



# Keep A Watching Eye....!

The festivities are in full swing at Ellenbrook this week and we are all very much looking forward to our upcoming Christmas performances! I love this time of year as we can all take stock of how the year has been and also look forward to what 2025 promises. This year has seen so much happen in school and it's seems like ages ago we had our Ofsted inspection when it was only a few months ago.

I have had lots of time this week to reflect on my leadership of the school over the last 12 months as part of my preparation for my own appraisal. I have thought about the areas I and we need to work on but also celebrate the successes we have had which have been many. The dedication of the incredible staff at Ellenbrook has enabled us to make a huge amount of progress in the areas we have identified and we also have a very clear plan going forward of what we want to achieve in the rest of this academic year.

Lastly, I just wanted to give you all a little reminder about online safety. This week we have had to deal with some children who have accessed inappropriate content on YouTube at home and discussed this in school with other children which has upset them. Please can I ask you all to be especially vigilant when your children are using YouTube as what looks like innocent videos could still contain language or grown up themes that are not appropriate for young children.



Have a great weekend.... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figures for this week are

#### Attendance

96.4%

#### Unauthorised absence

0.75%

## RESPECT



Do you respect your choices?



'when you make a choice, you also choose the consequences'

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### Important Diary Dates

#### December 2024

- \* 9th Nursery Nativity
- \* 10th Reception nativity
- \* 11th Reception Nativity
- \* 11th Year 1 Nativity
- \* 12th Year 1 nativity
- \* 12th Year 2 nativity
- \* 12th Xmas Jumper Day
- \* 13th PTA Christmas Fair
- \* 13th Year 2 nativity
- \* 16th Christmas Parties
- \* 18th Ellenbrook's Got Talent Finale
- \* 19th KS2 Carols on the playground
- \* 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 choices

#### 1. Are you good at making the right choices?

Sometimes I can be a bit indecisive when it comes to making choices but I usually do make good choices prioritising important things like emotional relationships.

#### 2. Why is having choices important?

Because the more mental and emotional freedom we have isn't always the same in other places and people don't have a choicer for important things like if they eat or if they have a bed to sleep in.

#### 3. Do all choices have consequences?

Not all of them have bad consequences necessarily and not all of them have good consequences, but no matter the choice, no matter if it was the worst choice ever, a glass half empty is also a glass half full!

Year 5, Lowry

#### 1. Are you good at making the right choices?

I think I am. For example, if my friends were doing something bad and were making me do it with peer pressure, I would refuse, even if it meant that we would no longer be friends.

#### 2. Why is having choices important?

It's important so that we can have an option to do something, especially if it is good!

#### 3. Do all choices have consequences?

Yes! Even if it is a good choice, there will be a good consequence.

Year 6, Ellesmere

#### 1. Are you good at making the right choices?

Yes because if I do something good, people will be friendly to me.

#### 2. Why is having choices important?

Yes, if you keep going you will get a reward.

#### 3. Do all choices have consequences?

Yes because there's good consequences and bad consequences

Year 2, Peel



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2645	2561	2687	2571

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...

- ⇒ Christmas Events 2024
- ⇒ Christmas Parties
- ⇒ PTA Raffle reminder



### 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. Fines issued to each parent have increased from £60 to £80 per child if paid within 21 days and this will be doubled if it another absence happens within three years. If a third fine is issued in a three-year period you will face prosecution.

The fine does rise to £180 if not paid within that time.

### Clearing House Appeal

As we approach Christmas, you may well be having a tidy up at home in preparation for new toys to be arriving! Or planning a post Christmas clear out of toys and games your children no longer use.

With this in mind, please can we ask that any games or toys in really good condition are donated to school for either our club or wet play boxes for the classes.

Recycling is very important and it would allow your toys and games to continue to provide joy to the children!

### Tag Rugby Team

A massive well-done this week to our fantastic tag rugby team who took part in a mini tournament at Bridgewater school.

Despite really challenging weather conditions the team played brilliantly and we are very proud of them.

We are hoping to have more fixtures coming up over the rest of the school year.



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

#### Nursery!

The children enjoyed making their own stars in the playdough area today. I am super proud of nursery today, they did so well in their dress rehearsal!

#### Reception

We used our super scissor skills in Alder today to make snowflakes for our Christmas cottage role play area! Today we played a game guessing what shapes were in Santa's sack when we were told the properties. We've then went on a shape hunt to see if we could spot any of the shapes we've been looking at!

#### Year 1!

We've arrived! Year 1 are very excited! [#year1hazel](#) [#year1juniper](#)

#### Year 2!

Drawing in the style of Lowry this week.

#### Year 3!

This week we have been Mixing colours to create our own 'window' picture inspired by Jeannie Baker.

#### Year 4!

[#Year4Pine](#) ending their day with a few festive songs.

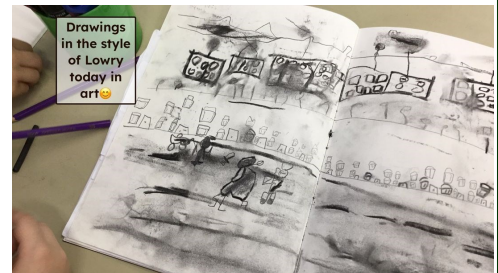
Drawing out car bodies - side panels

#### Year 5!

In art, we are using the work of Peter Thorpe to inspire our space themed pieces. Today we used pastels to create the background for our final design. Next lesson we will start the 3D rocket to sit upon our background.

#### Year 6!

[#Year6Elm](#) have been identifying how humans can live a healthy lifestyle. [#EllenbrookScience](#) [#Healthy](#) [#Exercise](#) [#Diet](#) [#Hygiene](#)



### 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