



The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

Friday 16th December 2022



Ellenbrook

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Important Diary Dates

December

- * 19th Christmas Party Day
- * 20th Carols on the Playground
- * 21st Christmas Dinner Day
- * 21st —School closes for the Christmas holidays

January 2023

- * 4th - School opens for pupils

February 2023

- * 14th Class photos
- * 17th School closes

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The Weather Outside is Frightful....!

What a fantastic last full week we have had at Ellenbrook this week. Now the productions are over, we have really been getting into the spirit of things and the children have been enjoying a slightly more relaxed workload as the end of term approaches. I do want to take this opportunity to thank my amazing staff for their hard work and dedication to the children. They are exemplary and I am so lucky to work with such amazingly talented people. I also want to thank you for your support this term especially with the play rehearsals, I am sure you know the lines off by heart by now. There is nothing more Christmassy than seeing a children dressed as a star or a fairy or a sheep!

Last night we had a fantastic Christmas Disco and I want to thank the new team of the PTA for putting together such a fabulous event which was enjoyed by all 391 children who attended! It was a great night and that was evident from the amount of yawning children in assembly (they don't yawn normally I promise). Pleasingly, at events like this Covid feels a long distant memory. There are some changes to the uniform requirements for next week that have been posted on WEDUC and are also on the reverse of the newsletter so please can we ask you to read them carefully as we wouldn't want the children to arrive without what they need or in the incorrect attire.

We are nearly there! Just a few days to go and you will be able to celebrate a wonderful family Christmas which the children are very much ready for!



Lastly, I understand we are in for some literally tropical weather compared to this week with the temperature gauge registering positive numbers. Have a great weekend and we will see you all next week for the last 3 days!

Have a very relaxing weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Weekly Attendance

95.6%

Our attendance figure has continued to drop this week :(

Congratulations!

PEEL

On winning this years' Ellenbrook's Got Talent!

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.

This week we have been thinking about...loneliness

1. Who is your closest friend?

I don't know because I have loads of great friends and come don't go to this school

2. Do you ever get lonely?

Yes sometimes and its not just me everyone can get lonely

3. What do you do when you get lonely?

I go and try to make a new friend and if that doesn't work I talk to the people who leave me out

Year 3, Lowry

1. Who is your closest friend?

My closest friend is loyal, obedient and most of all caring, a whole library of emotions

2. Do you ever get lonely?

Yes sometimes I do but I lock myself in the silent room (known as the bathroom)

3. What do you do when you get lonely?

I try to get relaxing time and the deep thoughts like what came first the chicken or the egg

Year 6, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER

ELLESMERE

LOWRY

PEEL

3288

3133

3630

3757

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

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...

- ⇒ KS2 Carols on the playground
- ⇒ KS2 film authorisation
- ⇒ Scholastic Books
- ⇒ Next terms sports activities
- ⇒ 21st December last day of term club closures



Lost Property

We have yet another mountain of unclaimed and unnamed lost property in the office. Everything that was in there with a name was re-delivered to classes so if your child is missing anything it will be in there.



Please can we ask you to come and check if your child is missing something.

PTA Disco Total & Thanks

What a fantastic school disco we had last night...the children loved it! A huge thank you to the PTA for organizing such a fab event, it was such a huge success.



The disco raised over £1,000 and that money will be so vital to us moving forward.

I do know there are a number of parents who have yet to pay and the office will be following this up today so if you haven't yet paid please can we ask you to do so.

Next Week Christmas Clothes

There are some uniform changes for next week to celebrate Christmas!

On Monday, we will be having our school classroom parties and usually the children bring party clothes to change into but this year they can come to school in their party clothes and not wear their uniform.



Then on Wednesday when we have our Christmas dinner and film in the afternoon, we have told the children they can wear their Christmas jumpers again. We'd love to get as many children in Christmas jumpers as possible.

They will need to wear the rest of their uniform as usual, but Santa hats are welcome :)

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

The Elves have left us another letter this morning, with instructions of how to make Christmas sparkle for the reindeer's to follow on Christmas Eve. We made a wish and sealed our sparkle with a kiss for added magic [#christ-masismagical](#) [#Ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception

[#ReceptionAsh](#) and [#ReceptionFir](#) have been on a shape hunt, looking for different 2d shapes in the environment. We've been counting the edges and vertices to check the properties of the shapes. [#ellenbrookmaths](#)

Year 1!

In [#Year1Birch](#) we have been reading and following instructions to make hot chocolate it was yummy!

Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) have done some fantastic maths this week all have made great progress and it is lovely to see them showcasing their work in different ways

Year 3!

[#year3maple](#) are creating school landscapes in the style is LS Lowry [#art #Lowry](#)

Year 4!

Fantastic writing from Year 4 Oak, what a fantastic text it was to stimulate our descriptive writing [#year4oak](#)

Year 5!

Today, we spent some time evaluating our artwork and sharing what we liked about each other's space art. What do you like best about our designs? [#year5discoverers](#) [#Year5Voyagers](#) are getting creative creating an iMovie of the solar system [#Science](#)



Year 6!

[#year6amazons](#) have blown me away with their RE understanding. Take a look at these img their understanding of what different religions believe happen after death.

CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Multi Sports
YR 5&6	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Hockey
YR 3&4	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Archery
EBASC Attendees	WEDNESDAY KS1 -3.30 – 4.15pm WEDNESDAY KS2 4.15 – 5.00pm	Multi Sports Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Handball
YR 1 & 2	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Hockey
YR 5 & 6	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Netball