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# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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### Important Diary Dates

#### October 2023

- \* 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

#### December 2023

- \* 4th Nursery & Reception Performances

## Ballers.....!

What a week that was...the time is flying by and it seems incredible to think we are approaching half term already as it feels like we have only just got back from the Summer!

Lots to talk through this week and I want to start with safeguarding which is something we take incredibly seriously as a school. A couple of things have been mentioned to me this week about things taking place outside of school which are not really in our remit. I thought this would be a good time to remind you all about the process of making a referral yourself if you see something outside of school that causes you a concern. On the reverse of the newsletter is a little box explaining what you can do if you do have worries around a child.

Following on from that, I just wanted to explain the school's current rules on medicine. As a school, we should not be giving the children medicine unless prescribed by a doctor and agreed with you as parents first with the appropriate medication form filled in. If your child needs to have Calpol during the day the likelihood is they aren't well enough to be in school and if they are, you will need to come into school and dispense the Calpol yourself as it is something we should not be doing as a school.

We had the second of our parent curriculum workshops this week and I wanted to thank the hardy few who ventured into school to learn about the school's approach to teaching Maths. I trust those who attended felt it was a valuable experience and a big thank you to all of the staff who have given up their time to host these events.



We also had the PTA AGM this week and I want to put on record my huge thanks to the PTA committee who have done an amazing job and thankfully have agreed to carry on next year!

Lastly, a shout out to our footballers who had their first fixture this term. A win and a loss were their first results, but they played brilliantly! 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...Peace!

#### 1. Do you have peace in your life?

No because I do football 7 times a week and at 6am in the morning I have to listen to banging.

#### 2. When are you at your most peaceful?

When I am in my bedroom because that's when I'm at peace.

#### 3. Why is peace important to the world?

It is important to the world because your head would explode and you will never get peace.

Year 4, Ellesmere

#### 1. Do you have peace in your life?

I sometimes have peace in my life but I can be very busy everyday, but I sometimes like being busy so I can get things out of the way.

#### 2. When are you at your most peaceful?

I am peaceful when I am reading a book that I love because if I have an argument with someone I can read a book and get that out of my head and I can get my mind into an adventurous land.

#### 3. Why is peace important to the world?

Peace is important to the world because other people wouldn't listen to each other, people would get hurt and finally everyone would argue and feel very upset

Year 5, Peel

#### 1. Do you have peace in your life?

Only sometimes, when I am colouring.

#### 2. When are you at your most peaceful?

When I am walking on a mountain near a waterfall.

#### 3. Why is peace important to the world?

So there are no wars and peace everywhere

Year 3, Bridgewater



### HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER

ELLESMERE

LOWRY

PEEL

909

866

907

1010

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

# BRIDGEWATER

### 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...

- ⇒ School Photo Update
- ⇒ Intra Health Catch up session
- ⇒ Y6 author event
- ⇒ Key Calendar dates and events
- ⇒ Y5 & 6 Interventions



### **Parking**

I have had more complaints from residents this week who live on the roads surrounding the school. A number have complained of parents parking across driveways and blocking access.

Please can I remind you all that you should not park across residents driveways and should park responsibly.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the MacMillan coffee morning last week. It was great to see so many parents and children beginning the day with cake and a hot drink! The final total we raised was.....

**£603**

### **Safeguarding**

Just a reminder that should you have any safeguarding concerns at all that relate to things you may have witnessed outside of, on the way to, or on the way from school you can report it directly to Salford's safeguarding team at the Bridge. Anyone can make a referral if you have concerns about a child. The Bridge number is

**0161 603 4500**

### **PTA Disco**

Just a reminder that it's the PTA spooky disco on Thursday 19th October 2023.

Our PTA discos have been extremely well supported in the past and it would be great to see as many of the children there as possible again this term.



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

#### **Nursery!**

Today on their colour journey Nursery have been thinking about dark colours. In the outdoors they made their own dark sticky brown mud paint and then got creative using it in designs and patterns [#EllenbrookNursery](#)

#### **Reception**

[#Receptionjuniper](#) had a great P.E. Lesson, we worked on our throwing and catching skills along with learning how to dribble the ball. We then played some games as a class and spoke about the importance of rules in sport. [#receptionhazel](#) have been story mapping the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' retelling the story, adding initial sounds and even some words [#Ellenbrookliteracy](#) [#superstars](#).

#### **Year 1!**

In science [#YearOneFir](#) have been discussing our similarities and differences in our personalities! We've loved finding out about each others likes and dislikes!

#### **Year 2!**

In Computing today Year 2 Willow have been creating their own designs for an extra special invention. [#year2birch](#) are writing a rotten recipe for the disgusting sandwich! We are thinking about the verbs really carefully and making sure we choose vile adjectives!

#### **Year 3!**

Year 3 Cedar are designing their pneumatic toys this afternoon in DT! [#DT](#) [#mechanisms](#)

#### **Year 4!**

Liquorice Allsorts classification keys in [#year4maple](#) this afternoon. We carefully observed for characteristics and features to write questions and statements for our keys.

#### **Year 5!**

[#Year5Oak](#) did some fantastic writing today predicting what they think happened to the Maya Civilisation [#History](#)

#### **Year 6!**

[#year6voyagers](#) have been finding out how adaptations may lead to evolution. [#EllenbrookScience](#).

Year 6 are thinking about evolution this afternoon. How did the peppered moth evolve and why did this happen?

[#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