



## Summer Term

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### Important Diary Dates

#### May

- \* 19th May—Yr 6 trip to fusilier museum
- \* 20th May—Yr 1 trip to Clitheroe Castle
- \* 26th May—Science day

#### June

- \* 6th June—INSET day—School closed
- \* 7th June—School re-opens
- \* 6th - Citizenship Week
- \* 8th June—Yr 2 Africa day

### Current Covid Cases

#### Across the School

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### Events for Next Week

School is closed for half term next week and will re-open on Tuesday 7th June

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Just a reminder that Monday 6th June is an INSET day and the school will be closed.



### Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about being kind!

#### 1. Are you a kind person?

Yes, when kids are in pain I help them.

#### 2. When was the last time you were kind to someone?

Yesterday because when my friend banged his head I picked up his glasses.

#### 3. Is it easier to be cruel than kind?

Kind because it will give you the key to your dreams.

Year 2, Peel

#### 1. Are you a kind person?

I like to think I am a kind person because I can see when people are sad but I can get carried away and be mean to people when I don't realise.

#### 2. When was the last time you were kind to someone?

Yesterday, because my sister got into an argument with my mum so I took her to the monkey bars as it's one of her favourite things to do

#### 3. Is it easier to be cruel than kind?

Yes to be kind you have to be kind and when you're mean it can sometimes just slip out. Sometimes you have to make a choice though, and cruel may be harder sometimes because of guilt

Year 5, Bridgewater



## Where Do You Start After A Week Like This.....?

This week we have had to think about things that extend beyond the school gates; things that have affected many people in many different ways. Last week, I ran the Great Manchester Half Marathon which as I am sure you are aware fell this year on the anniversary of the terrorist attack at the MEN Arena 5 years ago. It was very poignant standing on the starting grid taking part in a minutes applause as we remembered those that sadly lost their lives that night in Manchester. As someone who doesn't come from this city, I have found it to be the most incredible, warming and friendly place I have ever lived in and feel very lucky to be a Manchester resident as I am sure you all are.

Following on from that moment of reflection our thoughts were drawn this week to the USA after the mass shooting at the Robb Elementary School in Ulvade. Having lived and worked as a teacher in the US for 4 years, I had to practice emergency procedures with my class every half term in the event such an incident happened and I can only imagine how scared everyone must have been. Our thoughts and prayers at school are with the families of the victims of such a needless and wicked act. This is the worst nightmare for anyone who works in a school and it make you realise how fortunate we are to not have to face those same fears as part of our daily lives.

We did end the week at least on a very high note and it's times like these that make us all realise how lucky we are to have the opportunities we do. We had the most amazing Wednesday evening with the choir at Young Voices and I think everyone in attendance would attest to how fantastic it was. If you haven't seen the videos on Twitter, I advise you to have a look as they are fantastic and a huge well done to the choir and to Mrs Penman-Evans and Mrs Harrison for the longest run up period to a concert in living memory! I also want to thank Mrs Tandy and Mrs Canning who came along on the night to help supervise the children.

Lastly, we ended the week with a fantastic celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. All of the children looked amazing! I hope you all have a great break!

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.

## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
2000	2051	1859	2203

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 key dates
- ⇒ Year 6 baby photos
- ⇒ Music for 2022/2023
- ⇒ Year 2 African Workshop
- ⇒ PTA Summer fayre



### Request for Absence

This week I have received a number of requests for leave in exceptional circumstances from parents.

I just wanted to remind you all that holidays in term time will not be authorised and you may be liable for a penalty notice if you take your child out of school for an unapproved absence.

Family weddings or trips delayed due to Covid also do not count as exceptional circumstances and as such I am afraid they will be unauthorised too.



### Club Letters

Just a reminder to club parents to check all messages on WEDUC. We had a large number of parents who came to the club door on Tuesday who weren't aware of the collection point changing to the Nursery. Please can we ask to you read all correspondence carefully.

### Parents' Evening

Thank you all so much for attending this weeks parents' evening sessions. We had a great turn out and it was so nice to see so many of you again.

Next term we will be sending out a survey to explore how we run these evenings next year so please look out for that.



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

#### Nursery!

Nursery have created some wonderful portraits of the Queen [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#EAD](#) [#PlatinumJubileecelebrations](#)

#### Reception!

Reception Birch are getting excited for our Jubilee celebrations on Friday. They enjoyed creating bunting this morning using "the queens favourite colours" and exploring the Union Jack flag. [#receptionbirch](#). [#receptionwillow](#) have had a busy morning painting bunting ready for our [#JubileeCelebrations](#) on Friday.



#### Year 1!

[#Year1Pine](#) have loved science day!! We have used our sense of touch to explore materials, made shadow puppets, explored how water travels, investigating bubbles and we have completed a biscuit dunking experiment.

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Maple are busy using position and directional language in maths. They are directing their partner to see if they can make their pictures match

#### Year 3!

Some of [#year3elm](#)'s amazing artwork yesterday! [#art](#) [#andy-warhol](#) [#soniabooyce](#)

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Discoverers look fantastic this morning for Science Day! Great effort everyone [#Year4Discoverers](#). Voyagers are adding the cladding to their pavilion structures by selecting materials and techniques. [#year4voyagers](#)

#### Year 5!

[#year5amazons](#) and [#year5](#) swallows enjoying their al fresco lunch.

#### Year 6!

Year 6 What have we learnt about WW1? Year 6 are presenting their knowledge in their own way! [#year6jets](#) [#history](#) [#WW1](#)

### 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