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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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House Point Totals

House point totals will start next week...

BRIDGEWATER	111
ELLESMERE	120
LOWRY	119
PEEL	104

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

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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APRIL

15/04/2019	Back to school!
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This is how we do it.....!

What another fantastic week at Ellenbrook! The children are now in full swing and it was so nice to see all of the nursery children here in one go. I haven't worked in a school with a nursery for a long time and it's good getting to know how they work. They all look so fantastic in their Ellenbrook uniforms too; it's great to welcome them to the school family.

Elsewhere we have had the second week of our assembly theme and were fortunate enough to have a visit from Bob the Builder on Friday who spoke to us about a Theodolite which builders use when creating foundations. We link this tool to our work in school where a good solid school foundation will set you up for the rest of your academic life. Each week Bob will visit us and bring with him a different tool which relates to building and to work.

Year 6 have had a great week at Lledr Hall and I was lucky enough to join Whistles for the last half of the week. It was good to get to know the children in Year 6 and see them outside the school environment. These trips are so important in developing the children's knowledge and understanding of life outside the curriculum. I am a firm believer in the importance of these trips having introduced a residential trip in every year at my previous school.

The newsletter is a key part of our strategy to engage with you fully and the second part will be a review of all of the school's current system and practices. In the next few weeks we will be embarking on a huge feedback survey which we are inviting you all to take part in. Keep your eyes peeled for that. I hope you all have a great weekend...Catch up with you all next week!
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about

I care about the people I love like my Mum, Dad and my dog. I also care for my friends in school and out of school.

I show I care for my mum cause I smile, I give her hugs and I spend lots of time with her.

My whole family comforts me like my sister and my grandma and my friends also comfort me.

Peel, Year 4



TOOL OF THE WEEK

SPADE



Are you digging strong foundations in life?

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.**
- **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.**
- May we politely 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.
- Please remember all letters sent out through the school office are also available on our school website (www.ellenbrookschoo.com/letters-home/).
- Answerphone messages are picked up throughout the day, we may not always responded 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.
- Please can you inform the office if you have had a change of address or phone number since the beginning of term.



Letter sent this week.....



No letters have been sent this week, here's a reminder of last weeks' letters

- Yr3 Bring Yer Wellies
- KS2 Choir letter (Young Voices)
- Yr6 Football Coach
- Yr6 Lledr arrangements/kit letter
- Whole school MacMillan "take away" coffee morning
- Reception Bring yer wellies reminder letter

In the classroom this week.....

Reception! WOW! What an AMAZING day we have had at Bring Yer Wellies! The children have been so well behaved all day and Melissa commented on this – she could not believe they were Reception children! They are an absolute credit to yourselves and Ellenbrook school and I am so proud of them all!



Year 1 Following a slow start to the day due to traffic, Voyagers and Discoverers had a fantastic day at Blackpool Zoo beginning to explore our learning challenge this half term 'Why are tigers not like humans?'

To name just a few...we saw the sea lions swimming, the penguins posing, the gorilla's snoozing and not forgetting, Blackpool Zoo's newest addition, a 5 day old zebra!

Year 2 Hello and welcome to Year 2 Amazons and Swallows blog page.

What an exciting and busy first full week we have had! We look forward to keeping you up to date with all our hard work on our page.

Congratulations to our newly voted in councillors Beth, Seb, Leo and Mia. We know you are going to do a great job for us.

Year 3 What a great start to the school year Jets & Sharks have had! We dove straight into our Stone Age learning, researching facts about how they lived all those years ago and writing diary extracts on life in the Stone Age inspired by the text Stone Age Boy.

Our science learning this week was all about SOIL. Ask your child if they can recall what soil contains and the different layers. We even had a look at what type of soil there is in Ellenbrook.

Year 4 We have had a great start to the new term and have already had a trip to Chester. It was a great day out and a really good way to start our topic.

Year 5 Trip to Yorvik Viking Centre It was a fabulous start to the half term this week as we visited the Viking Centre in York.

We explored different artefacts that archaeologists have found over the many years and even had a go at digging for treasures ourselves.

Year 6 Trip to Lledr Hall! This week both Bells and Whistles have visited Lledr Hall in North Wales. It's been a fantastic week for both classes with the children doing fisherman's walk, gorge walking and the high and low ropes course.

See our blog for the pictures!

School Attendance Policy

We are currently in the process of reviewing all of our school policies including the School Attendance Policy. This can always be a bone of contention between school and parents, but the law is clear and the Department for Education are very specific in their guidance to schools.



When the staff and Governors have reviewed the policy, we will send you all a copy and an explanation of what has changed. If you would like to know anything about our current policy please don't hesitate to ask.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Just a reminder that our MacMillan take away coffee morning is on Friday 28th September and begins at 8.30am. We've had a huge number of cakes donated to the school and really need some parents to buy a drink and a cake or two for the worthwhile cause. Please support this worthy cause if you can!



Reply Slips

Please remember that any reply slips or other correspondence for the office should be posted into the white metal letterbox inside the school office. If you need to speak to the office, please e-mail or call and a member of the team will help with any information you need.

Saturday Mash-Up Final Reminder.....?

If you are interested in tickets for the Saturday Mash-Up on the 10th November: replies must be in next **Monday (24th September 2018).**

