



Rules Are Rules....!

There has been one topic of conversation this week and it's rules! Our theme for the week in assembly has been rules and why we need them, why it's important to stick to them and of course, the consequences of not having them. The children's thoughtful times were really good and they clearly have a very clear idea of why rules are important and why we need them. In assembly on Monday we also talked about rules we could change if we had the chance. The point of this, of course, was for the children to understand that not all rules have been put in place with the best of intentions. In some countries, the rules are dictated with no possibility of them being changed and this is important for the children to know. We live in a democracy where rules can be changed if people don't like them and that is a truly special feeling.

Next week is friendship week and I would really encourage you all to take some time to chat with your children about the activities they complete across the week. This year's theme is choose respect which fits so well into what we have been doing as a school this term. Respect is so important and it's often overlooked in society but for us as a school it is a fundamental part of everything we teach and hopefully that will come across next week.



Lastly, a huge well down to our flag football team who went took part in a competition yesterday. They did a fabulous job and we are very proud of them all!

Have an amazing weekend.... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figures for this week are

Attendance

96.7%

Unauthorised absence

0.87%

Important Diary Dates

November 2024

- * 11-15th Friendship Week
- * 15th Children in Need
- * 18th Prospective parents open morning 10.30
- * 20th Year 3 Assembly
- * 21st Prospective parents opening evening 5.00
- * 25 & 26th Parents evening

December 2024

- * 3rd Y1 Octagon Theatre
- * 6th Y2 Octagon Theatre
- * 6th non uniform for chocolate tombola
- * 12th Xmas Jumper Day
- * 13th PTA Christmas Fair
- * 19th school closes at 3.30

January 2025

- * 7th school re-opens 8.55am

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...respecting rules

- 1. Why do we have rules?**
We have rules so we can keep safe and you will know what to do in school and elsewhere.
- 2. What rule would you change tomorrow if you could?**
If I could it would be 'no littering' because the world is covered in rubbish and the animals are getting ill.
- 3. What would happen if there were no rules?**
If there were no rules in this world everyone would be stealing and people would just have no idea what they could do.

Year 6, Bridgewater

- 1. Why do we have rules?**
We have rules to keep us in place this means that we don't commit sins.
- 2. What rule would you change tomorrow if you could?**
I would change the rule of homework because we learn every day for 5 hours a day (if you're not poorly) and then having to do extra work on our precious weekends ruins the fun or Saturday & Sunday!
- 3. What would happen if there were no rules?**
Everyone will be very disrespectful and wouldn't know the difference between right and wrong.

Year 6, Peel

- 1. Why do we have rules?**
To keep us away from danger.
- 2. What rule would you change tomorrow if you could?**
Homeless people should receive support from the Government.
- 3. What would happen if there were no rules?**
It would all be chaotic and people might have car crashes as they are allowed to drive too fast.

Year 4, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1667	1642	1671	1625

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

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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...

- ⇒ Reminder of parent governor ballot
- ⇒ Children in Need 15th November
- ⇒ Year 6 DT
- ⇒ Cross Country training



Loaves & Fishes

I just wanted to pass on the thank you we got from Salford Loaves and Fishes for the tremendously generous donation from our recent harvest appeal.



Your donations will actively improve the loaves of so many people in Salford and will have a big impact on children in the Borough.

Thank you again for the fantastic support we received for our harvest collection!

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

To finish our bonfire night learning we made our own chocolate sparklers! The children really enjoyed making and eating these



Reception

Alder have been discussing what sounds fireworks make.

We talked about our firework celebrations and what sounds we could hear, we then wrote the words to finish the sentence 'Fireworks.....' What a wonderful morning we had at forest school! We couldn't believe who we discovered when we arrived - Sage the forest magical elf!

Year 1!

The children worked together in English to organise the story strips of Billy and Beast and can retell the story confidently. The children also acted out the story.

Year 2!

Using skipping ropes for fitness in [#year2ash](#)

Year 3!

[#year3birch](#) were trying out reflective materials in science today. [#science](#) [#light](#)

Year 4!

Super session with Sale Sharks today in [#Year4Cedar](#) [#salesharksrufc](#) [#rugbyunion](#) [#salesharksfoundation](#). [#Year4Pine](#) have been using expanded noun phrases to describe their own flying machine which they then typed into an AI image generator to create an image of their description.

Year 5!

Today we started our new topic in Science. We are learning about SPACE. We started by researching each planet so we can compare them based on distance from the sun, how long it takes to rotate on their axis, how long it takes to rotate around the sun and what each planet is made from.

Year 6!

[#Year6Elm](#) are taking a break from their science lesson to watch the EYFS fireworks. An exciting start to our geography topic all about Brazil with some samba drumming. We've got rhythm! [#year6oak](#) [#ellenbrookmusic](#)

Save the Date!

SIASS (Salford Information Advice and Support Service) are hosting their re-scheduled **Advisory Board launch on Wednesday 22nd January, 8.45am-1.30pm, at the Court House in Worsley.**



Light refreshments will be provided throughout the day but there will **not** be a lunch unfortunately. The venue is fully accessible.

This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of shaping the future of the SIASS service in Salford, contribute to your local SEND community and have your voices and opinions heard. In addition to the relaunch there will be a demonstration of the updated Local Offer and a presentation by the chair of Salford Parent Carer Forum around their crucial work and a break-down of the most recent SEND survey.

Spaces are limited and will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. If you wish to attend please complete this short online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/L3xbjuF1Fk>.

PTA Disco

A massive thank you to the PTA for another amazing disco

The children had a fantastic time and the money raised will really help to benefit the school.

Thanks for your ongoing support :)

CLUBS

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