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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

September

- * 13th - Music lessons begin this week
- * 20th—Yr 6 Sharks bikeability
- * 24th—Macmillan coffee morning
- * 27th—Yr 6 Jets bikeability

October

- * 5th Individual & sibling photographs
- * 8th Hello Yellow day

November

- * 29th Nasal flu vaccination

December

- * 22nd —School closes for the Christmas holidays

Events for Next Week

- Individual and sibling photographs next week ***
- Clubs are running as per normal next week ***
- Hello Yellow charity day on Friday next week ***
- Holiday club booking is now open

Wet Wet Wet...!

That was quite some rain we had this week but it will take more than a biblical rainstorm to extinguish the enthusiasm of the children at Ellenbrook! It's been a fantastic week and the weather hasn't managed to stop the children going out too much which has been fantastic for them and us! It's good to see everything back to the way it was despite Covid still being very much part of our lives at school which you will have seen from the WEDUC warn and inform letters. This week I went to a gig in Manchester (yes on a school night) and it was fantastic to see people out enjoying themselves and seeing live arts back again. Another reminder that despite Covid, normal life is going on.

The SDP questionnaire ends on Monday next week and I have to say it's been a very reflective experience reading your comments on how to improve the school. They say feedback is the breakfast of champions and I think your views as parents is vital to not only how we run the school but also how we develop it in the future. I think we've had some fantastic suggestions, thank you for all of those who have contributed. We have also had a few comments which has made me think we aren't doing enough to keep you informed with what's going on at school and we need to think about how best to do that.

Our Harvest assembly this year is at the end of term and we will be streaming the whole assembly live on Microsoft Teams. We will also upload the recorded assembly so parents won't miss out. At this stage we won't be having you in the building 'in the flesh' as it were but the live stream will at least let you see the show.

Lastly, there is a piece on the other side of the newsletter about parking and driving around the school. Please take some time to read it carefully as the safety of all of our children (and parents) is our number 1 priority and we cannot do it without your support.

Have a great weekend...see you all next week!..... Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



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. Can we also ask that you give a reason as we have to call and ask if you report them as 'unwell.'**
- ⇒ **All inhalers/medicines need to be in school with a signed medical permission form. This is for the current academic year (even if we have held them for previous years)**
- ⇒ 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 think about seeing our true selves.

1. Are you a patient person?

No because I can't really wait for things.

2. Do you prefer to be alone?

Yes. I stay in my room when I get home from school and only ever come out to get food.

3. When have you had to be really patient?

I'm being patient now because I might be getting a new keyboard and mouse for Christmas. **Year 6, Lowry**

1. Are you a patient person?

I'm 6 out of 10 because I can't wait for four hours without doing something but I can wait for lunch and dinner. BUT I CAN NOT WAIT for my brothers birthday because I get to design his birthday!

2. Do you prefer to be alone?

Most of the time because I always do skateboarding and boxing and football on my own. It makes me calm and everyone around me always seems to annoy me....Always!!!!

3. When have you had to be really patient?

When we were in hospital for my brother we had to wait 4 and a half hours longer until we got to see a doctor.

Year 5, Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
211	165	179	222

House points have begun for this week and what a start!

The winner of this weeks' assembly 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...

- * Holiday Club / Parents Evening booking system
- * Year 2 Design Technology
- * EBASC Autumn 1 payment reminder
- * Year 4 trip to Lowry Theatre



FINAL Reminder—SDP Questionnaire

The SDP online questionnaire to gather your views on developing the school closes on Monday. It only takes a couple of minutes to complete the survey and your feedback is so important to us.

Thank you to everyone who has already completed the survey.

Parking and Traffic

This week I have had a number of residents and parents approach me to express their concern at the state of driving and parking on and around the roads at school.



There have been a number of issues reported to me this week including parents parking across residents drives. Parents sitting in idling cars whilst waiting to collect. Parents parking across pavements blocking access for people with buggies and prams.

I have also had a couple of parents mention the speed at which some parents are driving on the roads around school at drop off and pick up times.

It's not my job to police the roads but it is my job to do all I can to keep the children safe. Please can I ask you all to drive and park responsibly on the roads around the school.

Macmillan

Lastly, just a final thank you for your support last week. I was so so impressed with our record take on the Macmillan Coffee Morning.

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We've been practising our self help skills today and dressing up in our costumes and changing into our pumps for PE! [#ellenbrooknurse](#) [#primeareasoflearning](#)

Reception!

[#receptionwillow](#) have been looking at the Tamatoa character in Moana. This led to an investigation "Are all shiny things magnetic?" They had lots of fun exploring to find out! They have also been creating their own shiny Tamatoa pictures & writing adjectives! [#science](#) [#exploring](#) Some amazing iPad work in Reception Willow this morning! [#receptionbirch](#)

Year 1!

We have had a very busy few days in year 1 pine. Take a look below [#year1pine](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 have been expressing themselves with charcoal pencils in art this afternoon! Great self portraits Maple!

Year 3!

A super art afternoon in Year 3 Elm! After our history learning yesterday, we used clay to create our own canopic jars [#year3elm](#)

Year 4!

Year 4 Voyagers English with syllables and glockenspiels. Today, Year 4 Discoverers set up their egg experiment to investigate the affect drinks have on our teeth. We will be observing the eggs each day. [#year4discoverers](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) are really developing their netball skills. Today we focused on our footwork and passing accurately [#Pivot](#) [#Passes](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 are planning their art pieces. How will they represent their personality through their art? Who will they be influenced by? [#year6sharks](#) [#year6jets](#) [#art](#)

STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES

CLUBS

DAY	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
MONDAY	LACROSSE & CRICKET	KEYS STAGE 2 YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
TUESDAY	TENNIS	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4
WEDNESDAY	MULTISPORTS	EBASC ATTENDEES
THURSDAY	FOOTBALL	YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
FRIDAY	FOOTBALL ULTIMATE FRISBEE	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4 KEY STAGE 1