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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

June 2024

- * 14th Year 3 sports day
- * 17th EYFS Fathers Day stay and play
- * 21st Non uniform (bottles)
- * 26th Alton Towers Y6
- * 26th-28th Transition days
- * 27th PTA Summer Disco

July 2024

- * 4th Y6 Alberts Meal
- * 8-12th Y6 Newby Whiske
- * 12th Non-uniform sweet cups)
- * 13th PTA School Fair

As You Were.....!

It's been a whirlwind of a week and I am very pleased to say, the children feel very much 'back in the groove' in terms of their work which is a good thing as there is so much to do before the end of term. This is a long half term, but a very busy one and we have a number of key events coming up this year so please keep checking WEDUC for any updates. Talking of communication, a huge thank you to everyone who completed our recent communication and book week survey. It was very insightful and has given us some keys areas to review before the next academic year. As my old boss Tim always used to say, feedback is the breakfast of champions and we do take all feedback on board when making decisions on the running of the school.

This week we have been thinking about being nice to others as our assembly theme. Our thoughtful times this week focused on the importance of being nice and also how we feel when others aren't nice to us. It was an interesting response from the children and in particular their views on how they felt when others weren't nice to them was quite eye opening. There is a lot to do here in terms of the children understanding how their actions impact others and how they make others feel when they aren't nice.

I do feel I have to have a moan this week about the state of uniform for a lot of the children. We have so many children at present not wearing the correct uniform or wearing nail polish, or temporary tattoos, none of which is allowable under our uniform policy. I did say last term we wanted to crack down on this more and we will be. I have asked the teachers to speak to you directly now if your child isn't wearing the appropriate uniform. We are seeing a particular slip in the PE kits with children often wearing branded shirts and tracksuits which is outside our current policy. All children are expected to wear their house coloured PE shirt for the days they have PE.

Lastly, there is a message on the reverse of the newsletter about the parent Governor vacancy. Please could I ask you to take a minute to read it and see if it's something you would be interested in. I hope you have a great weekend. Mr. Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.3%

ME, MYSELF & !!
Thought for the Week
BEING NICE COSTS NOTHING

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...being nice to others!

1. Why is it important to be nice to others?

So then you will get the same respect and kindness from others and you'll make more and more friends and you'll have loads of nice people to talk to and play with and have fun with all because you were kind and nice and respectful!

2. Why is being nice to others hard sometimes?

It's hard because say if you haven't even sat down and been doing jobs in the house like cleaning, cooking, laundry and more and you're about to sit down but someone who has been in bed relaxing all day asks you to 'get them some water please.' You want to be kind and get it for them but it's hard to knowing you have been working all day and they have been sat in bed all day doing nothing!

3. How do you feel when others aren't nice to you?

Jealous because they have been nice to others but not to you and you feel upset and confused because you don't know what you've done wrong for them not to be nice to you. I would feel upset and confused. **Year 6 Peel**

1. Why is it important to be nice to others?

It is nice to be kind to other people because kindness is like a ball which reflects back on you.

2. Why is being nice to others hard sometimes?

Sometimes it is hard to be nice to people that you don't get along with or if it's a stranger or someone you don't know. It is always nice to be nice though as that's the right thing to do.

3. How do you feel when others aren't nice to you?

When others aren't nice to me I show my hopeful face and let the horrible thing fly by because maybe they had a bad night's sleep or there are things going on in their life that has upset them. **Year 5 Ellesmere**



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
592	485	519	513

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...

- ⇒ Year 4 Class Assembly
- ⇒ PTA non-uniform days
- ⇒ Place2Be survey
- ⇒ Reception Sports Day



Parent Governor

As mentioned on the front of the newsletter, we currently have a vacancy for a parent governor following the resignation of one of our current Governors.

Being a Governor is a fantastic job and a great way for you to have the opportunity to make a difference, not only for your children, but for all children in years to come.

A letter will be sent out early next week for you to register your interested in becoming a Governor at Ellenbrook and if you are interested, please feel free to catch me for a chat or to speak to Vicky Hilton who is our current Chair.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

The Evil Pea has return to Nursery this morning and he left us a cheeky message on our classroom floor! After reading the story Supertato Nursery knew what to do....make some super veggies who can catch him! [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

Reception

[#Receptionhazel](#) have been exploring symmetry using paint, gems and coloured pencils to decorate their butterflies with symmetrical patterns. [#Ellenbrookmaths](#) This morning [#receptionjuniper](#) got a delivery of caterpillars from 'The King of Tiny things'. We spoke about how to look after the caterpillars and wrote signs so everyone knows how to keep them safe. We can't wait until they turn into butterflies

Year 1!

What a day to be in [#YearOneFir](#)! We've been looking at the poem 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen and thought what better way to describe chocolate cake than to touch, smell, see and taste some of our own! We thought of some super adjectives with our favourite being SCRUMPTIOUS

Year 2!

[#year2birch](#) have been writing about their favourite and least favourite poems ! Great reasons!

Year 3!

[#year3cedar](#) have been working on their digital map skills in Geography this afternoon! [#mapskills](#) [#geography](#) [#theUK](#) [#coasts](#)

Year 4!

[#Year4Maple](#) working on their teamwork, communication, cooperation, trust and planning skills in our OAA unit in PE today

Year 5!

[#year5elm](#) have been gathering vocabulary for their new topic 'Flood' in English. [#Year5Oak](#) are working really hard in [#Art](#) today painting in the style of [#DavidHockney](#)



Year 6!

[#Year6voyagers](#) are playing a maths game to learn about using a bank account! They have an opening balance and are paying money in/out. To finish, they will use a calculator to work out their final balance. Highest balance wins!

Lost Property

The situation with our lost property has now reached critical mass and we have had to bag up 3 black sacks worth of unclaimed clothing that has no names.

At the end of the day today, we will be putting the current lost property outside the school office, please can we encourage you to look for any lost items.

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