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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### October 2023

- \* 2nd Individual and sibling photos
- \* 19th PTA Spooky Disco
- \* 20th Harvest Festival
- \* 20th end of term
- \* 30th school re-opens

#### November 2023

- \* 23rd Open Day for prospective new parents 10.30
- \* 30th open day for prospective new parents 5pm
- \* 28th Parents' evening
- \* 30th Parents' evening

## A Week About Being Different.....!

It's been a very productive week at Ellenbrook and we have had two really well supported events in the Languages day and Macmillan coffee morning. A huge thank you to everyone who made food for our international day despite the atrocious conditions, it was great to see so many support the event. We are very lucky at Ellenbrook that we have children from a rich diversity of different cultures and countries and events like this really show how important it is to celebrate that difference. Your support for the Macmillan coffee morning always goes without saying and as I have said on the reverse of the newsletter, it's such an important charity thanks again for buying the cakes and to the amazing Ellenbrook staff for supplying them!

Our languages day this week was excellent and it was great to see the children in school immersed in different languages from a range of different countries around the world. Huge thank you to the staff for the great experiences the children had and to the parents who also gave their time to come in and share different languages with the children.

We had our football trials this week and I am very pleased to say we managed to get through all of the children in Year 5 & 6 who wanted to try out for the team. It was such a difficult decision getting the players down to the squad number of 15 but we did manage it and I want to say a big thank you to all of the children who put themselves forward at the trials. Great to see so many passionate girls at the trials too which does allow us to have a girls football team as well which we haven't had before.

Lastly, we are undertaking reviews of some of our key policies during the course of this academic year in preparation for our upcoming Ofsted. It would be great to get parents views on them so we may run some focus sessions which you can attend. More information will follow closer to the time.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 96.2%



### 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.

### Thoughtful time

This week we have been thinking about...being different!

#### 1. Do you think of yourself as different to others?

Yes because I am in a friendship group where I am the only Christian.

#### 2. Do you think being different is a bad thing?

Ni because everyone is different and if everyone was the same the world wouldn't be a nice place.

#### 3. What would the world be like if we were all the same?

It would be a horrible and boring to live in Year 3, Peel

#### 1. Do you think of yourself as different to others?

Yes because everyone is different in their own unique way, for example I'm double jointed but most other people are not and some people don't look the same to others around them so they might have different coloured eyes, or hair and have a different skin colour.

#### 2. Do you think being different is a bad thing?

No, because you should be proud of how you look and not think that it is a bad thing to look different.

#### 3. What would the world be like if we were all the same?

It would be good and bad but it would be boring! Year 5, Lowry

#### 1. Do you think of yourself as different to others?

Yes we are all different and we don't have the same personalities.

#### 2. Do you think being different is a bad thing?

No, we are all different.

#### 3. What would the world be like if we were all the same?

Dumb, boring and dull. We will be copying each other every single day (it would be like running at the speed of light) Year 2, Peel



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
660	604	693	770

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
- ⇒ KS2 Author Visit
- ⇒ Nasal flu Nursery
- ⇒ BBC 500 word writing competition
- ⇒ Parent Pay reminder



### Birthday Snacks!

We all have a birthday and it's great for the children in class to celebrate by bringing in a treat for each other.

As a school we have no objection to this but please can we ask that the treats given out do not include any form of lolly or lollipop or anything that may contain nuts or traces of nuts.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan coffee morning today. This is such a fantastic charity who do some of the most amazing and challenging work in health and to be able to contribute in some small way is such a key thing for us as a school and we couldn't do that without you. **We have raised over £350!**



### Dogs

Just a polite reminder that as much as our four legged friends can be our closest companion, they cannot attend school to drop off and pick up.

If you want\need to bring your dog, they will need to stay outside the school fence and not be brought onto the school site even if they are being carried.

### Ellenbrook Senior Leadership Team

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 currently £60 per parent per child if paid within the first 21 days. It does rise to £120 if not paid within that time.

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

#### Nursery!

Nursery are going to be exploring colouring over the next few weeks. Today we are having a blue day! We are cutting, colouring, painting and counting! [#Ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception

[#receptionjuniper](#) have enjoyed music today continuing to build our skills of finding the pulse in music. We also looked at the pitch of musical instruments. [#receptionhazel](#) would like to say a big thank you to Vivaan's Mummy for coming in today to tell us all about Poland [#Ellenbrooklanguagesday](#)



#### Year 1!

[#Year1fir](#) have been learning more about our local area. We have drawn and built our favourite landmarks, used BeeBots to follow maps, created maps and looked at how to use, and a key to our maps. [#Ellenbrookgeography](#) [#year1ash](#) enjoyed languages day with a visit from year 6 teaching them French and Aaran's mummy to teach them all about Mexico! [#languagesday](#)

#### Year 2!

[#year2birch](#) have been working on building sentences again today using colourful semantics! We are now adding in prepositions!

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Pine had a fantastic Languages day. Thank you to Olga's mummy for teaching us Greek

#### Year 4!

In science, [#year4maple](#) have been exploring living things in our school environment.

#### Year 5!

Today year 5 practised the sun salutation yoga flow and added 4 of their own poses. [#year5elm](#)

#### Year 6!

[#year6voyagers](#) have been researching how different animals have adapted to their environment in order to survive. [#EllenbrookScience](#) Year 6 have investigated the languages spoken in school. We were amazed at the breadth we have!

## 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