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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

February

- * 1st—Chinese New Year
- * 18th —School closes for half term holidays
- * 28th —School re-opens
- * 28th—4th March - Book week

March

- * 3rd March—World Book Day

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

9

Events for Next Week

It's children's Mental Health week next week.

Friday 11th February—
Dress to Express day to represent children's mental health week



Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about our not giving up!

1. Do you give up easily?

Sometimes if something is hard I get hard on myself and I end up in tears but I keep trying and eventually I do it.

2. Have you had hard times in your life?

Yes I have had hard times when I'm not with my mum and dad I get worried and upset and that's when I have had hard times.

3. Who helped you not to give up?

When I am at school and I am about to give up on my work my teacher helps me.

When I am at home and I do something I try and give up but my mum helps me.

Year 3, Bridgewater

1. Do you give up easily?

No I do not because when I know I need to do something I have to try my best because that's all I can do and if I don't I will feel disappointed in myself.

2. Have you had hard times in your life?

Yes because on my eighth birthday my mum was in hospital and I had to face time her.

3. Who helped you not to give up?

Mostly my family and friends but sometimes I encourage myself to challenge myself.

Year 5, Lowry



Feel Good Inc.!

What a fabulous start to the week we had with our celebrations of Chinese New Year. The Early Years children looked amazing in their red outfits as did the rest of the school and we also had a Chinese New Year assembly on Tuesday. As a school we have a very vibrant and diverse community and it's so important to celebrate it as much as we can. We will also be looking at diversity during book week with the focus being diverse texts. We are very much looking forward to a fabulous week of immersing ourselves in reading.

Talking of different weeks, next week we will be celebrating children's mental health week with a number of different activities planned. This is such a vitally important part of life now and we would ask you to take some time next week to talk to your children about the activities they have completed in school and more importantly how they feel about it. In case you are in any doubt, a report on the BBC today highlights this crisis. It says there has been a 77% rise in the number of children needing specialist treatment for severe mental health crisis and 409,347 under-18s were referred to the NHS in England for specialist care for issues such as suicidal thoughts and self harm between April and October 2021. That's why weeks like this are so important to be involved in particularly with Covid still looming in the background.

Having said all of that, it's been a very positive week at Ellenbrook this week with the children really working hard and focusing on what's expected of them and the freedom that comes with not bubbling has also added to a very purposeful but fun mood in school. The children are fully engaged in their work and the quality of what they have produced has been really good. It's hard to believe we are only two weeks away from half term but there's plenty of hard work to do between now and then!

There is a section on the back of the newsletter that I'd like to draw your attention to and ask you to read carefully. It relates to the behaviour of the children at drop off time on their way out of school and we would ask you to talk to your child if it applies to you.

Have an a fab 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.

HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
993	988	1034	1207

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...

- ⇒ EBASC Payment Reminder
- ⇒ Water Bottle Reminder
- ⇒ Year 3 Big Summer Camp Out
- ⇒ Ellenbrook Book Week & Book Breakfasts
- ⇒ Spring 2 After School Activities
- ⇒ Reception – Year 6 Author Visits



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery have really enjoyed acting out The Great Race! They've discussed ordinal numbers and loved pretending to be furious just like the Great God when the noisy animals woke him up! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#chinesenewyear](#)

Reception!

We love Friday in Reception Willow because we have dance with Miss Jancy! [#dancing](#) [#followinginstructions](#) [#reception-willow](#) Wow! Just look at everything that [#receptionbirch](#) have learned about Chinese New Year this week. [#earlylearning](#) [#communicationandlanguage](#) [#consolidateourlearning](#) [#understandingtheworld](#)

Year 1!

[#year1pine](#) have enjoyed learning about the various animals on the 7 different continents. Take a look at our posters... [#year1cedar](#) have had another super computing lesson this afternoon. They have been programming the Bee Bot using left and right commands. Great team work!

Year 2!

Time for meditation in Year 2
Beech

Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) have worked very hard on some challenging maths this week. Great end to the week showing ways to make amounts!



Year 4!

Today [#year4discoverers](#) have been testing object to identify if they are a conductor or insulator.

Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) [#Year5Swallows](#)

Year 6!

Wow! Take look at the Viking Life information pages which Year 6 have created. I am super proud of their creativity and presentation. Well done everyone! [#year6jets](#) [#History](#) [#Vikings](#)

Child After School

This week we have had to deal with a behavior not at the level we would expect from children on their way out of school. This includes running around the staff car park and running behind the bin sheds, etc.

The car park is in use by the cleaners after school and children should not be allowed to run around it unsupervised as this could potentially be very dangerous.

We have also had a number of children walk off from their adults which is also very dangerous.

Idling Cars

Just another reminder about leaving your car idling when you are dropping off or picking up from school.



It's bad for the environment and for the pedestrians who have to pass by and it's also a waste of fuel.

Children's Mental Health Week Reminder

Just a reminder that next week we will be celebrating children's mental health week at Ellenbrook.



This culminates with the dress to express day next Friday. It is a day where children will dress differently but what they wear will also define how they feel. Please could we ask you to chat top your children about what they plan to wear and how that relates to how they feel. We are keen that this doesn't become a day where the majority of children wear football shirts which doesn't really express how they feel.



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