

Summer Term

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Important Diary Dates

June 2023

- * 24th PTA Summer fair
- * 26th New Nursery & Reception parents evening 6-7
- * 27th Y6 Leavers Meal Alberts
- * 27th Y5 Athletics tournament
- * 28th Year 6 to Alton Towers
- * 28th & 29th Nursery stay and play days
- * 28,29,20th Transition Days

July 2023

- * 3-7 Amazons at Lledr Hall
- * 10-14 Swallows at Lledr Hall

That Was A Hot One.....!

This week has been about two things in Ellenbrook and that's the PTA Fair and our two sporting endeavours. Firstly, a huge well done to our intrepid athletics team who performed brilliantly on Tuesday this week and you can read more about their exploits on the second side of the newsletter. The second, was the Man Utd football tournament which Year 5 entered yesterday. I was so proud of the team, they played superbly in very difficult conditions and after losing out for the main cup had to find the resilience to go again for the second cup which they won! A great advert for them as players but a better advert for them as a team, so amazingly proud of them.

We have transition next week which feels like it has come round very quickly....you will have received a letter today which shows which teacher your child will have next year. For the transition days next week, we will be asking you to drop your child outside their new classroom on Wednesday morning and collect them there as well. The staff have some fantastic activities planned so they will all have an amazing time and get the opportunity to get to know their new teachers and TAs. For Year 6, they have a trip to Alton Towers to look forward to as well as two days with me and the HLTAs working on a creative project.

Our finalised Ofsted report has now been sent to the school in its final draft and I will be sending out a letter on Monday with an electronic copy of the report for you to read. This was an ungraded inspection which meant Ofsted were only looking to see if we were still an outstanding school. They decided that our status as outstanding would stay but that a graded (full) inspection may find that we are good as opposed to outstanding. Although this was not the news we hoped for, the areas we need to improve are things we had already identified and were working on. The staff and I will continue to work hard to address all of these areas in time for the re-inspection next year.

I hope to see the majority of you all tomorrow...have a great weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

95.7%



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

1. Why is self-esteem important?

Self-esteem is important because without it you will be quite upset with yourself and have no self confidence.

2. Who is the most confident person you know?

My parents because they had to take care of me and my brother and they needed a lot of confidence to do that.

3. What makes you feel like you can do anything?

I make myself feel like I can't do anything because I am the only person who can say whether I do things or not and other people can motivate me but they can't tell me what I can do and can't do.

Year 6 Amazons, Peel

1. Why is self-esteem important?

Because if we didn't have it we would just feel rubbish all the time

2. Who is the most confident person you know?

It depends on what it is like if there was a maths test my Mum would be confident and do it but if there was a gymnastics test she would not

3. What makes you feel like you can do anything?

My Mum because she always says anything is possible

Year 3 Maple, Lowry



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 we can 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
2397	2402	2515	2661

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

LOWRY

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.

Don't forget:

Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ PTA Summer Fair
- ⇒ Y5 Athletics
- ⇒ EYFS Arts Afternoon
- ⇒ Transition– Staffing and Classes 23/24



Success on the Track

On Tuesday this week our Year 6 Athletics team competed in the Salford Schools' Athletics Competition. In a fiercely competitive event all of our children did brilliantly, with many qualifying in their heats to go into the individual event finals! For every event points were given and because of our teams' great success in all the events we won the Year 6 Large Schools Merit Shield. We were so proud of all the children who all dug deep against other athletes from all other Salford. Well done Year 6!

Champions...Campeones...Campioni!!!!!!

On Thursday this week, Mrs Chapman and I were very fortunate to accompany the Year 5 football team to the Man Utd GM championships. This tournament was the culmination of earlier rounds with over 120 school across Greater Manchester entering whittled down to just 13 teams.

The Year 5 team did an amazing job...they played brilliantly throughout a tournament that was at such a high standard that Mrs Chapman could only wonder at the goals being scored and saves being made. The children won 2, drew 2 and lost 1 of their 5 group matches. They also suffered the heartbreak of losing in a penalty shoot out at the group stage before picking themselves up to win the second Carrington cup! We are so so proud of what they achieved! Well done team!



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

In 'Oi Frog' 'weasels sit in easels' so Nursery decided to have an afternoon painting on easels in the shade outside. The children mixed their own colours for their creations [#EllenbrookNursery](#) [#Expressiveartsanddesign](#)

Reception

[#ReceptionAsh](#) have had a very exciting morning- we've had a visit from a fairy through a magical door! We've had a busy morning writing letters back and setting up a magical fairy land for them to play on when they come back to visit.

Year 1!

[#Year1Birch](#) have really enjoyed music today. We have learnt to play a simple rhythm on an instrument. In English [#year1willow](#) are creating questions to ask the Bog Baby so they can get to know him better!

Year 2!

[#year2pine](#) are in role as engineers and are developing design boards for a new ferris wheel! They will be making small models of these in the coming weeks!

Year 3!

Year 3 Maple are making 3D shapes in maths this afternoon! [#maths](#) [#shape](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 Oak are appreciating each other's artwork in the style of Vanderpas [#year4oak](#)

Year 5!

French detectives. Using previous learning to translate new phrases in French. [#year5discoverers](#)

Year 6!

A busy French lesson for [#year6swallows](#) - they are having a go at relay sentence writing and creating sentences giving their opinion on visiting a place and the reason for that opinion. [#EllenbrookFrench](#)

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 3&4	TUESDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Rounders
YR 1&2	TUESDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Games
YR 1&2	WEDNESDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Athletics
YR 3&4	THURSDAY (8-8.45am)	Athletics
YR 5&6	FRIDAY (3.30-4.30pm)	Rounders