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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

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## Important Diary Dates

### January 2023

- \* 30th Intrahealth flu catch ups
- \* 31st Choir at Young Voices

### February 2023

- \* 7th Year 4 Elm assembly
- \* 13th Year 4 Oak assembly
- \* 14th Class photos
- \* 17th School closes
- \* 27th School re-opens

### March 2023

- \* 17th Inset Day (school closed to pupils)
- \* 31st School closes

## It Takes Courage to follow You Dreams.....!

Our assembly theme this week has been courage and we have been thinking about the different types of courage you need to have in your life. There's the courage to follow your dreams, the courage to have faith in what you believe and the courage to stand up for others. All of these types of courage are different but all take an inner strength that is developed over our lifetimes and shaped not only by what we learn but the experiences we have along the journey of our lives. This is what we have been thinking about this week and the children have reflected superbly on what courage means to them in their thoughtful time sessions. We always publish a selection of thoughtful times each week but we could literally publish them all most week as they are so fantastic and so insightfully reflective!

We had a fab PTA meeting last night in the Boundary Stone about upcoming events and also about the things the PTA are going to support the school with. The role of the PTA is even more important now given the tremendous pressure the school budget is under and they have agreed to fund two whole sets of the phonics reading scheme and help us with the cost of a new set of 30 iPads. This would not be possible without the PTA organising the events and you supporting them with your very hard earned money. The children will benefit immensely from these two things that we as a school could not afford to provide out of our own budget. There is also a PTA survey which went live today, please can I ask you to fill it in as it will really help shape future events.

Lastly, I would like to draw your attention to the item on the reverse of the newsletter about my discussion with a local resident this week. I have to say I was very surprised at some of the things he told me about the behaviour of some of our parents when dropping off and picking up. Please can I ask you to read the section and take on board the points he raised. Although parking is not a school remit, being a positive part of our community is.....



Have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 95.6%



Thoughtful time...This week we have been thinking about...Courage

### 1. Are you a courageous person?

- \* When I play hide and seek with my sister, she jumps out at me but I'm not scared—Ellesmere
- \* I'm going to Disneyland when I'm 8 and I'm not going to be scared even if I see Darth Vader—Lowry

### 2. Who is your role model for courage?

- \* Hulk is courageous because he uses his strength to fight bad guys—Lowry
- \* My dad as he looks after us all the time—Ellesmere
- \* Santa is brave as he's not scared to fly around the world—Bridgewater

### 3. Why is being courageous important in life?

- \* If you were scared of everything you would never do anything—Peel

Year 1, Birch

### 1. Are you a courageous person?

It depends what mood I'm in because if I'm sad/tired I wouldn't be very courageous but if I'm happy/energetic I would be.

### 2. Who is your role model for courage?

I don't really have a role model, I believe I should go through life on my own path and see where my decisions take me.

### 3. Why is being courageous important in life?

Becoming courageous is important because if you aren't courageous then you may get bored with your life and you will never explore things either.

Year 6, Peel



## 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
873	898	932	927

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

# ELLESMERE

### 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 Book Week
- ⇒ EBASC Spring 1—outstanding payments
- ⇒ School Lunches—Parent Pay
- ⇒ Industrial Action—1st February
- ⇒ School Lunch Menu 2023



### Resident Complaint



This week I received a visit from a resident on Bellpit Close opposite the main entrance to the school. Although he was very polite, the resident was clearly very upset about the behaviour of some of our parents in relation to parking not just outside his house but also on the roads surrounding the school.

The resident told me of the issues he has had over the last few months which included parents parking across his drive and in some cases on it. He talked at length about parking on the corners of roads, parking on double yellow lines and parking with no consideration for others.

I told the resident I would mention again in my newsletter the impact this was having and I would like to think that this plea may well impact on some parking behaviour. Please consider our residents and park within the law.

### PTA Meeting

I just wanted to say a massive thank you to the small band of hardy volunteers who made it to the PTA meeting last night. It was great to see some new faces too! The PTA is such a vital source of revenue for the school and this is even more important when you consider the impact of price increases on the school budget. Again, please get in touch with the PTA if you are able to volunteer some time to help out!

### Relatives Collecting Children

If you are having your children collected by someone unfamiliar with our procedures please can I ask you to talk them through with them before they come onto the site, in particular the one way system.



I have dealt with a number of confused adults this week unsure of where classes were or where to collect from :)

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

#### Nursery!

Today Nursery have planted a very special seed - A friendship seed! They have then made their own flowers and friendship promises. The more kindness in our classroom the more our flower will grow [#Ellenbrooknursery](#) [#Thinkequal](#)

#### Reception

[#ReceptionAsh](#) had a great PE session with Miss Jancy today. They have been practicing their under arm throwing using different equipment [#Physicaldevelopment](#) [#ReceptionFir](#) have had a brilliant PE lesson with Miss Jancy this morning! They used different sized equipment to practise their under-arm throwing action for short distance passes

#### Year 1!

[#year1willow](#) are working on giving precise instructions to their Bee-Bot friend in computing. [#programming](#) [#ellenbrookcomputing](#) [#Year1Birch](#) After our trip to Blackpool zoo we had a delivery of animal poo! We have to explore the poo and work out if it's come from a herbivore, carnivore or omnivore. Then we can use our zoo map to guess which animal it could be. It was a smelly task but lots of fun!

#### Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) are really enjoying investigating symmetry in [#maths](#) this morning!

#### Year 3!

[#year3maple](#) are typing up their play scripts today! [#English-Writing](#)

#### Year 4!

[#year4elm](#) have been performing from their own playscripts today. Year 4 Oak are investigating different materials to see if they are insulators or conductors of electricity [#year4oak](#)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Voyagers](#) have started making their boxes ready to weave the next week [#DT](#) [#Weaving](#)

#### Year 6!

[#year6swallows](#) have begun to build their very own playgrounds! The children were very excited and I was super impressed with their behaviour and responsible attitude whilst using glue guns and craft knives. [#EllenbrookDT](#) [#playgrounds](#)

### CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YR 1&2	TUESDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Dance
YR 3&4	WEDNESDAY (8-8.45am)	Dance
YR 1&2	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Football
YR 5&6	THURSDAY (8-8.45am)	Football
YR 3&4	THURSDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Football
YR 5&6	FRIDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Dance