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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

November

- * 16th Parents' Evening 4-6.40pm
- * 18th Parents' Evening 6-8.40pm

December

- * 8th Nasal flu vaccination
- * 10th Xmas Jumper day
- * 21st—School closes for the Christmas holidays

January

- * 22nd —School closes for the Christmas holidays

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

20

Events for Next Week

Year 3 sleepover is cancelled

Please remember nasal flu vaccinations on the 29th November

KS1 EGT auditions next week

We Suffer the Breaks....We Still Remember It ...!

Covid has been very much on our minds this week as the number of cases across the school has increased significantly resulting in us having to close one class for a 48 hour period. We always knew the transmission rate would increase as we came into the winter period and that has proved to be the case with our numbers going up daily. We still have all of our prevention measures in place in line with our risk assessment but we also realise dealing with Covid is now part of life and will remain so for the near future. I think it's very important to be transparent so each week we will report on the positive cases which have been verified with a PCR test and continue to send you warn and inform letters as new cases are detected.

Events are also at risk if our current Covid situation intensifies and we have been given guidance by the local authority on how we run events for the rest of this term. It may well mean attendances at performances are reduced and we will be deciding next week how best to run our productions and will of course let you know as quickly as we can. One of the events which has to be postponed due to Covid is the Year 3 sleepover which will now take place in the New Year. The Year 3 children took this news in their stride and it's clear that last minute changes are now par for the course.

We did receive some excellent news this week with Aldi informing us that we would have two Olympians joining us for the official opening of our gym. If you remember we were very fortunate to win the get set to eat fresh funding and used it to create the outdoor gym. Since then, we haven't had the opportunity to officially open it and we are all looking forward to next week!

I have had some feedback from parents of children in Key Stage 2 about the Christmas performance and our plans for a virtual event. I just want to say we never wanted the performance to be virtual and after a discussion with the staff we have decided to completely change what we were planning to do. There will be a WEDUC post explaining our new plans. Have a fantastic weekend!

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 thinking about right and wrong.

1. Do you know the difference between right and wrong?

Yes for example when I did the right thing I didn't eat the fresh bread that was telling me to eat it...and when I did the wrong thing when my sister hit me and I hit her back.

2. Why is the wrong thing so attractive?

Because it smells good and looks good or when all your other friends aren't doing the right thing.

3. What do you need to put a stop to in your life?

Playing video games too much and play some card games or playing outside more.

Year 6, Bridgewater

1. Do you know the difference between right and wrong?

Yes I do know like if someone brakes a plate that's wrong

2. Why is the wrong thing so attractive?

It attractive because it's the only chance they have got.

3. What do you need to put a stop to in your life?

Bad people teasing each other.

Year 4, Bridgewater



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2397	2288	2472	2842

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

The winner of this weeks' assembly 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...

- * Intrahealth Vaccinations—Date change
- * Special Guests—Wednesday 1st December
- * Year 6 DT Project—T Shirt Needed



Prospective Parent Visit

Huge apologies for having to cancel the prospective parent visit this week.

We have now re-arranged this tour for Tuesday 7th December at 5.30pm. Can we ask you to pass this message on to anyone you may know who is interesting in attending.

We will contact the local nurseries and send out invites via them.



TV Opportunity

BBC Children's TV in Salford are developing ideas for a new show and have an opportunity for young people (7 year-old upwards) with a love of cooking who might be interested in taking part in a taster video they're creating. The film will not be for broadcast, we would be using this as part of the commissioning process. If you would like to be involved please email (freya.phillips@bbc.co.uk) for more information.



Our Christmas Jumper Day (savethechildren.org.uk)

Are you at high school and receive free school meals?

Would you like a free month pass for gym and swim facilities at your local leisure centres?

You'll also be able to pick up a free packed lunch from the leisure centre on 22, 23 29 and 30 December between 12noon and 2pm.



Scan me to sign up

SALFORD WINTER OF FUN
Salford Community Leisure
Salford City Council

Passes will be activated on the 15 December for one month.

Sign up today at:
<https://salfordcommunityleisure.co.uk/be-active/children-activities/winter-fun/>

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Thursdays come round so quickly! During our PE with Miss Jancy we have been travelling across different equipment, assessing how we need to move. It was so lovely to see how many children helped their friends when they found it tricky. [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#lendingahelpinghand](#)

Reception!

[#Receptionwillow](#) loved creating their own thankful turkey for Thanksgiving & we would like to say a big thank you to Verity's & Theo's mummies. The children reflected on the things they are thankful/grateful for & added a feather for each thing. [#HappyThanksgiving](#) [#Thankful](#). Today we have celebrated Thanksgiving the children have taken part in different activities and talked about what they have learnt. They have been very busy creating Turkeys, writing about different words associated with Thanksgiving and creating a Mayflower boat! [#receptionbirch](#)

Year 1!

It's a chilly one outside today! [#year1cedar](#) checking the weather station this morning. [#science](#) [#weather](#) [#year1pine](#) have worked really hard on making sure they have got their adding and subtracting skills perfect! Great job pine!

Year 2!

Year 2 Beech are really enjoying using the skipping ropes in P.E today.

Year 3!

This afternoon we have been looking at the Hindu festival of Divali and at the story of Rama and Sita. We loved acting out parts of the story! [#year3elm](#)

Year 4!

It may be raining outside but that doesn't stop Year 4 Voyagers doing P.E! Indoor yoga.

Year 5!

[#year5swallows](#) have spent the morning measuring objects around the room and calculating the perimeter

Year 6!

Year 6 had a fantastic discussion around the Hindu belief of reincarnation today. We were very lucky to have our resident expert Vanaya to help us with our understanding! Have a look at this thoughtful explanation of what we learnt. [#year6sharks](#) [#RE](#)



STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES

CLUBS

DAY	TIME	CLUB	YEAR GROUP
MONDAY	8-8.45AM	ULTIMATE FRISBEE	YEAR 3 - 6
	3.30-4.30PM	BASKETBALL	YEAR 5 & 6
TUESDAY	3.30-4.30PM	FOOTBALL	YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
WEDNESDAY	3.30-4.30PM	MULTISPORTS	EBASC ATTENDEES
THURSDAY	3.30-4.30PM	DODGEBALL	YEAR 1 & YEAR 2
FRIDAY	8-8.45AM	HOCKEY	YEAR 1 & 2
	3.30-4.30PM	NETBALL	YEAR 3 & YEAR 4