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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

This weeks' House Point totals are...

BRIDGEWATER	1693
ELLESMERE	1816
LOWRY	1784
PEEL	1677

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

Ellenbrook Diary Dates

MARCH

23/03/2019	PTA Bingo Evening
26/03/2019	Worsley Swimming Gala

APRIL

15/04/2019	Year 2 Africa Day
29 /04//2019 to	
1/05/2019	Year 4 Residential to Dobroyd Castle
30/04/2019	Yr1 Clitheroe Castle

MAY

13-17 May	SATS week
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Important reminder... Important reminder...

The PTA are holding their first Family Bingo Night Saturday 23rd March from 6pm until approximately 8.30pm.

The deadline for tickets is end of the day on Wednesday 20th March 2019.



What A Relief.....!

Another fantastic week at Ellenbrook which was topped off with a superb Comic Relief day. Again, huge thank you to everyone who supported this amazing course which helps children and young adults both home and abroad. As well as helping a great cause, we are also setting a great example to the children about the way we choose to live our lives and they way they can choose to live theirs.

I have been out at the Salford's Heads residential this week and it has focused on courageous leadership. In very challenging times, it's even more important that we continue to lead the school the best way we can. Although I am the Head, I like to think that Ellenbrook is very much a collective and that every member of staff has a role to play in its development. I encourage staff to share their views on the future of the school and encourage you to do the same as par-ents.

It did make me think about what age the children should be before we teach them leadership or whether or not they know how to lead but just don't have the opportunity to do so? On the residential we learnt about leadership through the Shakespeare play of Macbeth. I was fascinated to see how much there is in the story about leader-ship both good and bad. I will be doing a session based on this with the staff during our next INSET day. I think opportunities like this are very important and even as an adult you never stop learning. A mes-sage for everyone in that I think.

Please can I ask you to read the messages on the back of the news-letter and pay particular attention to the one on parking.

The PTA Bingo night is coming up and uptake has been a little muted so far. I think it will be a great night and it would be great to see you there so please complete you form before Wednesday for next week if you are able or planning to come. Have a really amazing weekend! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about giving and receiving gifts and treating others.

1. Who would you like to treat and why?

I would treat my mum because she has to put up with my moan-ing, plus she cooks dinner and takes me everywhere.

2. How would you treat them?

I would clean the house and make dinner so she can relax in peace and not listen to my loud music.

3. Are you good at receiving? Do you let people give to you?

I would say yes I let people give to me, but not all the time.

Peel, Year 6 Bells



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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...

- Changes to Year 6 – Arrangements for the Summer Term
- Summer term Cricket letter



In the classroom this week.....

Nursery!

We discovered it was a yeti who took Charlie's pants! We have loved looking at all the different places Charlie visited and found them on the globe. Some children have really enjoyed creating the yeti in different media [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#motivatedtolearn](#)

Reception!

3D shape investigations in Reception this afternoon! We are predicting then testing if models will balance or fall down, using shape language 'edges' and 'faces' to describe why! Also building 3D shapes with playdough and sticks... [#problem-solving](#) [#shapes](#) [#reception](#)

Year 1!

Our Year 1 footballers are off! On the way to the Cliff Training ground for the Manchester United Community Cup!

Year 2!

Year 2 working together to sequence the life cycle of a dandelion.

Year 3!

Generating noun phrases and prepositions to describe our Chocolate room in Year 3!

Year 4!

Year 4 are comparing the human digestive system to an elephants.

[#year4rockets](#) [#science](#)

Year 5!

We made it to our budget for the holidays to SPACE!! (Just about) [#year5falcons](#) Did they really land on the moon? [#year5falcons](#) are exploring evidence this morning ready for a debate on Thursday!

Year 6!

We have an exciting visitor in Year 6 today! We are learning about what it is like to be a doctor! [#year6](#). Year 6 are learning about the life of a doctor as part of our human body science topic! [#year6](#)



Ellenbrook C.P. School PTA Presents

Family BINGO!

Saturday 23rd March

Get your dabbers at the ready!

Doors open at 6pm

Bingo Starts at 6.30pm to approx. 8.30pm

Bring your own food / nibbles

Licensed Bar - serving beer, wine, Prosecco, cider & soft drinks (please do not bring your own drinks!)

Prizes

50/50 Stand-up Bingo game (£1 per participant – prize for the winner!)

Additional bingo game cards available to purchase

£3 per person (Includes 3 Bingo Cards)

Please return the form via Parentpay and PTA email (the envelope from School Office) with cash payment in a sealed envelope marked 'Bingo' to the white school post box (inside the school office entrance) by 4pm Wednesday 20th March 2019.

Please direct any queries to: info@ellenbrookpta.co.uk

If the event is over-subscribed, names will be drawn out of a hat. Please note that we are not issuing tickets but your name will be on a guest list at the door.

Please are limited so please book early!

Uniform

Sorry to moan again, but we have a number of children still not in the correct uniform. In particular we appear to have a lot of children in Key Stage 2 who are wearing trainers constantly. Please can we ask that you replace shoes if they wear out and ensure your child looks spick and span every day :)

Parking

As you will be aware, earlier this week one side of Longwall Avenue was closed due to utilities work.

It isn't my job to tell people how to drive or park their cars, but I do have the duty of safeguarding children and some of the things that were reported to me gave me some very real concerns.



A number of parents and residents complained to the school about the way our parents were driving their cars and stopping and parking. I know it can be very frustrating but please try to make sure you follow the laws of the road when accessing the school site.