



Ellenbrook

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.....	358
ELLESMERE.....	380
LOWRY.....	377
PEEL.....	393

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

## Ellenbrook Diary Dates

### JANUARY

22/01/2019 MUFC Football Tournament  
 28/01/2019 SATs Assessment Meeting (Year 6 only)

### FEBRUARY

08/02/2019 PTA Quiz 7.30pm—10.30pm  
 13/02/2019 Year 6 trip to Fusilier Museum - Bury  
 13/02/2019 PTA Meeting @ 7.00pm  
 15/02/2019 School closes for half term  
 25/02/2019 Back to school!

### MARCH

26/03/2019 Worsley Swimming Gala

## It's More Than Words.....!

What a great week...the weather has turned colder, but there's a real warmth in the school with the children loving their new topics; there's a great buzz around the school.

Hopefully the children will have told you about our visit last week from Physical Phyllis! She is going to pop into assembly every Friday and give us reminders about the importance of staying fit both mentally and physically. In the world we live in, mental health—particularly in young people—is a key issue and it is something the staff at Ellenbrook are very well aware of. The Government wants to see a trained mental health lead in every school over the next three years and I myself am going on the training for this later in the term. Education is so much more than writing in books and completing calculations and we have a huge responsibility to work alongside you as parents to ensure that the time the children spend with us is not only valuable to their academic learning but also to their development as well rounded individuals.

Thank you to everyone who completed a parental survey. In the end we had 147 responses and I am very pleased to tell you that Swallows in Year 2 were the winners! A treat will be winging its way to them next week, so well done to them for nagging you!

You will have received another letter today about the PTA quiz. We have already had a few tables go but would love to see more parents sign up. Please return the form with payment if you can make it.

All of the children (and staff!) are now in houses and this is, in part, a direct response to some of the feedback from the parental survey. Although Reception and Nursery don't earn individual points, they can earn points to contribute to their house as a class.

We may be due some inclement weather this weekend so please enjoy the snow if we get any! Mr Blackburn & the Ellenbrook Staff

## Important reminder... Important reminder...

Just a reminder that we are taking booking for the Ellenbrook Holiday Club for the February half term from 7pm this Monday (Monday 21st January 2019). Please e-mail the office on [Ellenbrook.PrimarySchool@salford.gov.uk](mailto:Ellenbrook.PrimarySchool@salford.gov.uk)



## Thoughtful Time

This week we have been thinking about our life goals.....

### **1. What's worth waiting for?**

I think my goals are worth waiting for because when you achieve them you feel great. It is also worth waiting for my mum to return home

### **2. When have you had to wait for something?**

Once I had to wait for my mum to get home from work and when she did we spent a lot of time together. I also had to wait to get my kitten.

### **3. How did you feel having to wait so long?**

I felt really happy when she got home. I'm still waiting for my kitten though! **Bridgewater, Year 4**

### **1. What's worth waiting for?**

My birthday is worth waiting for because each year I get a year older!

### **2. When have you had to wait for something?**

When I had to wait to see who was the winner of Ellenbrook's Got Talent!

### **3. How did you feel having to wait so long?**

It was hard for me as I am impatient! **Ellesmere, Year 5**



## PROMISE OF THE WEEK



**IF PATIENCE  
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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...

- Adverse weather
- PTA Quiz
- Book Bus letter



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

#### Nursery!

Experimenting with different ways to make our marks! [#ellenbrooknursery](#) [#fineandgrossmotorskills](#) [#earlywriting](#)

#### Reception!

[#reception](#) have been busy shopkeepers and customers in their toy shop today. They have made a shop just like Oaken's Trading Post from the frozen story! They have been ordering items by price, counting pennies and giving change!

[#eyfsmaths](#) we have also been looking after the birds in winter! We followed instructions to make bird feed, put them in our outdoor environment and then made a tally of all the birds we could see!

#### Year 1!

Year One are working hard to count in 2s this morning! Some of our children have earned their 'continents' explorer badges by naming and locating the different continents and sticking them onto the 'world' - one step closer to becoming wilderness explorers! [#year1discoverers](#) [#whydopeoplegoonjourneys](#)

#### Year 2!

Year 2 have been researching Amelia Earhart -an incredible woman who changed history.

#### Year 3!

Year 3 enjoyed role playing superheroes and villains today. We had some 'super' moves and dialogue which we are using to inspire our writing this week.

#### Year 4!

Year 4 are replicating pieces of refugee art. [#year4rockets](#) [#creative](#) [#refugeeart](#) Year 4 have also worked hard to tell an emotional story through poetry. [#year4rockets](#) [#thearrival](#) [#poetry](#)

#### Year 5!

CRASH LANDING [#year5falcons](#) have been out in their spaceships and had to do an EMERGENCY CRASH LANDING. They had to decide which planet to land on based on the atmosphere, temperature and land type.

#### Year 6!

Year 6 have been exploring circuits today. We had lots of fun especially using the buzzers! [#science](#)

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## PTA QUIZ NIGHT

(Adults Only)

Friday 8th February 2019

7.30pm in the School Hall



Please join us for a fun filled evening of quizzing with either your own team (max 6 per team) or join in with another table on the night.

Cost is £5 per adult with all proceeds going to the PTA funds

- Doors open at 7.30pm
- Quiz starts at 8pm to approx. 10.30pm
- Bring your own food / nibbles
- Bar - serving beer, wine, cider & soft drinks
- Prizes for the winning and losing teams
- 50 / 50 Stand-up Bingo game (£ 1 per participant - prize for the winner!)

Please return the form issued via Parentpay (also available from the school office entrance) with cash payment in a sealed envelope marked 'PTA Quiz' to the white school post box inside the school office entrance by 4pm Friday 25th January 2019.

Places are limited so please book early!!

[facebook.com/ellenbrookpta](https://www.facebook.com/ellenbrookpta)

[www.yourschoolottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk)

[info@ellenbrookpta.co.uk](mailto:info@ellenbrookpta.co.uk)

### 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.



### Toys and Games appeal

I know we set a deadline for the toys and games to be given in but we will continue to collect any old puzzles, jigsaws or games you have throughout the year. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so far, the boxes are currently being prepared for the classes!

### Attendance

During the week of 25th February I will be joined on the gate by our Educational Welfare officer Geraldine Woolley. Please feel free to say hello when you pass by in the morning!

Education Welfare Service