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# The Ellenbrook News

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### Important Diary Dates

#### June

- \* 14th June—Year 1 Assembly
- \* 14th June—Year 3 sleepover meeting @ 6pm
- \* 16th June—Year 6 Lledr meeting @ 6pm
- \* 24th—Year 3 sleepover
- \* 29th—Year 6 trip to Alton towers

#### July

- \* 11th - 15th—Year 6 trip to Lledr Hall

### Current Covid Cases

#### Across the School

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### Events for Next Week

The Year 6 Salford Athletics tournament is on Tuesday next week

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The Year 3 sleep over is on Friday next week

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The Year 3 football finals are on Friday next week

## Pure and Simple Every Time.....?

It's been a fantastic week at Ellenbrook and a very busy one! There are so many things coming up at the moment and the children are flat out working on their topics helped by some truly lovely weather.

This week our assembly theme has been about being pure and it is quite a difficult concept to introduce to the children. We must have done a good enough job because the thoughtful times this week were very good and showed that the children at least understood the concept. I think it's so important to consider such important themes through thoughtful time and the children get a huge amount out of doing it. Whenever I can, I like to do something which is very different from my day job to keep things in perspective which is sometimes difficult in the role I have. Sometimes I will spend a day working with my brother who is a courier, or do something totally different from running a school which I did last weekend by volunteering to work at the Parklife festival. It was a fantastic experience and one which made me think very much about the importance of stepping outside your comfort zone and experiencing different things in life.

As a school, safeguarding is one of the important parts of what we do and we take our statutory duty very seriously. With that in mind, we have created a safeguarding booklet written for the children of Ellenbrook and it includes all of the information the children need to know, as well as guidance on what they should do if they have a problem. The booklets will be distributed before the end of term but I wanted to give you advance warning as there may be things you want to discuss with your child when they receive the booklet. We will also be talking them through it in our RSE sessions.

We are fast approaching some of our key events this term and I am so pleased that we have been able to keep the WEDUC app which I did fear we would lose. The company has told me we have 99.1% of our parents registered and currently using the app which is fabulous. It's such a useful and straightforward way of keeping you informed and you clearly use it very well so thank you for that.

I hope you all 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 being pure!

#### 1. Do you crave good or bad things?

Well I crave food or computer games or attention because no one ever notices me if I am not showing any emotions.

#### 2. Do you think your spirit is pure?

No because if I said yes my nose would be longer than Pinocchio!

#### 3. Who can help keep you pure?

My mum. She is so pure of spirit because she is kind and beautiful and the best person in the whole world. Year 5, Ellesmere

#### 1. Do you crave good or bad things?

I don't really know because I only crave food. I know some foods are bad for my physical and mental health but I can't help loving junk food. Sometimes though, I just crave a salad\meat and the healthier foods I don't usually eat.

#### 2. Do you think your spirit is pure?

I'm going to be honest, I don't think anyone can have a pure spirit because we still all have that little devil on one side of our shoulder.

#### 3. Who can help keep you pure?

Yes Nobody except me. Everybody can give me motivation but it won't work unless I listen and accept it. Year 6, Bridgewater



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2692	2510	2492	2912

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...

- ⇒ Year 6 Production
- ⇒ Transition & Staffing 2022/23
- ⇒ Nursery Forest School
- ⇒ Year 6 Trade Your Way Enterprise Project



### Water Bottles & Sun Block

The weather has been fantastic this week and the mini heat wave has been greatly received by the children and staff.



Please can we remind you all that during periods of hot weather we are asking you to ensure your child is properly protected against the hot weather.

Please can we ask you to make sure they have a water bottle each day and have sun screen applied each day. We would also like the children to have a hat to help them keep cool at playtime and lunch time.

### WEDUC Saved!

Just in case you didn't see it this week, we have managed to agree a deal with WEDUC to keep using the app for the foreseeable future.



This is fantastic for us as it allows us to simplify our communication with you. As always, any WEDUC problems, the amazing ladies in the office are your first port of call!

### Leave of Absence in Exceptional Circumstances

Just another reminder about the procedure for obtaining authorised absence for your child. Holidays in term time do not count as an exceptional circumstance, even if they have been carried over from the Covid lockdown.

I have had a few discussions with parents this week about these absences and I also need to remind you that you may be liable for a penalty notice if you take your child out for a holiday during term time.

### Lost Property

Another newsletter....another moan about lost property. Please can you check lost property if your child is missing any items of clothing.



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

#### Nursery!

We've been busy creating something very special in today! We've been practising naming the shapes too. [#Ellenbrook-nursery](#) [#topsecret](#)

#### Reception!

[#receptionwillow](#) have been using the Rekenreks today to further support their maths learning. [#strategies](#) [#maths](#) [#learningisfun](#) [#mathssuperstars](#)



#### Year 1!

A lovely afternoon for [#year1cedar](#) searching for all things summer. We looked at all the different plants and flowers around the school grounds. Then we made our own observational drawings of what we could see, feel, hear and smell. [#science](#) [#senses](#) [#plants](#) [#Year1Pine](#) have enjoyed science today looking for signs of summer and making observational drawings.

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Beech are busy using maps to find and locate Africa and the countries Zambia and Ghana. We are learning all about Africa this week

#### Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) using watercolour to create coastal art work !

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Discoverers or Queen? A sneak peak into our song for the KS2 performance...Year 4 Voyagers Computer Programming with Scratch.

#### Year 5!

Check out [#Year5Swallows](#) amazing performance poetry [#Poets](#). [#year5amazons](#) are absolutely smashing it in Reading with the help of our Reading Plus app. Well done everyone We will be very upset when the free trial ceases at the end of this month.

#### Year 6!

Lots of interesting debates happening in Year 6 today. The children were amazing at putting their arguments forward to either propose or oppose the motions. Well done everyone! [#year6jets](#) [#English](#) [#debating](#)

## CLUBS

KEY STAGE / YEAR GROUP	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2 (YR 3 – 6)	MONDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Cricket
YR 5 & 6	MONDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Athletics
YR 3 & 4	TUESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Tennis
EBASC Attendees KS1 3.30pm-4.15pm—KS2 4.15pm—5.00pm	WEDNESDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Multi Sports
YR 1 & 2	THURSDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Dance
KS1 (YR 1 & 2)	FRIDAY (8 – 8.45am)	Athletics
YR 3 & 4	FRIDAY (3.30 – 4.30pm)	Athletics