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The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER	569
ELLESMERE	556
LOWRY	544
PEEL	551

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week.
Keep up the good work!

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

OCTOBER

19/10/2018	School closes for half term
29/10/2018	INSET day no school for pupils
30/10/2018	Back to school!

NOVEMBER

02/11/2018	PTA Halloween Family Night 7-9pm
09/11/2018	Individual class photographs
21/11/2018	Nasal flu vaccinations
28/11/2018	New admissions open morning @ 10.30am
29/11/2018	Year 4 Tatton Park trip

DECEMBER

05/12/2018	Nursery/Reception walk around
19/12/2018	Year 6 Liverpool Maritime Museum trip
21/12/2018	School closes for the Christmas holidays

JANUARY

07/01/2019	Back to school!
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FEBRUARY

15/02/2019	School closes for half term
25/02/2019	Back to school!

MARCH

29/03/2019	School closes for Easter Holidays
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Full Steam Ahead....!

When I first told colleagues I was moving to Manchester a lot of them said 'it rains a lot and there's not much sun'. Neither could be further from the truth this week as the sun has graced us with it's presence and the children have been busy exploring the outdoors. It's a great season Autumn and one that is very rich and varied. We start with leaves on the trees and as we move into winter the landscape changes as the nights draw in. It's a great analogy for the changes that are going on in school too. We are changing the landscape in the school in a very similar way as older policies and procedures which no longer suit the school that we are and want to be are dropped like autumn leaves and new things replace them like fresh the fresh shoots of Spring.

The first of those comes today with the new Pupil Attendance Policy I mentioned last week. You will all have received a pack which contains a copy of the new policy as well as a handy leaflet with some FAQs and letter from me explaining the changes. As a school, our policy remains the same, we believe children should be in school every day in order to support their learning and as such will not authorise requests for holidays during term times.

Our new Twitter feed is very much up and running and I have been very pleased with the number of followers we have so far. I think it's about a third of our school families so I would encourage you to follow us if you have Twitter to keep up with what's going on in school.

We are still working on the long awaited Parental Questionnaire and this is now likely to be at the end of the school term. I apologise for mentioning it and then not delivering but we are thinking of things on an almost daily basis to get your views on so the list of questions is growing!

Have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about joy and integrity....

What makes you feel really joyful?

I feel joy when I play my XBOX as it has lots of games

How do you express your joy?

When I am happy I smile

When have you felt real joy in your life?

I have felt real joy when I got my dog

Lowry, Year 2

What makes you feel really joyful?

When I feel joy is probably when I achieved something I haven't done before.

How do you express your joy?

I think about what I have done and think it's a dream and then I burst into happiness and have the biggest smile on earth!

When have you felt real joy in your life?

When I heard about a drawing competition at school and I thought 'this is your chance to win something' and I drew my picture and I was so proud!

Peel, Year 3

What makes you feel really joyful?

When I scored my first goal in football!

How do you express your joy?

I didn't stop smiling all day long!

When have you felt real joy in your life?

I helped my mum wash up and got paid £5.00

Lowry, Year 2



TOOL OF THE WEEK

INSULATION



What makes you feel warm inside?

Reminders from the office....

- If your child is absent from school for any reason, please let us know as soon as possible by calling or emailing the school office. If your child is off for more than a day, we still need you to call in with a detailed message explaining their absence.
- Please can you let the office or your child's class teacher know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up.
- Can we remind you all to check your Parent Pay account for messages and communications from the school. Please can we also ask you to read the e-mails sent from the office. We currently have 13 Parents Pay accounts that need to be updated!
- Any reply slips or other correspondence for the office should be posted into the white metal letterbox inside the school office.
- 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.
- Answerphone messages are picked up throughout the day, we may not always respond immediately if the office is very busy. We would ask you to be patient if you haven't heard from us, your query will be answered the same day.



Letter sent this week.....



This week we have sent letters for...

- Yr 5 & Yr6 letter re GDPR advice
- Reminder to whole school re deadline for PTA family night
- Ellesmere Embroidery Closing Down Sale (whole school)
- PTA Halloween Family Night (whole school)
- Yr6 Residential Survey
- Yr6 letter re Bridgewater Open Day
- Whole School – Christmas Art Competition
- Whole School – Holiday club October half term

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery

There's no such thing as a Gruffalo...or is there? We came into our classroom on Wednesday morning and there were some very suspicious muddy footprints! We looked for clues as to who they could belong to. We said they were too big to belong to Boris, so we followed them and found a letter from the Gruffalo! He asked us to make him somewhere cosy to sleep. We decided he would like somewhere dark similar to the woods where he walks in the story and we got busy, working together creating a cave. We have loved retelling the story and remembering which animal comes next.

Reception!

Reception are busy bakers this morning! They are using Little Red Riding Hood's recipe to bake some cakes! We can wait to taste them [#baking](#) [#weighingandmixing](#) [#tastytreats](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 started this week with a shocking message from Blackpool Zoo! The monkeys had stolen all of the zoo's warning signs! Linked with our focus text, 'Never Tickle a Tiger' by Pamela Butchart, the children have been writing their own signs for the enclosures using alliteration and exclamation marks. Their ideas included...*Don't flick the flamingos! Stop pinching the pandas! Never kick the kangaroos!*

Year 2!

Year 2 have had great fun this week, designing and making their sock puppet for their writing. Great work!

Year 3!

Have been developing mental methods to solve calculations involving adding and subtracting tens and units from 3 digit numbers this week. We have also created and developed descriptions for a new Ice Age character in English. We think the producers missed a trick not consulting us first! In science we have begun exploring how fossils are formed. Jets have begun learning a dance for the Harvest assembly whilst Sharks are learning a song 'Oh What A Whopper!'. Another great week in Year 3!

Year 4!

Year 4 have investigated switches as part of their work on electricity.

Year 5! We have had a great morning testing materials for four elements....Flexibility, Hardness, Waterproofing and Durability

It was tricky, at first, to ensure we had a fair (ish) test planned and a written method with predictions – but we did it. It was great fun testing the durability as the children came up with a (very tough) 5 step challenge for each material.

Year 6!

We've been very busy in Year 6, planning and researching our North Wales brochures.

Harvest Collection

On Monday you will be getting a letter about our Harvest Collection for the local food bank in Little Hulton.

Typical items will be tinned meat and veg, dried pasta, soup etc.



Reminder...

We are still awaiting GDPR and Twitter permissions forms! Please can you return them as soon as you can!



Parking

Please can we remind you all to park appropriately when dropping off and picking up your children at the beginning and end of the day.



Football

The matches have continued to come thick and fast for the football team this term. Yesterday saw us have our first away fixture at St. Pauls Crompton.



The team played very well and were unfortunate to lose a very close game 3-1. As often happens in football, the score doesn't reflect how close the game was.

Twitter!

Don't forget our Twitter page. It's the best option for keeping in touch with what's going on at Ellenbrook. If you haven't signed up already...

You can find us on ar [@EllenbrookComm1](#)

