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# The Ellenbrook News

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## Important Diary Dates

### January

- \* 20th January - Man Utd football tournament.
- \* 28th January—Year 1 trip to Blackpool Zoo

### February

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

## Current Covid Cases

### Across the School

27

## Events for Next Week

It's the Year 1 trip to Blackpool zoo on Friday next week

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Just a reminder the school is currently bubbling and we will look at this again on Monday.

## You've Got to Follow the Light....!

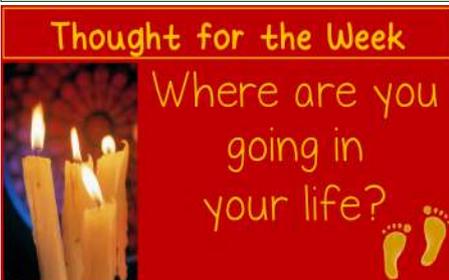
Covid has sadly been the most talked about issue in school this week and I just wanted to thank you all for your understanding about our decision to re-bubble the whole school. Fingers crossed this will only be in place until Wednesday but it may need to be extended if cases do not drop significantly. At this stage, I also can't promise that we won't have to do this again in the not too distant future but we will, as always, keep you fully up to date with any decisions we make.

We started our assembly theme in earnest this week and had a visit from our general Machington-Tooquickly which the children loved. He gave us some good advice about what to do if we were every stuck up a mountain and each week we will continue to have his pearls of wisdom in our assemblies. The children did a brilliant job in their first Thoughtful Time of this year and we could literally have printed all of them. This is such a key part of our pastoral education and the children really think deeply about what they are writing and the impact the questions has on them.

This week also saw the return of the Man Utd indoor football tournament and it was so nice to do something that felt normal...just normal. The boys had a great time and even though the results were mixed, the taking part and representing your school is sometimes they will remember for a long time and I was so proud of them in the way they played and just as equally the way they represented themselves and the school.

Lastly, this week, just a reminder to please keep on checking WEDUC and reading the messages being sent out. There's a lot going on in school at the moment and I know it's tempting to just ignore the notifications or skim read them but we would hate you to miss out on important information.

I wanted to say thank you to those of you who commented on how nice it was to see me back and enquiring how I was feeling. Have an absolutely fabulous weekend Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about our plan for life!

### 1. Do you have a plan for your life?

I kind of have a plan for my life because I want to be a reptile breeder because I love reptiles and I have a tortoise at home.

### 2. Do you follow the voice inside you?

Most of the time because my voice inside...sometimes it says you can do it when I am in a tough situation.

### 3. Jesus said 'I am the light of the world' what do you think he meant?

I think he meant if we didn't have him we would not be guided on the right path.

Year 6, Peel

### 1. Do you have a plan for your life?

Yes I'll save up money to afford to see the Northern Lights for my mum. Hopefully myself as well!

### 2. Do you follow the voice inside you?

Not always, sometimes it may say negative things.

### 3. Jesus said 'I am the light of the world' what do you think he meant?

He meant he can replace the sun and light up the world.

Year 5, Lowry



## 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.

## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
550	572	522	635

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

**BRIDGEWATER & 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 EYFS Dragon dance workshop
- \* Year 4 Discoverers Parents Evening



### Lateral Flow Testing

Given the current case of Covid around the school, please can we ask\remind you to lateral flow test your children should you have any worries about their health.

The Omicron variant is so widespread at present that we want to do all we can to ensure we try to stem the flow of transmission within the school and the easiest way to do that is to try and make sure the children come to school Covid free as much as possible.

### Nutella Peril!

This week I have noticed a few children with Nutella in their sandwiches for lunch.

Please can I ask that Nutella isn't used as it does contain hazelnuts which is against our no nut policy.

### Footballers!

A huge congratulations and well done to our Ellenbrook football squad for their efforts in the Man Utd football tournament this week.

I have struggled to remember a year where the standard was so high and the quality of play was great to watch for all of the teams in the tournament.

It was very much mixed fortunes for our two teams with both tasting victory and also defeat. Being in the same group, they had to play each other with Year 5 winning the 'battle of Ellenbrook.'

I was so proud of all of the players and they really deserve a huge amount of credit for how they performed.



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

#### Nursery!

Nursery have requested to do workouts during continuous provision today. We talked about how to keep our bodies healthy and the children told me that you had to drink lots of water and not too many sweets [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#managingselfPSED](#)

#### Reception!

Some of the wonderful things that [#ReceptionBirch](#) have been up to over our topic on Frozen. From writing letters to Elsa, story sequencing, creating Stone Trolls to designing magic wands! A huge thank you to Mrs Whitley for displaying the children's work so beautifully [#Receptionwillow](#)

#### Year 1!

[#year1pine](#) [#year1cedar](#) What a busy week in [#Year1Pine](#) we have had. We have done some super story retelling using lots of actions, become robots in ICT, done lots of subtracting using objects, shared our worries in class and helped each other solve them. Great teamwork Pine!

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Just look who joined us in class today! It's Jack from Jack and the Beanstalk Year 2 Beech

#### Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) are fully immersed in Stone Age life this morning. We have fabric dyeing using berries, hut building, cave art using Stone Age made paint, clothes designing, hand print creating using charcoal and MORE! [#history#dt#art#problemsolving](#)

[#year3elm](#) had a great time yesterday in [#PE](#). We practised our Rounders skills at different training stations and worked well in our teams!

#### Year 4!

Today [#year4discoverers](#) have been making simple circuits. They were looking at different circuit layouts and predicting if they would allow the lightbulb to light up.

#### Year 5!

[#Year5swallows](#) have loved playing dice division this morning

#### Year 6!

Year 6 are developing our learning of the Vikings and having lots of discussion today in Year 6. [#year6jets](#) [#history](#)



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

### 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