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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

September 2023

- * 22nd Reception Rock Pool Experience Day
- * 29th Macmillian Coffee Morning

October 2023

- * 2nd Individual and sibling photos
- * 20th Harvest Festival
- * 20th end of term
- * 30th school re-opens

November 2023

- * 28th Parents' evening
- * 30th Parents' evening

I Want to Go Where the Sun Hits the Sky.....!

I think it would be fair to say it's been a challenging week at Ellenbrook with a number of issues causing concerns for parents which have been brought to the attention of the teachers and myself. At Ellenbrook, we do everything we can to ensure your children have an amazing time at school but with the best will in the world, no school will ever claim they get everything right all of the time and we are certainly no different. From time to time we may get things wrong or do things in a way that some parents may not agree with and we accept that that is part of school life. With that said, the staff at this school care a tremendous amount for the children who attend it and their passion for giving children the best possible experience is unrivalled in my opinion.

As a school, we fully investigate every matter brought to our attention and take our responsibility to the children of this school and you as parents very seriously. If you do have any concerns at all about anything that's going on at school then please can I ask you to share that with the class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. On the back page of this newsletter there is a table showing who each Senior Leader is and what phase they are responsible for and you can also speak to myself, Mr. Marks and Mrs. Baird as well. Our partnership is key to the running of the school and to ensuring the children have the best possible experience when they are with us...we can't do it without your help and support!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the meet the teacher sessions this week, it was great to see so many of you there and hopefully it gave you a good insight into what your children will be learning this year, who will be teaching and supporting them and what trips and experiences they will have during the school year. This is such a key initiative for us and we are grateful that so many people were able to juggle work arrangements to be there.



Just a reminder it's the Macmillan coffee morning next week and a letter will be sent out about that next week. Have a fantastic 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...equality!

1. Are we all equal?

No because some people can't afford food and they are homeless but there are people, like MPs, who take everything for granted because they have got millions. But being equal doesn't just mean money it can mean people not treating others equally because of their appearance for example with racism or disability.

2. Why is equality important?

Equality is important because nobody is better than another because we're all human but we can be at the top of the hierarchy but still it doesn't mean you don't treat someone equally.

3. How would you feel if you were treated differently because of where you were born or the way you looked?

I would feel annoyed at myself because of the way I look I would also feel like I shouldn't have been born
Year 6, Ellesmere

1. Are we all equal?

Well this is difficult because yes we've got equal rights but some people have more power over the rest of us and I think people should be treated the same but not everyone is!

2. Why is equality important?

It's important because without it, we won't be living in a very nice place, men will have more power over women, and black people won't be treated equally.

3. How would you feel if you were treated differently because of where you were born or the way you looked?

I would feel so, so sad but also but also angry at the same time, I mean it's not going to be nice seeing others being treated that way. Year 4, 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
294	289	274	307

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

BRIDGEWATER & 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.



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

- ⇒ PTA Spooky Disco
- ⇒ Y5 & Y6 Young Voices
- ⇒ PTA AGM
- ⇒ Languages Day
- ⇒ Nursery & Reception resource and snack



Naming Uniform

This week I have picked up a number of items of uniform to deposit in lost property. Of the 10 or so items I have picked up off the floor this week, only two of them have had names in them. I know it is frustrating when things get lost so please can you name all your child's uniform.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that's it the Macmillan coffee morning on Friday next week. You will be able to purchase tea and coffee as well as a slice of cake for your breakfast.

The amazing staff at Ellenbrook will be supplying the cakes so it will be on a first come, first served basis until we sell out. We also hope to have a card machine this year and that will be confirmed next week.



Ellenbrook Senior Leadership Team

Each phase of school at Ellenbrook has a Senior Leader or Phase Leader as they are called. Below is the list of Senior Leaders for each phase

Phase	Year Groups	Phase Leader
EYFS	Nursery & Reception	Miss. Bradley
Key Stage 1	Year 1 & 2	Miss. Lynch
Lower Key	Year 3 & 4	Mrs. Chapman
Upper Key	Year 5 & 6	Mrs McCarthy-Stott

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

#Ellenbrooknursery have been singing counting songs up to 5 outside this morning. Can you guess which songs they were? #learningisfun #Ellenbrookmaths

Reception

#ReceptionHazel loved their rock pool experience this morning! Each group had the chance to view the rock pool tank closely, observe and even hold some of the animals! They said their favourites were the crabs, starfish & shark eggs!

Year 1!

#yearonefir have had an afternoon of exploring our five senses as we moved around different stations. We made and smelt perfume, listened to instruments, looked at various natural resources, tasted food and touched objects hidden in bags, which we then had to describe #science. A super science session for #year1ash! They were set senses stations to explore and talk about their senses. Ask us what we thought!

Year 2!

#year2birch have really impressed each other with their sentences to create poems for the M&S adverts!

Year 3!

The class were in role as a fisherman who heard the Ironman fall off a cliff. They shared their experiences with the class.

#year3elm

Year 4!

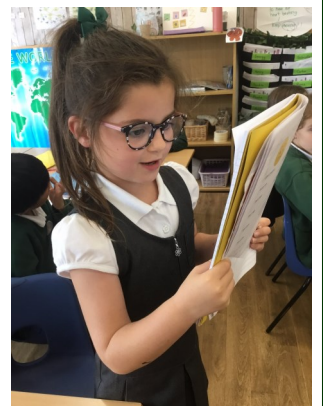
Year 4 Maple are using their scientific knowledge and vocabulary to write information leaflets about vertebrates and invertebrates #year4maple

Year 5!

#Year5oak did some fantastic work today being hot seated as a fisherman for our English work

Year 6!

Year 6 are busy with the glockenspiels composing ostinatos. #year6discoverers.



CLUBS

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