



## Round and Around....!

It's been friendship week this week and the children have enjoyed a big range of activities across the class during the week. As I mentioned last week, It would be great if you could spend some time this weekend talking to your children about the things they have done this week and also the things they have learnt about choosing respect. Respect is one of our whole school values and something we discuss with the children all of the time as it's so key to our ethos at Ellenbrook.

We had the excitement of a parent governor election count this week and it was great to see democracy in action. I want to extend thanks to all of the parents who put themselves forward for this role and I thought every candidate was very strong on paper and everyone would have been an excellent choice. A big thank you to everyone who voted in the election, we had a total of 92 votes from the parents.

There are a lot of moans on the reverse of the newsletter this week and I would really appreciate it if you could take some time to look at and action them where possible.

We really do need to address the issues relating to food and snacks as they are now reaching the point where they are becoming a problem for us all. I know parents are under pressure but it really isn't acceptable for a child to come to school with a grab bag of crisps and a full sized chocolate bar for their play time snack.

Have a fab 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

- \* 15th Children in Need
- \* 18th Prospective parents open morning 10.30
- \* 20th Year 3 Assembly
- \* Year 5 Space Day
- \* 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.

### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1935	1897	1968	1849

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

**PEEL**

### 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



### 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 Grosvenor Museum
- ⇒ Year 5 Space Day reminder
- ⇒ School Lunch payment reminders



### **Snacks**

I have mentioned in previous newsletters our concerns as staff about the amount of unhealthy snacks we see on a daily basis from children. I want to be very clear that chocolate bars and grab bags of crisps are not appropriate snacks and we need you to support us in actively discouraging the children from eating these snacks.



We have also noticed that some children are bringing more than one snack which we will be stopping as of next week.

### **Car Park**

This week we have had reports from members of staff that children and parents are standing in the staff car park whilst waiting for the gate to open in the mornings.

Please can we remind you all that the car park is in use with cars and deliveries coming and going throughout the morning and it is dangerous for adults and children to stand or run around the car park.

### **Parent Governor**

As you will know, we have been running a parent governor election over the last few weeks.

I am very pleased to say we have appointed two new governors through the process. I want to take this opportunity to congratulate Mrs. Ellis & Mrs. Wood who will be taking up their posts later in the month.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who put themselves forward for nomination.

### **Sweets**

On the theme of healthy snacks, we have had a lot of children in school this week with sweets in their pockets which they say have been there since Halloween. Please can we ask that sweets are not brought into school by children and that pockets are checked at home :)

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

#### **Nursery!**

As part of our friendship learning today, we discussed how we can be good listeners and then we looked around the classroom for people being good friends. In our creative area, the children enjoyed making friendship catchers!

#### **Reception**

This morning we shared the story 'Friends are amazing' we looked at lots of new vocabulary and discussed the meaning of the new words. We then had circle time where we shared ideas of what makes a good friend and why our friends have a good friend in us. We then took turns in rolling a ball to each other and saying "You've got a friend in me because...." And then wrote our ideas down on a petal to make friendship flowers.

#### **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. We created a rhythm this morning and afternoon using musical instruments to remember numbers 1-5

#### **Year 2!**

Just how reliable are the sources we are using to investigate the GFOL? [#year2ash](#) are ranking them in terms of reliability!

#### **Year 3!**

Year 3 Willow are busy with their map work in Geography. Locating and plotting landmarks of Manchester on their street maps.

#### **Year 4!**

[#Year4Pine](#) developed some fantastic routine in PE involving shapes and rotation landing jumps - take a look on SeeSaw for our videos of these

#### **Year 5!**

Another exciting task we completed as part of Friendship Week was to make friendship bracelets. This was a completely new skills and required a lot of perseverance. We then gave them away to a friend to show how important they mean to us.

#### **Year 6!**

Year 6 are using atlases to find geographical features of Brazil. [#year6oak](#) [#ellenbrookgeography](#)

## **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