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Important Diary Dates

March 2023

- * 27th-31st Science Week
- * 27th Y5 to RHS
- * 28th Swimming Gala
- * 29th Cross Country Relay
- * 31st Y6 to RHS
- * 31st School closes

April 2023

- * 17th School re-opens

May 2023

- * 2-5th Y4 to Ironbridge
- * 8th Kings Coronation Day (school closed to pupils)

The Truest Wisdom is A Resolute Determination.....!

This week we have been thinking about determination as our assembly theme and I am sure you will agree, determination is one of the most important qualities we can have as a person. Determination for me runs hand in hand with resilience and they are both key life skills which we all need to develop as we grow as people. I have been reading some of the work of the stoics lately and one quote from Seneca really resonated with me this week. He said 'It's not because things are difficult that we dare not venture. It's because we dare not venture that they are difficult.' I think this captures determination for me with a lot of the choice we make often being the easy ones and not always the right ones. Making the right choices is a fundamental part of our learning experience and having the determination to follow your dreams is a key part of that and that's what we have been reflecting on this week. The thoughtful times were really reflective, as they always are, and made me realise that for many of the children, determination is there if perhaps not fully developed yet. That is our challenge as a school, to increase the children's determination to succeed and to better themselves in an environment where they feel safe to take risks and get things wrong. This is a task we can only achieve with your support as parents and also your feedback which as I have mentioned previously is very important to us all.

Talking of feedback, we will soon be launching our end of year parental survey so please keep your eyes open for that as it's your chance to tell us how well we are doing as a school.

I just want to say a massive thank you to those of you who have sponsored me for the Great North Run which I will be undertaking in September. I am running for prostate cancer and I am sure you will agree it's a fantastic cause that is very much needed and well worth supporting. If you do have a couple of spare pounds lying around, please can I ask you to sponsor me and help me reach my target of £500. The link to the Just Giving page I am using is on the back of the newsletter. I hope you have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.4%



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

1. Are you a determined person?

Yes I am, im always determined to do my best and be a kind person!

2. What are you determined to do in your life?

Im determined to go the college my Mum works at because I got a tour of it yesterday, so I need to do good work in High School

3. What is worth being determined for?

Everything! Like being determined to get to high school with top SATS marks
Lowry, Year 6 Amazons

1. Are you a determined person?

Not giving up on the fruit stand

2. What are you determined to do in your life?

Climb Mount Everest

3. What is worth being determined for?

To not giving up and to be determined

Lowry, Year 2 Pine



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
2009	2098	2111	2056

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

BRIDGEWATER ELLESMERE 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...

- ⇒ Y5 & 6 RHS reminder
- ⇒ PTA Easter Disco
- ⇒ Nursery Teddy Bear
- ⇒ Science week



Uniform

Please can I give you a casual reminder about school uniform. We have a number of children not in uniform at the moment with again footwear being the main culprit.



Please can you ensure the children are in their full uniform, including footwear, at all times.

INSET Days for Next Year

We have now confirmed our INSET days for the next academic year. They are

Monday 4th September 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Friday 15th March 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

What a brilliant afternoon Nursery had! They loved having their grown ups in to share in play and some tasty treats. A big Happy Mother's Day to our Mums and Grandmas/Grannies/Nanas - you are amazing! Thank you everyone who came

Reception

We inspected the footprints for clues and decided we needed to make a swamp to encourage the dinosaur back! We used different jugs and coloured water, discussing how full or empty they were but also the capacity of the jug depending on the size. Great maths work [#ReceptionAsh](#)

Year 1!

[#Year1Birch](#) have become artist this week painting landscapes in the style of David Hockney.

Year 2!

Year 2 Cedar are looking at the artwork of Georgia O'Keeffe

Year 3!

Year 3 maple using different scales. [#maths](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 Oak practising their jumping ...will they stick when they land or be a jelly on a plate? [#Year4Oak](#)

Year 5!

Year 5 Discoverers have set up an investigation into asexual plant reproduction by taking cuttings of geraniums



Year 6!

[#year6swallows](#) have had an amazing start to their 'Come Dine With Me' project: four super starters made! [#EllenbrookDT](#) [#ComeDineWithMe](#) [#peppers](#) [#starter](#)

Great North Run

I am running the Great North Run this year for the fantastic charity Prostate Cancer. You can help me raise the money I need using the link below :)

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/great-north-run-2023-29485?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=great-north-run-2023-29485&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=df4f8b2832f748689897b3040571a089

CLUBS

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