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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

### What A Hot One.....!

Would we describe the weather we have had since my last newsletter as balmy? We have flipped from very warm to suddenly cold...from sunshine to rain, it's been hard to know whether you have needed sun glasses or an umbrella. The one thing that is for sure is the weather has not dampened the enthusiasm of the children who are working really really hard at present and producing some amazing work. The house point totals are really shooting up each week and that is down to the hard work and dedication of the children who have really taken onboard the challenge of producing their best work. It's also nice to see their pride in their houses and the assembly challenge on Mondays has become much more high stakes. It's hard to believe we only have one more week until half term but there's plenty of house points to be won in that time.

Our topic for this week in assembly has been about being good, and given the very distressing scenes we have witnessed on the news this week, it seems an appropriate time to consider how important it is to be good to each other. Whatever your views on the right and wrongs of any conflict, you can't help but be moved by the scenes of human suffering we are seeing each night. The message we have given to the children this week is...being good starts with them. If they grow up as good citizens, we have more chance of ensuring the world is a better and a safer place for everybody to live in regardless of their race, skin colour, gender or viewpoint. Our Thoughtful Time responses this week have clearly shown how well the children have taken this onboard and it does give us great hope for the future.

I just want to give a shout out to the school football team who played against St. Mary's school Eccles in the Bill Hayhurst cup last night and won 5-1 with some terrific football being played, well done!



Lastly, a huge shout out to the band of parents I know are running the Manchester half marathon this weekend. I know there are a few people who are undertaking the 13 odd mile course and I want to wish you the best of luck...I am running it too so may see you on the street :) Enjoy your weekend!

Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

### Weekly Attendance

Our attendance figure for this week is

# 96.1%



### 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 good!

#### 1. Do you think you're a good person?

It depends where I am because at home I am not a good person not at all except from when I'm asleep and it also depends on who I am with because if I'm with my brother I am not good but if I am with my best friend I am good and it also depends what mood I am in.

#### 2. Does everyone have good inside of them?

Personally I think that everyone has good inside them because nobody is born good or bad. Some people don't show their good side and I think they have not been taught to show it & were influenced by others to be bad when they were younger.

#### 3. Why being a good person hard sometimes?

Because sometimes it can be a lot of pressure to always be good or always be kind and to be expected to be a good person. It might annoy you if someone's mean to you and you might be mean to them back. **Year 5, Lowry**

#### 1. Do you think you're a good person?

Yes if it's in the morning, but I am super moody at night time!

#### 2. Does everyone have good inside of them?

I think even if you're mean you still have good inside you.

#### 3. Why being a good person hard sometimes?

Because if someone is being mean, you should ignore it. **Year 6, Lowry**

#### 1. Do you think you're a good person?

Yes because I am kind hearted, caring and kind person!

#### 2. Does everyone have good inside of them?

Some people have good inside them but they don't show it.

#### 3. Why being a good person hard sometimes?

Because sometimes you need to practice being good. **Year 2, Bridgewater**



### HOUSE POINTS

| BRIDGEWATER | ELLESMERE | LOWRY | PEEL |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------|
| 1108        | 1056      | 1147  | 1279 |

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

## ELLESMERE & 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...

- ⇒ Y6 Bikeability reminder
- ⇒ Sports Clubs for Autumn 2
- ⇒ Chickenpox guidance
- ⇒ Harvest Assemblies
- ⇒ EBASC Autumn 2 Invoices



### Scootering

I did mention in my newsletter a couple of weeks back about scooters and bikes being taken to the classroom door.

The school rule on scooters and bikes is that they must be put in the bike shed at the front of the school and not ridden to the classroom door. This is to ensure everyone walking is safe on site so please can we ask you to ensure your child parks their scooter or bike in the sheds when they arrive at school.

### PTA Disco

Final reminder it's the PTA disco on Thursday next week and tickets are still available but selling out fast!

### Free School Meals

This week we sent out a message on WEDUC about free school meal eligibility. This can sometimes be a sensitive area for discussion but I would encourage you to check if you are eligible for free school meals for your children as it can massively benefit them in school.

If you have any queries about the process, please speak to one of our amazing office ladies who can help you out.

### Nursery

Please could we politely remind you that children should not play in the Nursery area on their way around the building during collection.

This week we have had a few children, some of which are in KS2, running into the area, trying to go on the slide and playing with the Nursery resources. The children know this isn't allowed so please can we ask you to stop your children using this area.

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

#### Nursery!

[#EllenbrookNursery](#) had a big surprise this morning... someone had been sleeping in their classroom. They followed the muddy footprints to discover it was the Gruffalo! He had left them his storybook.

After sharing we talked about what he looked like & then made him out of dough

#### Reception

Today we collected natural resources and sorted them into hoops. We then discussed which hoop had more and which had fewer or less. We added numicon and wrote numerals to match the amounts [#receptionhazel](#) [#Ellenbrookmaths](#) [#comparingamounts](#)

#### Year 1!

[#YearOneFir](#) have been acting out the story of the Good Samaritan in RE today!

#### Year 2!

A super morning in Year 2 Willows today. We have been writing letters to Whiffy Wilson and adding tens to 2-digit numbers in maths. [#year2birch](#) are using their taste testing scores from last week to design healthy balanced wraps!

#### Year 3!

In English this morning we are using a thesaurus to improve our vocabulary! We can't wait to write our descriptions of the firework display in our story 'The Firework Makers Daughter'.

#### Year 4!

It's not everyday you get to sit on the tables at school... Year 4 have been learning about How democracy was developed in Ancient Greece and our large table represented a Pnyx where Ancient Greek citizens from Athens would gather to discuss rules and laws. [#Year4Maple](#)

#### Year 5!

Year 5 Elm water resistance investigation. [#Year5oak](#) is investigating water resistance this afternoon using plasticine

#### Year 6!

Year 6 are creating their final pieces in art this afternoon. We are using mixed media - collage, acrylic, watercolour, even sketching pencils and biro's - to create portraits that fit a theme of our choice. [#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 |