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# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## Important Diary Dates

### May

- \* 3rd—Bank holiday, school closed
- \* 4th —School re-opens
- \* 28th — Half term

### June

- \* 8th June—School re-opens

### July

- \* 21st —School closes for the summer holidays

### September

- \* 6th—INSET Day
- \* 7th—School opens for pupils

### October

- \* 22nd School closes for half term

## Before This River Becomes An Ocean...!

This half term feels like it has flown by at rapid speed...I can't believe it's here already! I hope you all have a very enjoyable week off and that the weather co-operates and we get some more of what we had on Thursday.

In school it's been a fabulous week with a huge amount going on. The footballers played another fixture at home to Boothstown which they won and some of Year 6 made a trip to RHS Bridgewater as well which was fabulous and a great day was had by all. I was lucky enough to go with them along with Mrs Foster and it's certainly somewhere I'd like to go again in the future.

As the last term approaches there are a number of events we will be running and this week we have been finalising them and will be sharing them with you after half term. I just wanted to make you all aware that we will be having a parents evening next half term but it will be at the very end of the Summer term.. You will receive the written report before parents' evening and only need to attend if you have a concern about the report. It won't be a traditional parents' evening but you will be invited in to see the children's work that evening and can book a slot with their teacher should you want to. We are also going to offer the opportunity to have an online slot as we did in the previous parents' evening.

There is an update to the information posted on WEDUC this week about testing and secondary symptoms. Just to be clear, if you child has any of the primary Covid symptoms which are a high temperature, loss or change to sense of taste or a continuous cough you should taken them for a PCR Covid test. A lateral flow test is not enough of an indicator so we would ask all parents to take their child for a PCR if there is any doubt.



Lastly, just another moan about uniform.....not just shoes but lots of other non-uniform items are sneaking in to school, please can we ask that the children are in the correct uniform at all times. Have a great half term!  
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

**METAL FRUIT**  
**KNOW JOY**  
Salvation and Joy  
WHAT MAKES YOU JOYFUL ON THE INSIDE?

### \*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\*\*

- \* Please can we ask you to check the children have what they need each day for school. This will cut down on drop offs at the school office
- \* Please can we remind you to keep siblings at home if any member of the family are suffering COVID symptoms.

### 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.

### Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about joy.....

#### 1. What makes you joyful?

When I was 6 I got a cute dog called Bella. I feel joyful when I go somewhere on holiday and when I go on aeroplanes.

#### 2. How do you cope with sad situations?

I go to my bedroom and have a cry or hug my parents if I am sad.

#### 3. Has the joy of a God ever touched you?

I sometimes have joy when I sing, dance watch tv, laugh and with family.

Year 3, Bridgewater

#### 1. What makes you joyful?

If I succeed at something new I feel joyful and when I have a victory too. My dad says that I get over my sadness really quickly like if I'm at home and I get upset, I go to my room for a few minutes and then go back downstairs because there's no point in obsessing over the fact that it's not fair and I realise how lucky I am as I have a better life than a lot of other people.

#### 2. How do you cope with sad situations?

When I'm sad I like to think about what makes me happy and try to cheer myself up by doing something I find fun.

#### 3. Has the joy of a God ever touched you?

Yes, once in 2019, when we went to a resort on holiday for mum's b'day, I felt like God wanted me to enjoy that moment.

Year 6, Peel



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2547	2541	2701	2630

House points for this week are above!

The winner of this weeks' assembly challenge was.....

**ELLESMERE**

### 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...

- \* Yr5 Basketball
- \* Yr6 Football
- \* Music request & contract (new starters)
- \* Music request & contract (continuation)
- \* Walk Home permissions for Yr5 and Yr6 starting in September
- \* Yr6 Production costumes
- \* Yr2 (going into yr3) Government Funded School Meal letter
- \* Whole school – School Lunch price increase letter
- \* Reception – Dam House trip



### The Big Ask Survey

The Children's Commissioner wants to hear from as many children and young people in England as possible through #TheBigAsk survey.



This is an opportunity for young people in Salford to speak up and have their voices heard on things that matter to them. To find out more and to take part visit: [www.thebigask.uk](http://www.thebigask.uk)

The deadline for this survey is 28 May 2021.

### Covid Testing

This week we have had a number of enquiries from parents about symptoms their children are having. We follow the LA guidelines as I mentioned last week in the newsletter and are encouraging all of you to take your child for a PCR test if they have secondary symptoms.



A lot of parents have said they would use a lateral flow test to check if their child has Covid. This is not the process for testing for the virus. Lateral flow tests are designed for people who do not have symptoms. Any child with one of the three symptoms or secondary symptoms will need to go for a PCR test regardless of the results of a lateral flow test.

If you have any queries at all, please contact myself or the office and we will be more than happy to help you out with any information or guidance you require.

### Games

We are looking to replenish our games collection in school for the classes and before and after school club.



If you are having a clear out and have any spare please can we ask you to donate to the school. :)

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

#### Nursery!

Today we've been making play dough pigs, making the different houses from our story and drawing our favourite part!

[#ellenbrooknursery](https://twitter.com/ellenbrooknursery)

#### Reception!

Yesterday reception pine developed their maths skills and looked at halving and sharing amounts. [#receptionpine](https://twitter.com/receptionpine)

#### Year 1!

[#year1beech](https://twitter.com/year1beech) are ending the topic 'Great People, Great Legacies' with a medieval afternoon! They are completing various medieval activities and even having a go at some medieval dance moves! [#medieval](https://twitter.com/medieval) [#kings](https://twitter.com/kings) [#queens](https://twitter.com/queens) [#castles](https://twitter.com/castles)

#### Year 2!

Great Pictogram work in scales of 2,5 & 10 in Year 2 Oak. Now to interpret the data!

#### Year 3!

Year 3 Voyagers have really enjoyed their history lesson today learning about changes in music and technology in the 20th century. We saw some super dancing to American swing bands of the 40s, The Beach Boys, The Beatles and Abba

#### Year 4!

The Great British Sewing 'Elephant' has arrived at Year 4 Amazons! The children have worked so hard and demonstrated strong resilience skills. They are even making 'elephant' accessories. [#year4amazons](https://twitter.com/year4amazons) [#sewingskills](https://twitter.com/sewingskills) [#DT](https://twitter.com/DT) Some of the Swallows have finished their stuffed toys! Excellent sewing.

[#year4swallows](https://twitter.com/year4swallows)

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Sharks](https://twitter.com/Year5Sharks) have written some brilliant newspaper reports based on [#TheBadBeginnings](https://twitter.com/TheBadBeginnings)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 are beginning work on their summer production this week. Auditions are in full swing, and they even began working on one of the dances this morning in PE! It's going to be a great one!

[#year6rockets](https://twitter.com/year6rockets)



**STAY ALERT > CONTROL THE VIRUS > SAVE LIVES**

### CLUBS

YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
YEAR 4	MONDAY	CRICKET
YEAR 6	TUESDAY	FOOTBALL
YEAR 5	WEDNESDAY	BASKETBALL
YEAR 6	WEDNESDAY	NETBALL