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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

March

- * 7th—11th March—Book Fair
- * 18th March - INSET day, school closed

April

- * 1st April - School closes for Easter
- * 19th April - School re-opens

Current Covid Cases

Across the School

5

Events for Next Week

The Scholastic book fair will be in school next week.

The key step gym competition is on Monday for the Key Stage 1 children competing

Another Dimension, New Galaxy, Intergalactic Planetary.....!

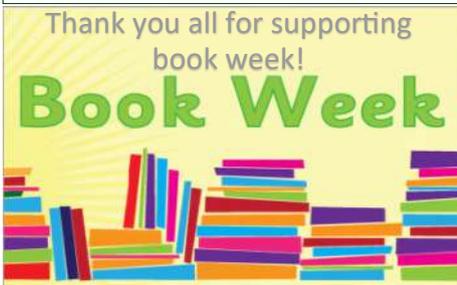
What a fantastic book we have had...a huge thank you to you firstly for supporting the week and to Mrs McCarthy-Stott and the rest of the staff for organising such amazing activities. We have truly been spoilt this week with a diverse range of authors, shows and secret readers which really reflect the make up of our school. I love book week and think we need to have these breaks from the planned curriculum to celebrate things that are really important and there's nothing more important than reading, it is the foundation of everything we do as learners. It was great to see so many of the children today in their book character costumes particularly the ones who chose to dress as a character from some of the more diverse texts we have been sharing in class recently. I had the mild panic of my costume not arriving and then went for something homemade anyway which was much better. I saw so many wonderful home made outfits too and all of the children looked fabulous...thanks for all of your efforts at home.

Just a reminder the book fair starts tonight for Year 5 and 6 and will continue next week for the rest of the year groups. We are asking again for your support as every book that is purchased by you gives us a donation which we can then use to purchase more books for the children.

I am really sorry but there are a number of moans on the back of the newsletter which I would really like to draw your attention to. The main one is with our communication app WEDUC which I know has had a lot of posts lately! Please can I ask you to make sure you check the notices that are posted as well as the newsfeed as I would hate for any of the children to miss out because messages have not been seen. If there is anything you think we can do better then please do mention it to me at drop off or collection. The school works best when all of the pieces slot together and that is what we are always aiming for.

Lastly, just a reminder that this is a very short half term and we are packing in a lot of events before it ends. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact us via WEDUC or the office. 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 books!

1. What is your favourite book?

- * Harry Potter because I like the magic
- * Stickman because I like brown
- * The Tiger Who Came to Tea because I like tigers
- * Detective books because they spy on people

2. Does your favourite book reflect realities?

- * Yes as detectives solve problems
- * No as it has magic in it
- * No because it has dragons

3. Is it important for books to reflect realities?

- * No because pretend is more fun than real life
- * If it's pretend you can be somewhere else or someone else
- * Not real as I like the magic and it's exciting and magic isn't real
- * I like it when it's not real because I like dragons and dragons are not real
- * Not real because real life is boring and we know about the real world but I like a world where I do not know and that's exciting
- * Not real as it can be funnier than real life.

Year 1 Pine , Bridgewater, Ellesmere, Lowry, Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1878	1840	1893	2237

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...

- ⇒ Scholastic Book Fair
- ⇒ Ironbridge payment reminder
- ⇒ EYFS & KS1 Author Visit – Oscar and Ben
- ⇒ Choir Practice
- ⇒ Year 6 Leavers Meal



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

Nursery, Reception & Year 1 are enjoying their author visit from Brian Abram. We are enjoying hearing the adventures of Grandad Wheels! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#receptionwillow](#) [#receptionbirch](#) [#year1pine](#) [#year1cedar](#)

Reception!

A great end to World Book Day for [#ReceptionWillow](#)! Little Red Riding Hood had been busy baking before school today so we have just enjoyed a biscuit & a story - thank you Ripley! Also big thanks to our secret reader, Evie's Mummy! We loved listening to Sugar Lump & The Unicorn

Year 1!

[#year1cedar](#) have been so lucky with our super secret readers so far this week! A big thank you to Zoe and Spencer's mummies for sharing their super stories!

Year 2!

Year 2 Beech are enjoying reading lots of new books this afternoon. They are going to be choosing their favourites to plan their own menu of books.

Year 3!

Back from a great swimming lesson and all dressed in our world book day costumes! What fun it was getting changed together [#year3oak](#)

Year 4!

Still busy doing our Maths on World Book Day in Year 4 Voyagers!

Year 5!

Year 5 and 6 are so lucky to have Brian Abram in today to talk to us about his books Grandad Wheels.

[#year5](#) [#year6](#)

Year 6!

Another wonderful secret reader for Year 6.

Thank you Julie - we loved listening to an extract from Boy by Roald Dahl. [#yearjets](#) [#secretreader](#) [#bookweek](#)



Staff Car Park

I have been made aware this week that couple of our club parents have the code for the padlock and have been letting themselves into the staff car park after school. We only found this out after the car park gate was left open by a non-staff member.



Please can I remind you all that the staff car park is not to be used by parents (club or otherwise) until after the gate is opened at 5pm.

WEDUC

I understand that at a busy time of the year like this, it's easy to miss things posted on WEDUC. As a school, we take communication very seriously and want to ensure we can do all we can to make the process of communication as clear as possible.

With this in mind, can we just remind you to check the notices posted in WEDUC as well as the newsfeed. To access the notices, tap the menu button  and then 'view notices posted.'

One way system

Please can I remind you to explain the one way system to anyone who is collecting on your behalf. I have had a number of confused people this week.

Turning Cars

This week we have had a large number of parents pull into the driveway of the staff car park and turn around whilst children are walking through the gate into school.

Please can we ask you politely not to do this as the driveway is in constant use at drop off and pick up times.



CLUBS

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