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COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Ellenbrook News

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House Point Totals

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER	1497
ELLESMERE	1376
LOWRY	1410
PEEL	1368

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

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

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

11/12/2018	Reception production @10am
12/12/2018	KS1 production@1.30pm
13/12/2018	Reception production @10am
13/12/2018	KS1 production@1.30pm
14/12/2018	Nursery production@10am
14/12/2018	Christmas Jumper Day—£1 donation
14/12/2018	PTA Christmas Family Night—7-9pm
17/12/2018	Ellenbrook's Got Talent! - EYFS & KS1 - 1.30pm
18/12/2018	Ellenbrook's Got Talent! - KS2—1.30pm
19/12/2018	EYFS & KS1 Christmas parties—1.30pm
20/12/2018	KS2 Christmas parties—1.30pm
21/12/2018	KS2 Carols at St. Mary's Church—10am
21/12/2018	Whole school Christmas DVD—1.15pm
21/12/2018	School closes for the Christmas holidays

JANUARY

07/01/2019	Back to school!
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All We Are Saying.....!

What a fantastic week it's been at Ellenbrook! Rehearsals are underway, the playground is amazing, the children are producing some amazing work and the staff are quite literally on fire with their enthusiasm for the children's learning. I have, at last, managed to get out into the classroom this week and undertook a number of observations of teachers doing what they do best, teaching the children. I have seen amazing activities, enthused children and a highly skilled and dedicated team of TAs and support staff and a lot of children chasing ginger men! How lucky I am to be Headteacher of such a great school which such excellent staff. We have made a huge number of changes inside the school and the staff have taken them in their stride which has allowed us to give the children even more opportunities to learn in a way which best fits them and develops not only their potential but also their confidence and self-esteem. We are also fortunate to have you, the very supportive parents, who care about your children's learning and support the school so fantastically!

We have a very full few weeks ahead and interestingly our Hero of the Week this week was Gandhi whose whole life was devoted to peace. In my old school, the children used to ask me what I wanted for Christmas and I said 'peace on earth and good will to all men.' I haven't managed to get that yet and I wonder what Gandhi would make of the world now...would he be happy and think his struggles were not in vein?

I hope this year we are all able to take time to reflect on the real message of Christmas which for me is about family and spending quality time with the people we love the most, a time to reflect on how lucky we are to have people around us we love and to celebrate together.

Lastly, there is a lot of important information on the other side of the newsletter so please take a minute to read it all. Have a great weekend!
Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about peace.....

1. Do you flare up easily?

I don't flare up because I am a calm person and I stay calm.

2. How do you control your aggression?

I control my anger by sitting on the couch.

3. How can you live in peace in school and at home?

I keep peace at school and at home by being kind to everyone.

Bridgewater, Year 2

1. Do you flare up easily?

No, and I don't think you should fight or get angry because sometimes it causes other fights.

2. How do you control your aggression?

You should say to yourself I need to walk away or go and tell someone but not fight.

3. How can you live in peace in school and at home?

We all should live in peace by not falling out with each other and by not fighting with each other and stay calm and of course be friends. You should always try to get along with people too.

Bridgewater, Year 3



TOOL OF THE WEEK

Bricks & Cement

HOW DO YOU CONTROL YOUR ANGER?



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 you 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 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.



Letter sent this week.....



This week we have sent letters for...

1. Nursery—Toys
2. Key Stage 2—Archery
3. Parents' Evening letter

In the classroom this week.....

Nursery

Nursery are really enjoying our topic on toys! We have set up our own toy shop role play - encouraging lots of turn taking, counting and language! We are using toys to help us develop our gross/fine motor skills and mark making too! [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Run, run as fast as you can, we caught you Mr Gingerbread man! This week the gingerbread men left us some clues to find them. Luckily reception are so clever they quickly solved the clues and caught them. Now it's time to decorate! [#puzzles](#) [#gingerbreadman](#) [#teamwork](#)

Year 1!

Year 1 Voyagers are using their addition skills this morning to solve problems involving money! [#moneymaths](#)

Year 2!

We have been working hard on multiplication, making arrays and problem solving [#outdoorlearning](#)

Year 3!

Following our very successful sleepover on Friday, Year 3 Sharks and Jets have been writing descriptive sentences about the dark. We have been using prepositions to describe place and are working hard to write some super poems. The sleepover has also supported our work in Science this week on shadows. In Design Technology we have made mock-up shadow puppets to test and evaluate ready for making our final ones later this term.

Year 4!

Using our shading techniques to recreate a black and white photograph [#year4rockets](#)

Year 5!

Starting our new text 'After the Fall' by adding thoughts and feelings to our storyboards.....[#year5falcons](#)

Year 6!

Year 6 are learning about cotton mills in the Industrial Revolution and what it was like to work in them. We can't believe we would have been working there at 10 and 11 years old if we lived in the Victorian times!



Polite Reminder

Can we politely ask you to treat our office staff with respect when dealing with them both in person and over the phone. We appreciate that everyone has bad days, but can I ask that you remember to be polite to the excellent ladies in the office.



There have been a couple of occasions where parents have not treated our staff in the appropriate way we would expect. Thank you!

PTA Christmas Family Night

Just a reminder, the deadline for tickets for the PTA Christmas Family Night on **Friday 14th December** is **Wednesday 28th November 2018**.



It costs £5.00 per ticket and It would be great to see as many of you there as possible!

We are also looking for volunteers to help so if you are able to donate some free time you can volunteer through the PTA Social (<https://app.ptasocial.com/register/ellenbrookpta>)

We are also looking for stallholders too so if you can run one or know someone who can, please let the school office know.

Parking

Over the course of this term I have mentioned the way some of our parents park in the roads surrounding school at both pick up and drop off. Policing the roads is not the school's job, but ensuring children are safe is!



If we are not careful, a child is going to get seriously hurt. Can I please ask you to adhere to the laws of the road when parking and help make the roads around the school safer!

Cross Country

Our Cross Country team are going from strength to strength! On Saturday the team competed at Buile Hill park in the Salford schools competition.

A lot of children improved on their previous positions, which is amazing considering there were a lot more runners! And a special mention to the Year 3 team who came straight from the sleepover to race for the school.

Well done team!

