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# The Ellenbrook News

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## Important Diary Dates

### October

- \* 10th Hello Yellow Day
- \* 12th Y5/6 football V CTK
- \* 17th Y6 Bikeability
- \* 19th Y6 art showcase
- \* 19th Y2 trip to The Delph

### November

- \* 14-18th Friendship week

### December

- \* 21st —School closes for the Christmas holidays

### January 2023

- \* 4th - School opens for pupils

## What's Going on? Why Am I Wet...Yeah that's Rain.....?

The heavens opened this week and it was strange to see so many floods after what has felt like a very warm Summer. I have to say the children coped brilliantly with being kept inside and it didn't seem to phase them too much. The term is flying by and it's hard to believe that we are only 2 weeks away from half term. We do have a lot of events in the schedule before then so as usual please keep checking WEDUC for information on what's coming up.

We had the second curriculum meeting this week for parents and I was so happy to see so many people there to hear about how we teach maths. We had the English meeting the week before and across the two meetings we had over 50 parents which is just over 10% of the school. The slides for these evenings will be sent out via WEDUC and if you did miss the meeting, please feel free to look over the slides to see how we teach these two very important core subjects.

This week the teachers have been focusing on the curriculum in our staff meeting and we are currently taking a very in depth look at what we teach the children and how our curriculum is designed specifically for the needs of our children at Ellenbrook. We know we are due an Ofsted visit this year and we have begun the preparations for the visits alongside our own school development work. Each year we produce a school development plan (SDP) and this year the focus is on reviewing our curriculum provision as well as looking carefully at Maths and also re-establishing our vision. A copy of the completed SDP will be sent to you all via WEDUC when it has been agreed by Governors.



Lastly, just a plea from me to ask you to carefully read the messages in the newsletter each week. I have had yet another round of explaining the one way system to parents and grandparents and although it is a pain for you, it is a rule and we would ask you to respect and obey it.

Catch you all next week, have a great weekend!..... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Events for Next Week

It's Hello Yellow day on Monday where the children have been asked to wear something yellow!



## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about...friendship!

### 1. What do you look for in a friend?

I look for people who I can trust and share a bit in common with so we don't always want to do the same things

Year 6, Bridgewater

### 2. Should you have best friends?

Yes, because they are more cheerful, welcoming and kind, Year 4, Lowry

### 3. Is God a friend of yours?

Yes, because if God was not here, we wouldn't be here

Year 2, Ellesmere

### 1. What do you look for in a friend?

I look for loyalty, so I can trust someone and have someone to talk to

Year 4, Peel

### 2. Should you have best friends?

Yes, because if you don't it means that your friends aren't really awesome

Year 6, Lowry

### 3. Is God a friend of yours?

Yes, because when I need help and my Mum and Dad aren't there, there is only one person to ask.

Year 4, Bridgewater



## 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
970	830	1057	1112

The winner of this weeks' assembly challenge was.....

**LOWRY & 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...

- ⇒ EBASC Autumn 1 outstanding payments
- ⇒ Music and Lunch outstanding payments
- ⇒ Young Voices order forms
- ⇒ Guitar Loan forms



### One Way System

I am mentioning it again this week as we have still had parents and grandparents in particular try to go the wrong way round the school to collect children, particularly in Reception and Year 1.



If someone new is collecting your child, please can we ask you to explain the rule to them so they aren't subject to a court of enquiry from me about where they are going :)

### Hello Yellow!

Just a reminder that on Monday we will, once again, be supporting Young Minds UK with their 'Hello Yellow' campaign for World Mental Health Day.



The children are invited to come to school wearing something yellow alongside their school uniform.

### PTA

Just a reminder that it's our PTA AGM on Thursday 20th October @6.30pm in the school hall.

You will have had a WEDUC message about it at some point this week, please attend if you can!

### Parking!

Just another reminder from me about parking in and around the school site during drop off and pick up. We have had yet more complaints this week about parents parking inconsiderately which does reflect on us as a school.

Please can we ask you to respect our neighbours and park responsibly.

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

#### Nursery!

Today Nursery have been comparing colours and choosing those they think are brightest. We brightened up the rainy day by brightening up the puddles [#ellenbrook-nursery](#)

#### Reception!

We've loved doing our numbered jigsaws today in [#ReceptionAsh](#) making sure the numbers were in the correct evenly who the hidden character is! [#earlyyearsmaths](#) Super phonics in [#receptionfir](#) this morning. Just look at our amazing letter formation. [#phonics](#) [#superstars](#) [#proud](#)

#### Year 1!

We are carrying on with looking at plants and animals in [#year1willow](#) this afternoon. We looked at parts of a sunflower and labelled it. We then drew our own and labelled the parts correctly. [#ellenbrookscience](#)

#### Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) are working on building up their stamina with running and exercise to support their organs!

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Beech are investigating the strength of magnets. We are quite amazed!

#### Year 4!

[#year4Elm](#) have been busy sculpting pots in Art this week. [#ellenbrookart](#) [#ancientgreece](#) [#claypots](#) [#sculpting](#)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Voyagers](#) have worked so hard on their Roman numerals today

#### Year 6!

[#year6swallows](#) have started their portraits today. Here is a sneaky peak! To see your child's finished version, come and visit the Y6 Art Showcase on Wednesday 19th October @ 3:30pm. [#ellenbrookart](#) [#portraits](#)

### CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Lacrosse
YR 5 & 6	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Basketball
YR 3 & 4	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Hockey
EBASC Attendees	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Football
KS1 (YR 1 & 2)	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Frisbee
YR 3 & 4	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Football