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# The Ellenbrook News

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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
- \* 8th June—Yr 2 Africa day

## Current Covid Cases

### Across the School

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## Events for Next Week

Just a reminder that it's SATs week next week for the Year 6 children. Please make sure they are well rested!

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Please ensure your child's uniform is named. We have a lot of unnamed lost property.



## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about being hopeful!

### 1. Do you think you are a hopeful person?

Yes I think I am a hopeful person but it also depends what I'm hoping for. For example, if I'm hoping for a new device I won't try to get it but I hope I pass my exams.

### 2. What do you hope for in life?

For good grades and reports and also I'm hopeful for my family and friends.

### 3. Is it good to have hope or are actions more important?

Both because it depends because your hopes make better actions. For example, if you want to pass your SATs then you'll be hopeful and ready for it.

Year 6, Bridgewater

### 1. Do you think you are a hopeful person?

Yes I do because even if I hope for something and it doesn't happen, I don't get too disappointed.

### 2. What do you hope for in life?

I hope for no war and for hope and happiness for everyone. I hope everyone can live as long as they can!

### 3. Is it good to have hope or are actions more important?

Well, I think it's a combination because your actions will be worse if you don't have hope inside you

Year 3, Peel



## Busy as a Bee.....!

It's been a fab week at Ellenbrook and we have enjoyed more sunshine which certainly makes the children more sparky which we love. I spoke to the children in assembly about behaviour this week following on from the Year 4 trip to Ironbridge. Year 4 were a credit to the school and had an amazing time and we were so pleased they enjoyed the trip so much. A huge thank you to Mrs Baird, Miss Bagdagi, Mrs Canning & Mrs Keogh for attending. Whilst on the subject of assembly, we had another fantastic visit from Professor Bumble and Belinda the bee today. They visit us each week and tell us interesting facts about bees and what it's like to live life as one. The children love it particularly as Belinda communicates by wiggling her bottom!

Next week is SATs week and I briefly spoke to the children this morning about my hopes for SATs. I know the Year 6 children will do their very best next week and that they will do a fabulous job. My hope (in line with our theme this week) is that they don't get too nervous or upset next week. SATs are a reflection on us as a school not them as children and I really hope they keep that in mind. The SATs are, after all, just a momentary snapshot in time and nothing more.

We have been finalising the budget for next year this week and it's been quite an eye opener! The cost of our gas and electricity has shot through the roof and I have been reading this week about a number of colleagues who are having to make very difficult decisions, which thankfully we don't, about staffing due to the rise in prices. Our current energy bill is due to rise by over 400% and we are hopeful that the DfE does step in to help schools out.

We sadly said goodbye to Miss Kneale this week and I would like to put on record my thanks to her for all of her hard work during her time at Ellenbrook. She is having a career change and we wish her the very best for the future. Lastly, we have some fantastic plans coming up for the jubilee this year which we will be letting you know about in the coming week.

I hope you all have a fabulous 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
731	970	745	881

Here are this weeks' house point totals!

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

**ELLESMERE**

### 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 leavers hoodies
- ⇒ Year 4 (current Year 3) Ironbridge for 2023
- ⇒ Science Day – 26<sup>th</sup> May whole school
- ⇒ Nursery – reminder to send documents to secure Reception place for 2022/23



### Swimming Gala Trial

I just wanted to say a huge thank you and well done to the children who attended our swimming gala trial this week.

Sadly they can't all be picked but they did a fantastic job and Mrs Chapman and I are very proud of all of them!

### Driving into the car park

This week I have noticed a number of parents driving into the school car park at significant speed. Please can I politely ask you to enter the car park slowly if you are dropping off at EBASC.



The car park is also used by pedestrians at that time and I am concerned someone will end up getting injured. Please think about your speed.

### Football

A Year 5 football team took part in the Man Utd foundation tournament on Tuesday this week. They all played fantastically as part of a team, supporting each other and cheering each other on.



The team finished joint first overall and were unbeaten throughout and winning all but one of their matches!



The Year 5 Football Team

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

#### Nursery!

We've been working as a team, creating an enormous tractor and pens for the animals! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#workingour-muscles](#) [#imaginativeplay](#)

#### Reception!

[#receptionbirch](#) received a letter from The King of Tiny things today. He needed our help to build him a new boat that floats. We have shared our ideas and thought about which materials would float. [#PSED](#) [#teamwork](#). Forest schools is so much fun say Reception Willow.

#### Year 1!

Amazing [#year1cedar](#) have started looking at measures in maths. Today we looked at measuring length with non standard units. We made an estimate and then measured our objects. Ask us what to estimate means...

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Beech are enjoying developing their drawing skills, using pencils and charcoal to show different shades, tones, patterns and textures This is our second lesson looking at the artist Mike Godwin and his work. Year 2 Maple have been busy measuring in cm and meters this morning. We measured how far we could jump in meters and converted into cm. great work Maple.

#### Year 3!

[#year3oak](#) discussed bad habits in [#RSE](#) this morning, we explored ways that our bad habit hero can combat his bad habits to help his future health! WHAM ! SPLAT!

#### Year 4!

Year 4 Discoverers are enjoying the start of their D&T topic: producing a range of free standing frame structures of different shapes and sizes.

#### Year 5!

[#Year5Swallows](#) [#year5amazons](#) investigating materials in Science on Friday. [#year3elm](#) have had a fantastic afternoon making apple crumble! [#DT](#) [#seasonalfood](#) [#delicious](#)

#### Year 6!

How can we look after our mental health? Year 6 had some great ideas. [#year6jets](#) [#RSE](#) [#mentalhealth](#)

### CLUBS

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