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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

February

- * 10th - Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park— CANCELLED
- * 12th—End of half term
- * 22nd— Children return to school

March

- * 12th - INSET day school closed
- * 31st— School closed for the Easter holidays

April

- * 19th—School re-opens

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

Starting right now I'll be strong....I'll play my fight song ...!

This week we have been focusing on our mental health at Ellenbrook and fighting the negative feelings we can have when times are very challenging as they are for so many of the children at the moment. Our assembly theme for this week is all about seeing and if you saw assembly on Monday you will have seen how we talked about seeing what is happening to those around us which relates specifically to mental health. It has been great to see so many children express themselves today via their clothing and it's vital to us that we do all we can to support the children at home and also those in school. We don't know when we will be back as a whole school again, but we want everyone working at home to feel as much a part of school as those currently in the building. I know it's easy to say that, but with our Wednesday catch up assembly this week it is clear we can make this happen which is why these Wednesday sessions will continue for the rest of lock down. I know some children were upset at seeing all of their friends at school and it's important to make the children understand there is a reason some children are in and some aren't. The staff do a fabulous job at talking this through in school and I am sure you are doing the same at home as the thoughtful times that have been completed by our home learners are always very good.

I also want to thank the staff again for their continued hard work, they really are doing a fantastic job and I feel very lucky to work with such a great bunch of people. It's hard to imagine that this time last year we had only begun the Covid journey and now it feels very much like part of our everyday lives. The Thoughtful Time responses today said a lot about how the children feel about Covid and it's really important we remind ourselves that we are all in this together. Strength comes from unity and if we are unified, we will achieve much more together than we ever will alone.



Lastly, it only remains for me to wish you all a very enjoyable weekend and I will catch up with you next week. Take care!.....Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * The office will close from 4pm every day.
- * Please could we remind you that we are only able to administer medicines if they are prescribed and the dosage is for 4 times a day.
- * Please can children wear a coat when in school.

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 being seeing.....

1. Are you able to really see things around you in life?

Yes I can see things in life but I can't see everything that is in the future.

2. What darkness is in your life?

The darkness in my life is Covid because I can't go out or go to see my friends.

3. Can you see the light in your life?

I don't believe in God but I do see light in my life and I think that is happiness.

Year 5, Bridgewater

1. Are you able to really see things around you in life?

Yes I can if I am focused. And Not because I don't want to mess up.

2. What darkness is in your life?

The darkness in my life is definitely Covid. I bet a lot of people have said that but I can't wait to go out see my friends again.

3. Can you see the light in your life?

The light for me is my family. I have learnt to appreciate them more during lockdown which I think it very important.

Year 6, Ellesmere



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
784	736	841	896

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

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...

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Games

We are still looking for good items that can be used in school. This includes board games, books or toys in very good or nearly new condition.

We are especially looking for boards games or small partner games like connect 4, etc. If you can help please donate via the office.



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We've been talking about why the colour monster might have been angry and what makes us feel angry, discussing what we can do when we feel this way. We took a selfie of our best angry face! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#ChildrensMentalHealthWeek](#)
Reception!

Wow some fantastic work happening at school and at home this week. Continuing our theme of dinosaurs we read a rhyming dinosaur book and have also looked at making rhyming paper chains.....take a look at some of our home learning below. [#receptionhomelearning](#) [#receptionbubble](#)

Year 1!

We have had some fantastic and creative work from Year 1 this week as they have responded to our explorer adventure task in a way of their own choosing. We have had art work, story books, action packed dressing up and videos. [#year1](#) [#childrensmentalhealthweek2021](#)

Year 2!

Well done Year 2 home learners, superb food chain models. [#year2elm](#) [#year2oak](#)

Year 3!

Observational drawing in Year 3 this afternoon.



Year 4!

Great science investigation on States of Matter - we decided on the best method for melting solid chocolate for Willy Wonker's chocolate river: [#year4](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Architects](#) have been busy designing their own buildings inspired by Zaha Hadid 'Queen of the Curve' [#GoYear5Jarks](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 are busy making periscopes - but how do they work? [#year6rockets](#) [#science](#) [#light](#)



Coronavirus

Wash your hands with soap and water more often for 20 seconds



Use a tissue to turn off the tap.
Dry hands thoroughly.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Girls' Football
KS1	MONDAY	Dance
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball
Year 5 & 6	THURSDAY	High Five Netball
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS1	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters

Cancelled until further notice