



Radio...Someone Still Loves You....!

Winter has arrived and as someone who loves the festive season, it feels lovely to have everything feeling so Christmassy! The cold weather has made things a bit treacherous though and all of the staff have been on high alert this week. It's times like these we realise how important it is to be careful when you are moving from A to B.

It's been a very busy week in school and I have been out for a couple of days at my first NAHT National Executive meeting. Being away from school and with other Headteachers has really given me a chance to clear the mind and recharge the batteries as well as picking up some great tips and ideas.

We have been looking at a number of different policies in school this week and also looking at the target areas Ofsted set for us following out inspection in the Summer term. Over the course of the next couple of weeks we will be sharing some of the policies we have been looking at with you and asking for your opinions on them. Parental feedback is very important to us as a school and we value the relationships we have with you.



Christmas season is in full swing at Ellenbrook and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming performances so please keep checking WEDUC for all the details.

Lastly, did you manage to catch all of those song references? There were quite a lot of them :) Have a fab weekend....

Weekly Attendance

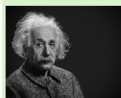
Our attendance figures for this week are

Attendance

96.7%

Unauthorised absence

0.87%



RESPECT

Do you respect knowledge?



'The only source of knowledge is experience'

ALBERT EINSTEIN

Important Diary Dates

November 2024

- * 25 & 26th Parents evening

December 2024

- * 3rd Y1 Octagon Theatre
- * 6th Y2 Octagon Theatre
- * 6th non uniform for chocolate tombola
- * 9th Nursery Nativity
- * 10th Reception nativity
- * 11th Reception Nativity
- * 11th Year 1 Nativity
- * 12th Year 1 nativity
- * 12th Year 2 nativity
- * 13th Year 2 nativity
- * 12th Xmas Jumper Day
- * 13th PTA Christmas Fair
- * 19th KS2 Carols on the playground
- * 19th school closes at 3.30

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 knowledge

- 1. Why is knowledge important?**
As you grow up you become smarter, especially at STEM. Those ideas put into action could change life around you. That's why it's important to learn—YOU could be a life changer! I'd recommend doing STEM-based activities.
- 2. Are you a knowledgeable person?**
Yes I know a lot. Mostly about STEM. Just ask me and I could work it out!
- 3. They say knowledge is power. Do you agree?**
Yes I do, because knowledge could change lives around you.
Year 5, Ellesmere

- 1. Why is knowledge important?**
Because knowledge is everything.
- 2. Are you a knowledgeable person?**
Yes because I am confident and resilient and I think I might be a teacher.
- 3. They say knowledge is power. Do you agree?**
Knowledge is power because the more knowledge you have the more you understand.
Year 3, Bridgewater

- 1. Why is knowledge important?**
Because if you didn't have it you wouldn't know anything.
- 2. Are you a knowledgeable person?**
Yes in quite a lot of things but I can't name all of them, so for example maths and English. I can't be good at everything because nobody is perfect.
- 3. They say knowledge is power. Do you agree?**
No knowledge is not power it should be shared. Because struggle is GOOD! If we did not struggle we would never learn.
Year 2, Lowry



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
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The winner of this weeks' house point challenge was....

LOWRY

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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...

- ⇒ Ellenbrook's Got Talent
- ⇒ EYFS Touring Panto
- ⇒ Parents Evening booking reminder
- ⇒ EYFS spare clothes



Snacks & Lunches

I appreciate this is the second week in a row I have had to mention snacks but it appears that my plea for healthier snacks last week have not been headed.

We are in the process of making Ellenbrook a healthy school and we are really alarmed by some of the things the children are bringing for snacks and also in their lunch boxes. We continue to see sweets (which are banned in school), full sized chocolate bars and grab bags of crisps.

Please can we ask you all to monitor this more closely.

Football Stars!

A huge well done this week to our intrepid footballers from Year 4 who took part in the Man Utd football tournament earlier this week.

They had an amazing time and played really well throughout all of their games. This is such a fantastic football tournament and the chance to play on the same grass as some of Man Utd's greatest stars really is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

We are very proud of all of the children who took part in this tournament and represented the school :)



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We read the book 'The Wall'. This book helped us understand that we all like and dislike different things and that's ok. After, in groups we voted for our favourite colour using counters to show us that we all like different colours. The children enjoyed counting which colour was the most popular.

Reception

We used the iPads to play a Gingerbread Man counting game. We used our counting skills to count each of the Gingerbread man's buttons and then match each of the amounts to the correct numerals.

Year 1!

This week in English, we have been exploring the text 'I Want My Hat Back' by Jon Klassen. Today, we had lots of fun creating a rap to tell the bear what he did wrong. We thought about what adjectives and syllables we could include. We are very proud of it.

Year 2!

[#year2ash](#) are exploring Lowry's landscapes and creating their own backgrounds filled with buildings!

Year 3!

Birch were looking at what objects made the best shadows - we went outside to see what shadows we could make!

Year 4!

[#Year4Pine](#) have found some mysterious items in and around the classroom today - we are asking questions and predicting using the items as our stimulus.

Year 5!

Year 5 celebrated Space Day with a visit inside a planetarium, making astronaut ice-cream and writing a letter to the UK's most recent astronaut— Rosemary Coogan.

Year 6!

Year 6 Oak are investigating: which activity makes our heart rate increase the most?

[#year6oak](#) [#ellenbrookscience](#)



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