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Important Diary Dates

January

- * 17th January - Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
- * 18th January - Year 6 Height & Weight Checks
- * 20th January - Man Utd football tournament.

February

- * 18th —School closes for half term holidays
- * 28th —School re-opens
- * 28th—4th March - Book week

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

31

Events for Next Week

It's the Man Utd football tournament on Thursday next week

Just a reminder it's the Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

(Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th)



We Got Through it Together...!

There is no doubt it's been a very very challenging week at Ellenbrook due to Covid, not helped by the fact I have been off myself all week with Coronavirus. Luckily I have not been too ill but frustrated at not being able to help the staff at school manage the large number of pupil and staff absences. A huge thank you goes out to everyone who has helped cover this week as we have had a number of staff off as well as children. The Year 6 children in particular have been invaluable at lunchtimes supporting the staff and are a credit to the school. As you can see our cases numbers are very high and it is so important that you are routinely lateral flow testing your children at home prior to them coming to school. It's the only way we are going to be able to stop the spread in school and this will help to reduce the impact on the children's education. My understanding is that LFT tests are now easier to get so please can we ask you to test your children regularly and daily if you are in one of the three classes currently bubbling. Lets not have this year dominated by Covid yet again and let's keep the children in school which is the best place for them and the best thing for their education.

This week we have also been thinking about our curriculum as we reach the half way point in the year. The staff worked incredibly hard to produce a curriculum which is closely matched to the needs of our learners and the excellent attitudes the children have to their learning is borne out in the quality of work they are producing. They really are working incredibly hard and we are so proud of their achievements as I am sure you are as well.

My last point this week is communication. Bearing in mind everything I have said about covid above, we will continue to give you all of the most relevant and up to date information we can in a timely and effective manner, Please can we ask you to keep checking WEDUC and keep communicating with us and each other to ensure you know everything you need to. If you are unsure about anything, please chat to one of us and we can help you with the appropriate information. Have an absolutely fabulous 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 our dreams!

1. Do you have a dream in life?

I have a huge dream to save all of the pandas and to keep them all alive and healthy. But I also have another dream to let all my family live close to each other and make sure that they are the most happy they can possibly be.

2. Do you believe dreams come true?

Dreams can come true as long as you try and be determined and carry on no matter what may try and stop you in your path. You have to be clear on your path and try again.

3. What would you give to fulfil your dreams?

Well life is full of many things and you might have to give a lot of those things up to fulfil your dreams.

So I would maybe have to go to a new country to save the Panda's and other animals but then I would come back to this country knowing I have done a good deed. **Year 6, Lowry**



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
315	344	292	387

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

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...

- * Year 4 Trip to Ironbridge – payment reminder
- * Reception PE Kits
- * Young Voices Concert postponed
- * Year 1 Trip to Blackpool Zoo – Friday 28th January



Staff Car Park

Just a reminder that the car park is for staff use only during the school day and up to 5.15pm. Since term started we have had a number of parents come into the car park outside of these times and get trapped in or leave the gate open.



Please can we ask you not to use the staff car park unless you have been given specific permission by the office.

Naming Items

Please could I remind you all to ensure any possessions your child bring to school are clearly named. We have had a large number of water bottles, outside coats and trainers left over in lost property which cannot be reunited with their owners as they do not have names in them

Pick Up & Drop Off

Please can we ask you again not to leave your engines idling when you are waiting for drop off and pick up.

Apart from being awful for the environment it's not great for neighbour relations.

Mr B Charity Appeal COMPLETED!

A huge thank you to everyone who sponsored me! I just wanted to let you know I completed the marathon in 6 day and ran 4 times to hit the magical 26.2 miles!



It's not too late to sponsor me though using the link below.

<https://runthemothme.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/mr-bs-running-the-month>

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have been drawing what we think we would look like in snow form. Take a look at our amazing creations which include a snow unicorn, snow superhero and snow dinosaur! We've been listening for initial sounds and working hard to write them [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

[#Receptionwillow](#) have been learning all about winter and what happens to different animals. We have learnt about hibernation, migration & adaptation! Today we made bird feeders to look after the birds - it was very messy & fun! This week we have been learning about Winter in [#ReceptionBirch](#) The children decided we needed to make bird food for the birds that didn't have that much food in winter. They worked very hard with Mrs Whitley and have created some lovely bird feeders to take home

Year 1!

[#year1pine](#) [#year1cedar](#) are starting their new computing topic 'Moving a Robot' this afternoon! They are exploring buttons and giving the robot commands. [#computing](#) [#Robots](#) [#Year1Pine](#) in topic have been learning all about the various animal groups. Take a look at our animals. Ask us about the animal groups so we can wow you with our knowledge!

Year 2!

Year 2 Year 2 Beech are enjoying working with clay this afternoon We are starting a new unit of work looking at Sculpture.

Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) [#year3oak](#) LOVED swimming this morning and now cannot wait to go again! A busy afternoon on our multiplication too- great progress!

Year 4!

Well A busy, fun morning in Year 4 Voyagers exploring the diversity in our class [#diversity](#) [#year4voyagers](#)

Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) have written fantastic play scripts on [#TheHobbit](#) [#English](#) [#year5amazons](#) are learning the Adele cover of Bob Dylan's song "Make You Feel My Love"

Year 6!

Year 6 are sharing their ideas about the Viking raid on Lindisfarne. They enjoyed exploring using Google Earth [#year6jets](#) [#history](#) [#vikings](#) [#year6sharks](#)



CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Hockey
YR 3 & 4	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Dodgeball
YR 5 & 6	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Rugby
EBASC Attendees	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Hockey
KS1 (YR 1 & 2)	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Fitness
YR 3 & 4	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Cricket