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# The Ellenbrook News

The weekly newsletter for Ellenbrook Community Primary School

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## Important Diary Dates

### October

- \* 12th - Tempest Photos— individual & sibling
- \* 16th - Intrahealth flu vaccinations
- \* 23rd - Break up for half term

### November

- \* 2nd - First day back after half term
- \* 10th - Yr 2 Oak Staircase House Trip
- \* 13th - Yr 2 Elm Staircase House Trip

### December

- \* 3rd - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park
- \* 4th - Yr 4 Amazon trip to Tatton Park
- \* 18th - End of Autumn term

### January

- \* 4th - INSET day school closed
- \* 5th— Children return to school

## I'm Only Happy When It Rains...

The next line in that song quoted above is 'poor your misery down on me' and it feels like we have had more rain this week than you can shake a stick at. It definitely feels that Winter is on its way and the children have done an amazing job in behaving so calmly when they have been coming in and going out and coming in again. It is so important that the children have the opportunity to let off steam especially as they are working so hard in class. I hope the children are sharing what they are doing with you at home as there are so many creative things going on at Ellenbrook.

Of course today has been a yellow day for us as we have been taking part in the 'hello yellow' campaign for World Mental Health Day. Lockdown has had a very real impact on many of our children and as a school we are very well aware of the effects such a long absence from school has had. We are all working incredibly hard to ensure we are not only teaching the children academically but also working to address any issues they have in regard to their mental health. We are collecting money for this via Just giving and if you are able to donate it would really help such a vital charity. You can donate via this link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ellenbrook>. At the time of writing this newsletter we have raised £386! A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far.



A huge thank you to everyone who has taken onboard the guidance we posted from the Local Authority last week. If you are not currently doing so, please can we ask you all to wear a mask when picking up and dropping off unless you have a medical reason not to do so.

Until next week, have a great weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff



### \*\*\* IMPORTANT REMINDER \*\*\*

- \* Tempest Photography in school for individual and sibling photos – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October
- \* Intrahealth flu vaccinations - 16th October
- \* Please email via Weduc if your child is not attending school

### 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**
- ⇒ Please make sure that if your child has any medicines/inhalers which are kept in school that they are up to date and you have completed a medical permission form for this academic year.

### Thoughtful Time

In Thoughtful Time this week we have been thinking about being challenged.....

#### 1. Have you ever had challenges in your life?

Yes I have had challenges in life in cross country as it really hurts and is very cold!

#### 2. How did you cope with them?

It was very hard at the end as it was cold and my heart was racing so I just tried to forget and carry on

#### 3. Who helped you?

My friends and my dad sometimes but I try to handle challenges by myself.

Year 5, Bridgewater

#### 1. Have you ever had challenges in your life?

Yes I have been challenged in life when lockdown was here I couldn't do anything

#### 2. How did you cope with them?

I coped when lockdown was here by going for walks with mummy and daddy and Henry.

#### 3. Who helped you?

I felt sad because we couldn't go out.

Year 2, Lowry

#### 1. Have you ever had challenges in your life?

My challenge was yesterday when I did PE and couldn't jump on the vault.

#### 2. How did you cope with them?

I never gave up, I tried and tried

#### 3. Who helped you?

Miss Mottram because she helped me when I tried to get up onto the vault and she gave me good advice.

Year 4, Peel



## HOUSE POINTS

BRIDGEWATER	ELLESMERE	LOWRY	PEEL
1502	1438	1598	1475

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

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

**PEEL**

### 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...

1. Yr2 Trip Staircase House
2. Parent Governor Ballot
3. Individual & Sibling Photographs
4. Birthday Treats



### We Still Need You...or Your Old Games at Least!

We are currently looking for second hand board games to use in our wet play and after school club. If you have any games which are complete but not used anymore, please can we ask you to donate them to the school so they can have a new lease of life :)



### Congratulations Julia!

A huge well done to Julia in Year 5 who was recently interviewed on BBC Manchester radio with Simone Riley. Julia has posted a picture to a local care home using self express mail box next to Coal and Cotton in Boothstown, She was contacted by poet Jenny Berry whose idea the post box was.



It's a fantastic opportunity for everyone to express themselves in lockdown and I know Mr Elder has been in touch with Jenny to see if this is something we can use in school.

### No Nuts Please!

Just a reminder...please can we ask you not to send in any snacks to school that contain nuts. I know it's not possible to stop snacks that 'may contain a trace of nuts' but please do not send in any snacks with nuts listed as an ingredient.



### Pick Up & Drop Off

I am aware I constantly moan about parking around the school but the situation is now becoming very dangerous. Hardly a day goes by without someone mentioning to me that they had seen a near miss, or incident of road rage or irresponsible parking.

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

#### Nursery!

This week we have learnt all about The Mixed Up Chameleon who wanted to be just like everyone else but realised he was happier being himself. We have talked about how special we are and drawn our self portraits. [#ellenbrooknursery](#)

#### Reception!

Reception Pine have loved the forest school trip today. We were able to do lots of exciting activities such as wood cutting, crown making, toasting marshmallows, medal making and den making.

Off we go... [#receptioncedar](#) forest schools here we come...

#### Year 1!

Year 1 Maple enjoyed following the instructions to program Bee-Bot and find where the toys from the toy museum were hiding [#computing](#) [#year1maple](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 Elm are colour mixing like Lowry, with the 3 primary colours and adding black or white.

Mixing 5 colours in the style of Lowry in preparation of our Lowry inspired seascapes. [#Year2Oak](#)

#### Year 3!

Voyagers are exploring shadows today in class. They are finding out how to make shadows bigger and smaller and change their shapes

#### Year 4!

Another afternoon of building Mayan masks! What amazing results Year 4 Swallows! [#year4swallows](#)

#### Year 5!

Happy [#HelloYellow](#) day We are excited to see everyone in yellow today to support @youngmindsuk Donations can be made at <https://justgiving.com/fundraising/ellenbrook...>

Thank you for your donations and continued support. [#HelloYellow](#) [#Wellbeing](#)

#### Year 6!

Year 6 have also been busy excavating fossils. Such a busy afternoon! [#year6rocks](#)



### CLUBS

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

**Cancelled until further notice**