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The Ellenbrook News

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Important Diary Dates

September

- * 2nd - Start of term for all pupils
- * More dates to follow
- * More dates to follow
- * More dates to follow
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October

- * 23rd - Break up for half term
- * More dates to follow
- * More dates to follow
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November

- * 2nd - First day back after half term
- * More dates to follow
- * More dates to follow
- * More dates to follow

December

- * 18th - End of Autumn term
- * More dates to follow
- * More dates to follow
- * More dates to follow

The Long & Winding Road...

We have completed our first full week at Ellenbrook and what a corker it has been! We have started our new assembly theme on life journeys following Moses, the children have started their topics and everyone seems very happy and settled already.

Apologies for the slightly hurried newsletter last week, I hope you read it and liked the new format. This week I have a number of things to signpost you to and every week I want to try to make my newsletter thought provoking and hopefully inspiring. I also want to encourage more of the children to read them!

I will start with a slight moan if you will permit me. We have had some upset this week caused by the parental WhatsApp groups. I am a big fan of these groups in general and think they can be a very useful source of support for parents if they are used correctly and more importantly appropriately. I have heard a couple of things this week which has moved me to mention them to you as parents. I do realise it is not my place to tell you as parents how to communicate with each other, I know that. But can I just ask you to be supportive of each other and to recognise that you are all parents in the same boat and that some things posted can cause upset. Can I also ask that these groups do not replace contact with the school. We would always as you to speak to us directly to check information so issues (like the one this week with non uniform day) don't arise.

Just an update on our self-isolating class. As I write this newsletter we have not had another positive case confirmed in that class which is fantastic. We are looking forward to welcoming them back on Thursday next week. Lastly, there are a few items on the reverse of the newsletter about tissues and the Macmillan coffee morning that I would appreciate you casting your eyes over.



Have a great weekend I will catch up you next week. Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



*** IMPORTANT REMINDER ***

- * It is Year 6 trips week next week!
- * PE kits need to be in school

Updates from the Office....

- ⇒ We are aware that some people are needing refunds for their music lessons that were not received last academic year.
- ⇒ We apologise for the wait and would be grateful if you could please bear with us, hopefully this will be sorted within the next couple of weeks.
- ⇒ If you are having any issues with WEDUC please can we ask you to let us know and we will try our best to sort it out for you.
- ⇒ Thank you for all of your support over the last week :)

Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about our lives.....

1. What do you enjoy most about your life?

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, I enjoy art and I enjoy feeling happiness, excitement, joy, calmness and generosity. I enjoy having fun!!!

2. How do you cope with the hard times in life?

I cope by talking it over with my family or friends because as the saying goes 'a problem shared is a problem halved.' I also cope by distracting myself as much as I can.

3. What does life mean to you?

Life means everything to me, because without life, what would we be? Gods? Robots? Nothing? I guess we'll never know

Year 5, Peel

1. What do you enjoy most about your life?

I like spending time with my cat because he is fluffy.

2. How do you cope with the hard times in life?

I cope by riding my bike because it is fun

3. What does life mean to you?

I love my life because I enjoy playing with my friends.

Year 2, Oak

1. What do you enjoy most about your life?

Having fun with my family!

2. How do you cope with the hard times in life?

I count to 10!

3. What does life mean to you?

It means love!

Year 4, Peel



HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
139	123	129	132

House points have begun for this week and what a start!

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

LOWRY

Things to Remember 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 or report the absence on WEDUC.
- Please can you let the office know if your child is going home with another adult before pick up.
- 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.



Tissue issue....

We are going through tissues at a rate of knots and are struggling to keep up. Please could we ask you all to supply a single box of tissues for your child's class if you are able to. It would really help us out!



Nutella

This week I have noticed a number of children with Nutella or other chocolate flavoured spreads in their lunches. Most of these spreads contain hazelnuts and as such are not allowed in school due to allergies. Please make sure your child does not have this filling in their sandwiches.



Pick Up and Drop Off

New term, sadly same moan. I have already had discussions with parents and local residents about not only parental parking but also parents idling their cars whilst waiting to pick up or after dropping off.

Please can we remind you to respect our neighbours and the environment.

Macmillan Coffee Morning!

We are going to be supporting the upcoming MacMillan coffee morning this year in a slightly different way. We will be providing every child in the school with a cookie and ask you as parents to donate a minimum of 50p



Letter sent this week.....

This week we have sent letters for...

1. Year 6 trips week letter
2. Whole school newsletter
3. Year 1 Houses topic



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We are amazed at how well our nursery children have settled! They are having a great time exploring our classroom and making new friends [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

Reception!

Reception have been very busy in their classroom this week! They have been exploring books, continuing with our pirate topic and developing their fine motor skills.

Year 1!

In English this week Year 1 shared the story "Happy to be Me" before choosing a body part to write about. We thought about what that body part did and why we are thankful for it [#year1maple](#)

Year 2!

Year 2 Elm scientists observing and classifying living, non-living and never been alive.

Year 2 Oak are fabulous artists and are creating self portrait masterpieces.

Year 3!

This afternoon Voyagers have been investigating light and dark in science.

Some more poems from home from Laila, Kenzo and Tyler in Year 3 Discoverers [#year3discoverers](#)

Year 4!

The Swallows have been practising their french phrases and learning family names whilst playing a fun card card. [#year4swallows](#)

Year 4 Amazons have been joining in with the Super Movers 'Multiples Mash-up March'. Why not give it a try at home! <https://bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks2-maths-multiples-mash-up-march-with-mr-p/zkdy2sg...>

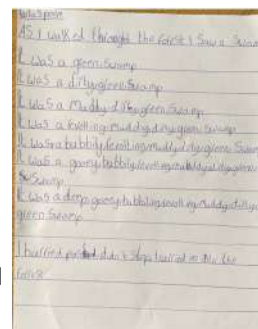
[#year4amazons](#) [#multiplication](#)

Year 5!

Year 5 have started their new topic in earnest this week.

Year 6!

Year 6 are artists. They have been painting gorgeous "self-portraits" that represent them this afternoon. [#year6rockets](#) [#ellenbrookartists](#)



CLUBS

KEY STAGE	DAY	ACTIVITY
KS2	MONDAY	Girls' Football
KS1	MONDAY	Dance
KS1	WEDNESDAY	Dodgeball
Year 5 & 6	THURSDAY	High Five Netball
KS2	THURSDAY	Football
KS1	FRIDAY	Chess
Year 6	THURSDAY (3.30 pm)	Boosters

Cancelled until further notice



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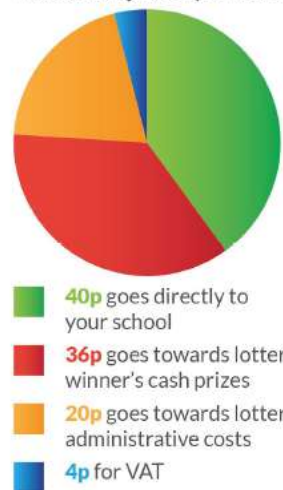
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