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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	1081
ELLESMERE	1170
LOWRY	1151
PEEL	1105

Well done to all the children earning a house point this week. It's so close.....all to play for!

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

25/02/2019 Back to school!

MARCH

04/03/2019	Book Week (All week)
07/03/2019	World Book Day
07/03/2019	Dress as a book character day
08/03/2019	Slumber Day—Wear your pjs to school!
23/03/2019	PTA Bingo Evening
26/03/2019	Worsley Swimming Gala

Important reminder... Important reminder...

A massive thank you for your generous donations to the Go Red for Josh campaign.

Through your generosity we managed to raise an amazing £703.06!

I want to thank you all for the donations you have made...they are truly generous!



PROMISE OF THE WEEK



**STAY POSITIVE
YOU MUST.. AND
A GOOD LIFE
YOU WILL HAVE**

STAY POSITIVE AND YOU WILL HAVE A HEALTHIER LIFE

What an Amazing Week!....

Another amazing week at Ellenbrook and the lighter mornings are making it feel much more like spring. Some of you will have noticed we have cleared the vegetation at the front of the school. We have big plans for this area including extending the early years provision and creating a bicycle/scooter rack. We are also looking at the current entry system into the school and have some proposal to change the gating system to improve safeguarding and hopefully make the school a little more open in terms of the main entrance. We will let you know as this work progresses.

This week a group of 23 young singers from Ellenbrook were fortunate enough to have an incredible opportunity to sing at the MEN Arena as part of the Young Voices choir. It was an amazing show and will provide the children with a memory of a lifetime. Miss Bradley has been working for a long time with the choir and they sang beautifully after what was a very long and tiring day. I know the parents who came loved it and we will certainly be running a choir again next year. It is something I have done in my previous school and I was so glad to be able to resurrect it at Ellenbrook after it was stopped a few years ago. A huge shout out to Miss Bradley for her hard work and to Mrs Podmore for supporting her and of course to the children who really did the school proud!

We had a visit from the book bus this week in preparation for our book week which runs from the 4th-8th March 2019. We are very excited with the activities we have planned and we will let you know closer to the time everything that will be going on.

We had a great Phonics Evening for parents in EYFS and KS1 this week and I was so pleased to see over 90 people attend! Thank you all so much for coming.

Lastly, have a restful, peaceful and enjoyable half term holiday. We will see you on the 25th Feb! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about what we are passionate about in lives....

1. Are you always a polite person?

I am always a polite person because I help people a lot but when I am hungry, I am not really a polite person because I'm really hungry.

2. Are you a grateful for what you have?

I am grateful for the things I have because other people cannot afford a lot of stuff and I have a family, a dog, a phone, horse riding lessons, etc. I feel really lucky when I think about what I have

3. Who should you say thank you to?

I should say thank you to my family and my teachers like Miss Hay and more because they have helped me through my life.

Ellesmere, Year 6



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.
- 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 entrance to 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...

- Nursery – Yr2 Phonics meeting reminder
- Whole School – Book Bus
- Year 6 – Leavers Party
- PTA meeting reminder
- Staffing for Reception Elm
- Go Red for Joshua Reminder
- World Book Week
- Changes to the front of school
- Reception – Junk modelling resource request



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We have been loving our daily dough disco sessions in Nursery! We work all our muscles as we move our bodies to the music but it is a great work out for our arms and fingers getting us ready to write! [#grossmotorskills](#) [#finemotorskills](#) [#RollitSmackitPinchit](#) [#doughdisco](#)

Reception!

Dough Disco made our fingers ready to write! Reception spent the afternoon writing Valentines messages - look at our brilliant writing.... [#receptionelm](#) [#HappyValentinesDay](#)

Year 1!

Some more great project work shared by Voyagers & Discoverers!

Year 2!

What a super way to end our work on Lizzie and the Birds - writing thank you cards in character as Dad. [#Liz-zieandtheBirds](#)

Year 3!

Jets have had an amazing WOW afternoon being inspired by the stories of Roald Dahl. We made clothes dirty enough for The Twits to wear with food stains and dirt! In class we made collage seagulls to carry our own giant peach across the classroom **Year 4!**

Year 4 are helping Miss Mottram to sort out her mixed up calendar. [#year4rockets](#) [#maths](#) [#problemsolving](#)

Year 5!

Having some fabulous conversations in French in [#year5falcons](#)

Year 6!

An excellent day at Bury Fusilier Museum with [#year6bells](#) [#year6whistles](#)

Phonics Evening

A big thank you to the Year 6 parents who attended our Phonics Evening this week. It was a very useful workshop and the staff did a fantastic job explaining how we teach phonics at Ellenbrook. A big thank you to them for their hard work in preparing the evening. If you did miss it, the presentations will be on the Curriculum Year Group Overview page our website on Monday.

Forty Eight Hour Sickness View

There are a number of bugs and illness going around at the moment and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you that if your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must stay off school for a period of 48 hours.



Book Bus Money

Thank you all so much for your wonderful support of the Book Bus. I am pleased to say you collectively managed to spend a whopping £2,396 in the bus earning us £350 in commission which we will spend on books for book week.



Maths Competition

A huge well done to the group who attended Bolton School as part of a maths challenge competition. They had a fantastic time and represented the school proudly. A huge well done to all of those who took part!

Parking

Please be respectful when dropping off and picking up and not double parking or parking half on the curb and half on the road blocking the walkways.

Let's keep the roads around the school safe for everyone who uses them and the paths too.



Uniform

Just a reminder...boots are not part of the Ellenbrook uniform and should not be worn to school. There are a number of children wearing ankle or calf boots which are not appropriate footwear. Please can we ask you to ensure your child has appropriate school shoes.



Young Voices

A huge well done to our Young Voices choir who sang their hearts out at the MEN Arena on Tuesday. They did us proud and Miss Bradley and Mrs Podmore did a super job in organising the event.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended to support their children, it was a fantastic night.

Roll on Young Voices 2020!

