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The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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Important Diary Dates

June 2024

- * 10th Year 3 to RHS
- * 10th Year 1 to Kenyon Hall Farm
- * 14th Year 3 sports day
- * 17th EYFS Fathers Day stay and play
- * 26th Alton Towers Y6

July 2024

- * 4th Y6 Alberts Meal
- * 8-12th Y6 Newby Whiske
- * 13th PTA School Fair

Blowing Our Own Trumpets.....!

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous half term break and managed to spend some quality time together. The children were very effusive about their holidays in assembly this week and it's clear to see many of you managed to escape to warmer weather which is fabulous. As I do on the first newsletter of each term and half term, I wanted to remind you that holidays during term time are not an authorised absence and should you take one you may be subject to a penalty notice from the Local Authority.

Our theme in assembly this week was celebrating success and it was so interesting to see the react the children had to being asked if they are good at celebrating their successes. The Thoughtful Times reflected the clear divide in terms of the children who are not just confident enough to share their successes but also aware enough to recognise them. This is such a key skill and one of the things we work in in our curriculum especially during RSE sessions.

It's also been citizenship week this week and this has also been another opportunity for the children to develop knowledge and understanding outside the traditional academic curriculum. A key part of our ethos at Ellenbrook is educating the who child which is at the heart of everything we do.

On the INSET day, we reviewed our homework policy to try and align it more effectively to our new Maths scheme. You will have seen a WEDUC today that explains the changes and we have moved to a 10 minute Maths slot each day followed by daily reading and have stopped the weekly writing task. The Maths homework will be set up in class before the end of the day so hopefully the children should only needed minimum support with it. It's so key to our new Maths scheme that we are asking for your fantastic support in making sure the homework is completed. There's also an important reminder about the PTA challenge on the back page of this newsletter.

Lastly, I hope you have a great weekend. For me, It's my yearly shift of volunteering at Parklife so fingers crossed for nice weather! Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.5%

ME, MYSELF & I!
Thought for the Week
ARE YOU GOOD AT
BLOWING YOUR OWN
TRUMPET?

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...celebrating success!

1. Are you good at celebrating success?

No because I am really competitive and think I can always do better when I don't look back at what I actually have achieved.

2. Do others tell you how good you are at things?

Yes, my family after I did my SATs they were happy and we watched a film together with toffee popcorn and crisps.

3. What's been your biggest success in life so far?

I have not done a big thing but just the fact I got into the high school I wanted was a success to me. Year 6 Ellesmere

1. Are you good at celebrating success?

Yes and no because sometimes I don't celebrate if I've done rubbish then I beat myself up about it, but sometimes I am really proud.

2. Do others tell you how good you are at things?

Well sometimes my friends do and my family always do because they say it's good to try and you've done a great job already.

3. What's been your biggest success in life so far?

Probably gymnastics or athletics because it was a team effort and we all one and I was part of that team. Year 4 Peel

1. Are you good at celebrating success?

Yes when I scored 3 goals in a match and I celebrated by getting an Oreo McFlurry.

2. Do others tell you how good you are at things?

Yes because when I got my first shield my friends cheer me.

3. What's been your biggest success in life so far?

When I went on Hyperspace Mountain at Disneyland Year 3 Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
491	485	519	513

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...

- ⇒ Year 3 re-arranged sports day
- ⇒ Homework changes
- ⇒ Year 3,4 & 5 Summer Show
- ⇒ Nursery message



Whooping Cough Alert

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, is a highly contagious respiratory disease known for uncontrollable, violent coughing which often makes it hard to breathe. Pertussis can affect individuals of all ages, but can be particularly severe, even deadly, for babies less than a year old. The best way to prevent whooping cough is through vaccinations. The 'DTaP' vaccine is recommended for babies at 8, 12 and 16 weeks old. A pre-school booster is given at 3 years and 4 months. We urge all community members to stay vigilant, ensure vaccinations are up-to-date, and seek medical advice if a persistent cough develops. Together, we can protect our community's health and well-being.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

#EllenbrookNursery have helped some of the people who help us today! After discovering there had been a honey thief in school the children called the police & assisted them in finding the culprit - honey bear! They then explored a police van & learnt about a police officer's role



Reception

#ReceptionHazel are having a brilliant Citizenship Week! We continued our work on 'People that help us' today & have been thinking about the amazing job the doctors & nurses do in hospital. We made stethoscopes, answered the hospital phone calls, mixed medicines & printed X-rays!

Year 1!

#year1ash & #year1fir have loved taking part in their sports day this afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came to cheer us on #Ellenbrooksportsday #Makingmemories

Year 2!

#year2willow Well done to everyone in Willow, what a fabulous sports day and time to support and encourage each other You all were amazing

Year 3!

#year3cedar and #year3pine loved our swap shop yesterday for Citizenship week. We brought in old clothes we didn't need anymore and all swapped and took home a brand new item of clothing or outfit for free! #sustainableshopping

Year 4!

#year4maple sports day, fantastic team efforts- well done team Maple! Shout out to our photographer Hendrix

Year 5!

Year 5 Elm made small investments in citizenship week, some of us gained money and some of us lost all of our money!

Year 6!

Year 6 have had a fabulous day at the RHS! #year6discoverers #year6voyagers #teamyear6

PTA Challenge

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our PTA challenge 24!!.

We have had some envelopes with money in which aren't named so we can't link them to children. If you have returned money please can you let the office or PTA know if you think you may have forgotten to put your child's name on it.

Unauthorised Absence from School

Just a reminder that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time.

A copy of the schools' Pupil Attendance policy can be found on our website and you could be liable for a penalty notice should you currently £60 per parent per child if paid within the first 21 days. It does rise to £120 if not paid within that time.

95%	= 47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	ATTENDANCE MATTERS WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?
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	
BE SMART BE THERE!		
<small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>		

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YEARS 3&4	TUESDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Athletics
YEARS 1&2	WEDNESDAY (8-8.45am)	Rounders
YEARS 5&6	THURSDAY (3.30-4.30PM)	Athletics
YEARS 1&2	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Athletics