



Ellenbrook

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## Important Diary Dates

### July 2023

- \* 3-7 Amazons at Lledr Hall
- \* 5th & 7th Industrial action (see Weduc for info)
- \* 10-14 Swallows at Lledr Hall
- \* 3rd Y5 girls football tournament
- \* 12th Beech/Oak/Voyagers Summer fest
- \* 13th Maple/Elm/Discoverers Summer fest
- \* 18th Y6 BBQ

### September 2023

- \* 5th School re-opens

## The Big 150.....!

It's been a fantastic week this week and I know we are getting close to the Summer now as we have had our transition days. It was great to see the new members of the Ellenbrook family and also to see our existing children in their new classes! The children have loved the last few days and it feels very well established already which is always a good thing. We also had a cracking day out at Alton Towers with Year 6 on Wednesday as they attempted to ride as many thrill coasters as they could in the 5 hours we were there and well done to them...they did an excellent job of achieving their goal! It's also my 150th newsletter as Head Teacher of Ellenbrook and I have to say the time has really flown by with so much happening in what feels like a very short time. I wonder what number will be my last newsletter? :)

As you will have seen from my WEDUC post this week, the Ofsted report is now out and I attached it to the message I posted on Wednesday night. If you have not had time to look at my message or see the report, I would advise you to do so as it has given a very balanced view of the school's strengths and areas of development. Fortunately for us, we were aware of them and so we have not had too many surprises thankfully. If you have any comments about the inspection please feel free to catch me on the gate for a chat about it. Today was the yearly planning meeting of the Worsley, Ellenbrook & Boothstown cluster which is the group of local schools we belong to. I am very fortunate to have such an excellent bunch of Head Teachers to work with and they are a never ending source of fantastic information and support. As a school we are fortunate to have such good relationships with our local schools.



Only one place to finish this week and that is with the amazing PTA Summer fair we had last weekend. It was a massive success and I cannot put on record enough my thanks to Chris, Sarah, Julie and Pooja for their fantastic work in organising the event along with the army of volunteer helpers who supported the fair...my sincerest thanks to you all!

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...Cooperation

### 1. Are you good at working with others?

Yes, I am good at working with others because I play football and that involves a lot of communication.

### 2. Why is cooperation important?

Because it helps us to work together and if you didn't you wouldn't be able to achieve things.

### 3. Can you achieve anything together?

Yes, you can achieve lots of things together including winning trophies and building something.

Year 4 Beech, Ellesmere

### 1. Are you good at working with others?

Yes because it's nice to work together and to do nice things but sometimes it's also nice to do things by yourself.

### 2. Why is cooperation important?

Cooperation is important because life would be stressful and no one would trust each other.

### 3. Can you achieve anything together?

Yes because then a problem can be solved quicker and you also have different opinions.

Year 5 Elm



## 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
2675	2607	2712	2824

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

# 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...

- ⇒ Lledr Medicine consent
- ⇒ Industrial Action 5th and 7th July
- ⇒ Nursery Art exhibition
- ⇒ EBASC overdue invoices



### Leave Of Absence

At present we have a large number of requests from parents for leave of absence. The vast majority of these are for family holidays during term time which is not something we authorise as a school.

This is just a reminder that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time.

A copy of the schools' Pupil Attendance policy can be found on our website and you could be liable for a penalty notice should you choose to do so.

I appreciate that holidays are cheaper during term time but you may face a penalty notice for each of you for each child should you take them out for a holiday. With that fine factored into the cost, a cheaper holiday during term time may not be so attractive.

Can I also ask that any requests made are on the correct form which can be found in the school office.



### Year 5 Athletics

I am delighted to say that our Year 5 Athletics team won the Year 5 Large Schools Salford Athletics Competition on Tuesday. Competing against 25 other schools were all amazing, contributing points to our victory! A special mention to our Year 5 Girls relay team who won Gold and really gave it everything to win!



### Bike Locks

It is great to see so many of the children riding to school this term. Our travel plan puts the emphasis on us to encourage as many people to find alternative ways to school as possible so we totally encourage that.

With that said, we cannot be responsible for bikes that are parked at school during the day if they are no locked up with an appropriate padlock. Please can you make sure you have a suitable lock if your is going to cycle to school.



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

#### Nursery!

Nursery have been getting ready to meet their new teachers but creating posters all about themselves. We loved the of the words they chose to describe themselves. [#Ellenbrook-Nursery](#)

#### Reception

[#ReceptionFir](#) have had a great morning decorating biscuits and jelly ready for our party tomorrow's hat party! Then a super productive afternoon writing party invitations, showing us their amazing writing skills! [#wearelovingyearone](#) Super fun had by all in [#year1ash](#) today! We have been showing off our our phonic skills by writing out party invitations, decorating biscuits and jelly all ready for our hat party on Friday!

#### Year 1!

Year1 Willow are having a super start to transition week Look how hard they are concentrating on their writing this morning

#### Year 2!

A fantastic morning so far in [#year2birch](#) ! We have written postcards from our favourite holiday and have really impressed Miss Lynch with our related number facts!

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Maple are getting stuck into their transition days in Year 4 this morning... [#Year4Maple](#) Year 3 Beech are learning about pollinators and what pollination means.

#### Year 4!

[#Year4Oak](#) have been sharing their hobbies and interests with me and the class

#### Year 5!

Year 5 Discoverers are comparing the work of David Hockney and Megan Coyle

#### Year 6!

Year 6 looking gorgeous at the leavers meal. [#year6amazons](#) [#year6swallows](#) [#teamyar6](#)

### 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](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