



It's Down to Us....!

I cannot believe we have only been back a week already...it feels like we have never been away and the children have got straight back into full working mode. It's been a busy week but also an exciting one with Halloween in the first week back and also the build up to firework night next week. This is a great time of year to be in school and we get the opportunity to do so many amazing things with the children across the second half of the Autumn term.. The Christmas plays are being decided...the costumes are coming out of the container ...and the Christmas trees are being prepared! It truly is the most wonderful time of the year and I can't wait for this years festivities.

This week has seen the resending of the parent governor election ballots and I wanted to thank you all for your patience with a process that has not run anywhere near as smoothly as we would have hoped. We have some fantastic candidates and with two vacancies I know we will have two excellent appointments!

I did just want to remind you all that the reverse of the newsletter contains a reminder about holidays during term time which is always an issue at this time of the year.



I just wanted to say a huge well done to our footballers who were in action this week with a 4-1 win away. Mrs McShane said they played brilliantly and were very excited and enthusiastic. Really well done to everyone who played!

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

Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figures for this week are

Attendance

96.5%

Unauthorised absence

0.95%



RESPECT

Do you respect the planet?



'The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.'

ROBERT SWAN

Important Diary Dates

November 2024

- * 7th PTA Autumn Disco
- * 11-15th Friendship Week
- * 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
- * 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 the planet

1. What do you know about the environment?

I know that we need to use electric cars and recycle as much as we can.

2. Is helping to recycle important to you?

Yes it is important to me because I recycle as much as I can.

3. Why is saving the planet important?

It is important to keep the planet as clean as we can for future generations

Year 2, Lowry

1. What do you know about the environment?

That it is being heavily polluted and more animals are dying because of it and a bit too much water is being used as well as too many houses being built on areas where animals should live

2. Is helping to recycle important to you?

Yes, but not too much because otherwise more animals would die and that means less food for everyone.

3. Why is saving the planet important?

So we can have better times with more oxygen and more food for animals and for fun for us!

Year 5, Ellesmere

1. What do you know about the environment?

I know that the environment is a paradise that helped us to make it through the first frontier and will help us through the next frontier and the one after that!

2. Is helping to recycle important to you?

I mean it might have changed pollution but it just gets dumped in the same place, earth!

3. Why is saving the planet important?

It's important because earth was not made for a grey planet or a concrete jungle. It was made to help us live longer!

Year 3, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1423	1413	1391	1406

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

PEEL

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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...

- ⇒ KS1 Panto Trip
- ⇒ Parents evening
- ⇒ Lledr Hall Deposit
- ⇒ Mini Christmas Photo Shoot



Leave of Absence

Just a reminder that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time. Approved leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and holidays do not count as that.

A copy of the schools' Pupil Attendance policy can be found on our website and you could be liable for a penalty notice and a fine.

Traffic Survey

Salford City Council's Traffic Management department has informed me that they have commissioned Transport for Greater Manchester to carry out pedestrian surveys on Newearth Road on Tuesday 5th November 2024.

The surveys have been commissioned to gather data on pedestrian movements along Newearth Road throughout the day to give Council Officers an understanding and evidence of the number of pedestrian movements in this area and the desire lines as to where people currently choose to cross Newearth Road. All of this information is being gathered to inform a pedestrian crossing feasibility study that has been requested by the Worsley & Boothstown Highways Task Group (which is made up from Worsley & Boothstown Councillors) to explore whether any improvements to pedestrian crossing facilities are needed and if so, where and what type of crossing facility would be most suitable.

The surveys will involve camera's monitoring the footpaths/ highways to determine the numbers of pedestrians/vehicles using them over a 12 hour period. They will be positioned so that they are not viewing the School premises. The resolution of the cameras are set so that identifying features, number plates etc are indistinguishable. The counts are extracted using analytics software but short time periods may be manually checked for quality assurance purposes.

No footage will be shared by the surveyors and will be destroyed once the counts have been satisfactorily extracted. The cameras will all have the contact details of the surveyors on while they are installed.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Happy Halloween everyone! We've had a very busy day with all our spooky activities. The children have had lots of fun. The children were amazing at sharing how they celebrate Halloween and how we can stay safe when going out trick or treating. Well done!



Reception

Our Star Word this week is "creepy" - perfect for Halloween! Here's our word aware rap...We've had a spooky day in Reception Yew! We shared the story of Meg and Mog and decided we wanted a spell party, so we worked in our groups to create magic potions! Some of them even worked with children claiming they had been turned into mice and frogs! We did some super writing to make a note of our ingredients too.

Year 1!

In Maths this morning we looked at shapes - focusing on circles and triangles to start.

Year 2!

Year 2 Fir have been exploring 2D shapes using geoboards today

Year 3!

[#yearebirch](#) loved their grammar splat activity in English today. We read chapters 3 and 4 of The BFG and found nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs. We are going to use some of the words we 'magpied' in our writing! [#english](#) [#writing](#)

Year 4!

A fabulous effort from everyone in [#Year4Pine](#) with learning their lines for the assembly and with their costumes - fantastic!

Year 5!

Today in Science, we were looking at water resistance. We used plasticine to make different shapes and recorded which object would sink the quickest. Make your predictions...

Year 6!

[#Year6Elm](#) have interrogated our text to identify mood or themes using abstract nouns. [#EllenbrookEnglish](#)

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