss Garner said they did a fabulous job and we are so proud of the whole team. Well done to everyone who took part in the competition last week.

### **Lollies**

We have had a couple of occasions recently where parents have brought treats into school when a child has had a birthday.

We just wanted to remind you all that lollies are not allowed in school as they are a potential choking hazard. Please can we also ask that any sweets sent into school are in a sealed packet and if a cake is made, it must include a detailed list of ingredients.

### **Stolen Bikes**

I am very disappointed to report that we have had a further two bikes stolen from the school site overnight on Wednesday.

Both bikes were parked in the school bike sheds and locked with padlocks. We have the whole incident on CCTV and have reported the theft to the police. There were three teenage boys involved and the theft happened at 1.55am on Thursday morning.

If anyone has any information about the theft please can you report it to the school or the police via 101 or Crimestoppers.

### **In the classroom this week.....**

#### **Nursery!**

Nursery are super map makers and map readers. Today we had to help the farmer get the animals back to their pen but before we could we needed to make a map of how to get there. The children then took turns to be the map readers and lead their friends to the pen [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

#### **Reception**

[#ReceptionHazel](#) have shared the story 'That's not my Fairy' and created their own pages! They used different textures then thought carefully about adjectives when writing their super sentences Look at some of our amazing writing...

#### **Year 1!**

[#YearOneFir](#) have had a super afternoon with [#yearoneash](#) investigating our big question for science "Do wild plants grow in our local area?" We went on a walk around our local area looking for wild flowers. Ask us what makes flowers wild and which ones we found.

#### **Year 2!**

[#year2birch](#) working hard in computing

#### **Year 3!**

Year 3 Pine loved hot seating in English today. Year 3 are making character slinkies in English this morning. They have collected some fantastic adjectives to describe the Grand High Witch.

#### **Year 4!**

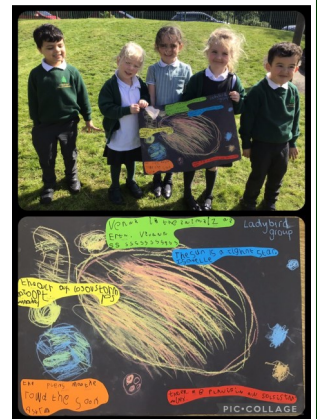
Making frames for our pavilions in DT this afternoon - Year 4 Maple

#### **Year 5!**

Year 5 Elm discussed how we can challenge stereotypes in RSE and that we shouldn't assume things solely based on names, interests or career choice! [#Year5Oak](#) great freeze frames today in English for our new book

#### **Year 6!**

[#year6voyagers](#) have been having fun revising their maths knowledge. [#EllenbrookMaths](#) [#Kahoot](#)



### **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